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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions Available Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89207182461?pwd=z4ecA0TBJfimsQa7l7tZO3rFM86vRD.1>

Meeting ID: 892 0718 2461 **Passcode:** 490912 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View (Regular Meeting Only):

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.elcerrito.gov/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@elcerrito.gov 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**.

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**

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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

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. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for June and July 2025

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the months of June and July 2025.

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

B. FY 2024-25 Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report for the period April 30, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

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

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C. Purchase of Hybrid Police Vehicles

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the El Cerrito Police Department to purchase and equip one Patrol (marked) Hybrid Ford Explorer Police Interceptor and two Administrative (unmarked) Hybrid Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles with emergency equipment for a total amount not to exceed \$231,378, including labor.

Contact: Lauren Caputo, Lieutenant, Police Department

D. Construction Contract Award for 2025 Access Modifications Project

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution awarding the contract for the 2025 Access Modifications Project, City Project No. C3024.8 (Project) to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$599,182.50 and to approve potential change orders in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the construction of the Project.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fire Hazard Abatement Hearing and Declaration

Exempt from review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15304 and 15308. Notice published on 8/9/2025

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material on certain real property identified in the resolution constitutes a public nuisance; 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: Thomas Wade, Fire Prevention Officer; Chase Beckman, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

B. Cost Hearing Regarding Fire Hazard Abatement of a Public Nuisance for Properties Identified and pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26

Notice published 8/9/2025

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution confirming the cost of abatement of public nuisance

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conditions resulting from the presence of weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable material on private properties designated in Exhibit A to the resolution as authorized by El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

Contact: Chase Beckman, Fire Marshal; Thomas Wade, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Department

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Financial Advisory Board (FAB) Recommendations

Action Proposed: As requested by the City Council, discuss the recommendations received by the Financial Advisory Board (FAB). The City Council may choose to take action or provide direction regarding the recommendations made.

Contact: Kimberly White, FAB Chair; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer/Staff Liaison, Finance Department

B. Swim Center Lap Pool Renovation Study Session - Budget Options *Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15301*

Action Proposed: Receive an update on the estimated costs, construction, and phasing options for the El Cerrito Swim Center Emery G. Weed, III Lap Pool Replaster, Deck Replacement, and Associated Work and provide direction to staff.

Contact: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

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 IN MEMORY OF FORMER MAYOR RICHARD MANK

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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