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TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

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/82568843935?pwd=0jXaS27DJnhJB9qIGzLuaHVU71L0vm.1>

Meeting ID: 825 6884 3935 **Passcode:** 115415 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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

2. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. PRESENTATIONS

**A. Citizens Street Oversight Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year
2023-2024**

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Citizens Street Oversight Committee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to the City Council and Citizens of El Cerrito.

Contact: Kathy Fleming, Citizens Street Oversight Committee Chair;
Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works
Department

B. 2025 El Cerrito National Community Survey Presentation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation of results from the 2025 National Community Survey conducted in El Cerrito.

Contact: Grace Arneson, Senior Project Manager, Polco; Will Provost,
Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

6. 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. Committee on Aging Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve the Committee on Aging recommendation and appoint Melissa Newton to the Committee, effective January 20, 2026.

Contact: Bridget Cooney, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Department

B. Committee on Aging Recommendation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a recommendation from the Committee on Aging.

Contact: Bridget Cooney, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Department

C. Park and Recreation Commission Recommendation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Commission.

Contact: Chris Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

D. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for November 2025

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

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

E. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for December 2025

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

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

F. Letter of Support for El Cerrito Police Participation in the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement Program Administered by Georgetown Law

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Action Proposed: Pass a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter, on behalf of the City Council, in support of the El Cerrito Police Department's participation in the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) program administered by Georgetown Law.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, El Cerrito Police Department

G. Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with California Public Policy Group for Grant Writing and Legislative Advocacy Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the consulting services agreement with California Public Policy Group (CPPG) in an amount not to exceed \$82,500 for grant writing and legislative advocacy services in Fiscal Year 2025-26, and not to exceed \$86,900 in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and \$90,980 in Fiscal Year 2027-28.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

H. Approve an Agreement with CentralSquare Technology for Community Development Permitting and Licensing Software

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve a five-year agreement with CentralSquare Technologies LLC (CentralSquare) for permitting and licensing software solutions used by the Community Development and Public Works Departments in an amount not to exceed \$345,905 over a five-year term.

Contact: Eric Ng, Information Technology Manager, City Management

I. Extension of Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Cooperative Funding Agreement with the West Contra Costa Transportation Commission for the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvement Project

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an addendum to extend the expiration date of the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Cooperative Funding Agreement with the West Contra Costa Transportation Commission (WCCTC) for the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Accept Certification of Sufficiency of Citizens Initiative Petition for "The El Cerrito Library Initiative" and Consider Options Related to the Election on the Ordinance Proposed by the Initiative Petition

Action Proposed: Approve a Resolution to accept the certification of the sufficiency of the Citizens Initiative Petition titled "The El Cerrito Library Initiative" (referred to in this report as "the Initiative"); and take action to 1) Request a report on potential impacts of the Initiative as authorized by California Elections Code section 9212, or 2) Approve a resolution to submit the proposed ordinance to the voters without alteration at the next regular election for the City of El Cerrito to be held on November 3, 2026, or at a special election to be held not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days from the order of the election.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

B. El Cerrito Library Facility Update

Action Proposed: Receive a presentation on the El Cerrito Library, including status and limitations of the current facility and an overview of conceptual scenarios and associated cost ranges for a modern, accessible, full-service library; and provide staff direction if applicable.

Contact: Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

9. 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.

A. 2026 Local Liaison Assignments

The Mayor will announce the 2026 City Council Liaison Assignments to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees and to Regional Bodies.

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AGENDA

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10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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