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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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/87190004012?pwd=MmaHu7crvbhjk1Y8RJCHiv71YrpaFG.1>

Meeting ID: 871 9000 4012 **Passcode:** 760256 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

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**.

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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**

- 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. Committee on Aging Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve the Committee on Aging recommendation and appoint Elisa Montemayor to the Committee, effective October 7, 2025.

Contact: Bridget Cooney, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Department

B. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint Han Miao, effective October 7, 2025.

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Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager,
Community Development Department

C. Filipino American History Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing October 2025 as Filipino American History Month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

D. National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation in support and recognition of October 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

E. United Against Hate Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring October 19-25, 2025 as United Against Hate Week in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

**F. Memorandum of Understanding with BART Police Department
Outlining Policing Responsibilities for the El Cerrito Plaza BART
Station TOD Project**

Action Proposed: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) Police Department that outlines policing responsibilities for the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station TOD Project.

Contact: Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Jeff Ballantine, Senior Planner, Community Development Department; Paul Keith, Police Chief, Police Department

**G. Amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Ghirardelli
Associates for El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development
Complete Streets Project, City Project No. C4014, Federal Project
No. CML 5239(029)**

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Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Ghirardelli Associates (Ghirardelli) to provide additional construction management services for the El Cerrito Del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project, City Project No. C4014, Federal Project No. CML 5239(029) increasing the contract authority by \$391,000.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Waive First Reading and Introduce an Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference the 2025 California Building Standard Code with Local Amendments and Adoption of Resolution Making Findings In Support of Local Amendments

Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); Notice published on 9/27/2025

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion: 1) Adopt a Resolution which makes findings justifying changes to 2025 California Building Standards Code and 2) Waive first reading and introduce an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapters 16.02-16.04, 16.06, 16.08, 16.09, 16.20, 16.24, 16.26 and 16.40. of Title 16 (Buildings and Construction) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code in their entirety to adopt by reference the 2025 California Green Code, the Administrative, Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Energy, Residential, Existing Building Codes, the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, and Related Construction Codes, and to add the 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code as Chapter 16.27 of Title 16 as applicable to all construction within the City of El Cerrito, and with local modifications as outlined in the Ordinance.

Contact: Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director; Cindy Lucas, Interim Assistant Building Official, Community Development Department

9. POLICY MATTERS

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, October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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