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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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/83401463040?pwd=HfvAhl5pIHavXD2nkshSBbrWv3FnOv.1>

**Meeting ID:** 834 0146 3040 **Passcode:** 076754 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

**View:**

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at [www.elcerrito.gov/CouncilMeetingMaterials](http://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](mailto: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**

- A.      State of the District Presentation - Contra Costa Community Collage**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a presentation from the Contra Costa Community College regarding the State of the District

**Contact:** Mojdeh Mehdizadeh, Chancellor, Contra Costa Community College

- 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.      Urban Forest Committee Appointment**

**Action Proposed:** Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to appoint Valerie Mih to the Urban Forest Committee effective December 2, 2025.

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**Contact:** Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist; Amelia Timbers, Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department

**B. Financial Advisory Board Recommendations**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file recommendations from the Financial Advisory Board.

**Contact:** David Carvel, Chair, Financial Advisory Board; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/Staff Liaison, Finance Department

**C. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for October 2025**

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

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

**D. Spending Authority and Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Albany to Implement the Albany-El Cerrito Wildfire Resilience Demonstration Project Funded by a Joint California Coastal Conservancy Grant**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Albany to implement the Albany-El Cerrito Wildfire Resilience Demonstration Project as funded by a joint California Coastal Conservancy grant; and approve a budget amendment to increase revenues by \$200,000 and expenditures by \$200,000 in Capital Improvement Program Fund 304 in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**Contact:** Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager; Karineh Samkian, Senior Program Manager; Public Works Department; Chase Beckman, Battalion Chief, Fire Department

**E. Cooperative Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and Caltrans for the Caltrans State Route 123 Pavement Rehabilitation Project in El Cerrito, Caltrans Project ID: 0419000452**

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**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement No. 04-3069 between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of El Cerrito (City) for street, sidewalk, and landscaping improvements along State Route 123 with a contribution amount by the City of \$141,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a future amendment to the agreement for an additional contribution amount of \$259,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-27, for a total not to exceed amount of \$400,000.

**Contact:** Jarrett Mullen, Sustainable Transportation Program Manager, Community Development Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer; James Mizutani, Associate Engineer, Public Works Department

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. Proposed East Bay Sanitary Garbage & Organic Waste Collection and Post-Collection Rates and Integrated Waste Management Fees – Effective January 1, 2026**

*Notice published on 11/22/2025 and 11/28/2025*

**Action Proposed:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion 1) Adopt a Resolution establishing maximum allowable East Bay Sanitary (EBS) garbage and organic waste collection and post-collection rates, effective January 1, 2026, and 2) Adopt a Resolution setting Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Fees, effective January 1, 2026, and appropriating an allocation from the Integrated Waste Management Fund in the amount of \$218,507 in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

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

### **B. Adoption of an amendment to the Safety Element of the El Cerrito General Plan**

*Notice Published 11/22/2025. The Safety Element Update is consistent with the certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Addendum has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164.*

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**Action Proposed:** Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution finding that the Safety Element Update is consistent with the certified General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and that an Addendum has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, and amending the El Cerrito General Plan and adopting an update to the Safety Element.

**Contact:** Sean Moss, Planning Manager, Community Development Department

## **9. POLICY MATTERS**

### **A. Award of Construction Contract for the Swim Center Lap Pool Replastering Project, City Project No. C3050.9**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution awarding the contract for the Swim Center Lap Pool Replastering Project, City Project No. C3050.9 to Burkett's Pool Plastering Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$228,103 and to approve potential change orders in an amount not to exceed \$34,215, for the construction of the Project; and appropriating a one-time allocation from the General Fund in the amount of \$183,300 in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**Contact:** Roland Lambert, Associate Engineer, Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department; Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation 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**

*The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 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.***