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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)
City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions available Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83502011883?pwd=zybexaBvmy0C9CIPCK2M96yuaUlkdf.1>

Meeting ID: 835 0201 1883 **Password:** 587128 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

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. *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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6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- 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.

- 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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. Resolution Honoring Recycling Operations Supervisor Mario Gonzalez in Retirement**

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution recognizing and honoring Recycling Operations Supervisor Mario Gonzalez in retirement after serving the City of El Cerrito for more than 30 years.

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

- 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.

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A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 17, 2024 and January 21, 2025.

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

B. Proclamation in Recognition of Jean Thompson

Action Proposed: Approve a Proclamation recognizing Jean Thompson for her Decades of Service to the El Cerrito Farmers Market.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development Department

C. Proclamation in Recognition of Well Grounded Tea & Coffee

Action Proposed: Approve a Proclamation in Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Well Grounded Tea & Coffee.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development Department

D. Environmental Quality Committee Reappointment Recommendation

Action Proposed: Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to reappoint Pamela Austin and Sheila Tarbet to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective March 1, 2025.

Contact: Christina Leard, Management Analyst III and Amelia Timbers, Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

E. Urban Forest Committee Appointment Recommendations

Action Proposed: Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to reappoint Jennifer Kaczor and Robin Mitchell, and to appoint Randi Jimenez to the Urban Forest Committee effective March 1, 2025.

Contact: Stephen Pr  e, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist and Amelia Timbers, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; and Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

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F. Community Safety Committee Recommendation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a recommendation from the Community Safety Committee.

Contact: Aaron Leone, Sergeant, Police Department

G. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for January 2025

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of January 2025.

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

H. Authorize the purchase of Police Vehicle Emergency Equipment

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to purchase emergency equipment for El Cerrito Police Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Contact: John-Tracy Wahrlich, Lieutenant, Police Department

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Establishment of the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Utility Underground District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a resolution establishing the Pierce Street/San Mateo Street Underground Utility District for the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvements Project.

Contact: James Mizutani, Associate Engineer, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Legislative Platform Study Session

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session to review and provide input on the content of the City of El Cerrito's first Legislative Platform.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management; Dane Hutchings, Founder & CEO, CA Public Policy Group

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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.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The City of El Cerrito serves our diverse community by providing exceptional services that create a safe and resilient future for all.