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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88356546802?pwd=K0VRczVrZng2R3hLaWtmSFdTVVBRZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 5654 6802 **Password:** 812934 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87060673799?pwd=TWdzN1BxNFI4eWlEdEhQQ2hPZ1R3UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 6067 3799 **Password:** 667066 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View (Regular Meeting Only):

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations. Closed Captions available via zoom.

Conduct: This meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the El Cerrito [City Council Rules of Order and Procedure](#), including adjourning by 11:00 PM unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

Public Comments:

1. *In-person* by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. *Via Zoom* using the "[Raise Hand](#)" icon to request to speak.
3. *By Phone* at 1-408-638-0968, dial *9 to "raise your hand".
4. *By Email* to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us identified in the subject line as **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting** will be provided to the City Council and posted [online](#) in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and will be posted **after the meeting**.

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5:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449**

- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

- 3. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 10936 San Pablo Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530 (Assessor Parcel Number 502-411-006)

Agency negotiators: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director

Negotiating parties: Life in Christ International Ministry of the Assemblies of God

Under negotiation: Price and terms

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

- 4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- 2. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449**

- 3. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.

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Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Presentation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) on the agency's programs, local projects and updates relevant to El Cerrito.

Contact: Sarah Yoell, Local Government Affairs Manager – Bay Area; Ed Aparis, Local Government Affairs Representative, Pacific Gas and Electric

7. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.

A. Crime Prevention Committee Appointment of Jon Bashor

Action Proposed: Approve a Crime Prevention Committee recommendation to appoint Jon Bashor to the Crime Prevention Committee, effective August 15, 2023.

Contact: Sergeant Aaron Leone, El Cerrito Police Department

B. International Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing August 31, 2023 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

C. Resolution in Support of Exonerating Port Chicago 50

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Motoyama, adopt a resolution to support local, state, and federal efforts to exonerate Port Chicago 50.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

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D. Final Subdivision Map for one-lot, six residential condominium subdivision at 601 Lexington Avenue

Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15268(b)(3)

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the Final Subdivision Map for a one-lot subdivision consisting of 6 condominiums in the Multifamily (RM) zoning district at 601 Lexington Avenue.

Contact: Diego Romero, Associate Planner; Sean Moss, Planning Manager, Community Development Department

E. Funding Agreement between the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and City of El Cerrito for Cost Sharing Commitments to Design and Construct the Countywide Smart Signals Project

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the funding agreement between the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and the City of El Cerrito for Cost Sharing Commitments to Design and Construct the Countywide Smart Signals Project, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Contact: Marielle Cuison, Associate Engineer; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

F. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Krisch & Company for Temporary Finance Staffing

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Krisch & Company (formerly Maze and Associates) for temporary Finance staffing support by \$230,134 for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$480,134.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer

G. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for April - July 2023

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the months of April 2023 through July 2023.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

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H. FY 2022-23 Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's second quarterly cash and investment report for the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Contract Amendment between the City of El Cerrito and the Board of Administration of The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Related to Employee Members of United Professional Firefighters Association (Local 1230)

Notice Published 8/5/2023

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion 1) adopt a Resolution of Intention to amend the contract between the City of El Cerrito and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), for all employees in the United Professional Firefighters Association (Local 1230); and 2) introduce by title and waive any further reading of an Ordinance amending the City's existing California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) contract.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resource Analyst, Human Resources

B. Fire Hazard Abatement

Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15304 and 15308, Notice published 8/5/2023

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material on certain real property identified in the resolution constitutes a public nuisance; and 2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or their designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

Contact: Traviss Crumpacker, Fire Prevention Officer; Chase Beckman, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

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C. Adoption of the 2023-2031 6th Cycle Housing Element Update
Notice Published 8/5/2023

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution amending the El Cerrito General Plan to repeal the 2015-2023 Housing Element and adopt an amended Housing Element for the period of 2023-2031, including consideration of an addendum to the 1999 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), 2014 San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan EIR and 2022 San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Supplemental EIR, for certification to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager; Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Amendment to City Comprehensive Financial Policies Related to Year-End Surpluses and the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution amending the City of El Cerrito Comprehensive Financial Policies to a) revise Section 2.7 regarding year-end surplus, b) revise section 4.1 regarding the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department; Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

B. Study Session on General Fund Reserve Balance

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session and provide direction/possible action to staff regarding the allocation of the City's General Fund Reserve Balance.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

10. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.

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11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.