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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)**  
**Hana Gardens - 10870 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito**

**Join Via Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88138907080?pwd=lubCqZoi1RLdzTRtTYs9iboCBpUJTF.1>  
**Meeting ID:** 881 3890 7080 **Passcode:** 987742 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

Please note that due to the temporary meeting location, this meeting will not be broadcast or livestreamed online.

**Public Comments:**

1. In-person, by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. Via Zoom, using the "[Raise Hand](#)" feature to request to speak.
3. By phone, dialing \*9 to "raise your hand", and \*6 to unmute.
4. Online, using the "[Submit Comments](#)" feature on the [meeting event](#).
5. Via email to [cityclerk@elcerrito.gov](mailto:cityclerk@elcerrito.gov) indicating **Public Comments – Agenda Item #**.

Written comments received by **2:00 PM 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 posted after the meeting.

**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 are available via zoom.

**Conduct:** This meeting is held pursuant to City Council [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).

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**6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE SPECIAL 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. Recognition of 2025 Exemplary Police Employees**

**Action Proposed:** Approve proclamations recognizing the 2025 exemplary contributions of 1) Officer Nirajan Chand (2025 Officer of the Year, 2) Executive Assistant Emily Graham (2025 Professional Staffer of the Year), and 3) Volunteer Cathy Smith (2025 Volunteer of the Year).

**Contact:** Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

**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.*

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**Action Proposed:** Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from December 16, 2025; January 10, January 20, and February 3, 2026.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charl  y, City Clerk, City Management

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**B. Community Safety Committee Appointment**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a Community Safety Committee recommendation to re-appoint Howard Hickman effective March 1, 2026  
**Contact:** Aaron Leone, Sergeant/CommSC Liaison, Police Department

**C. Community Safety Committee Recommendation**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a recommendation from the Community Safety Committee.  
**Contact:** William Cedrick Cobb, CommSC Chair; Aaron Leone, Sergeant/CommSC Liaison, Police Department

**D. Financial Advisory Board Recommendation**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file a recommendation from the Financial Advisory Board.  
**Contact:** David Carvel, FAB Chair; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer/Staff Liaison, Finance Department

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. POLICY MATTERS**

**A. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Amendments**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing appropriation increases to the FY 2025-26 budget totaling \$1,593,905 from all funds, including an appropriation of \$1,142,493 from the unassigned General Fund balance.  
**Contact:** Claire Coleman, Budget/Financial Services Manager; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**B. Discuss and Consider the Formation of a Library Task Force**

**Action Proposed:** Consider the adoption of a resolution to form the City of El Cerrito Library Task Force to discuss and develop recommendations for options related to the modification or new construction of an El Cerrito Library.  
**Contact:** Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

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**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.*

**10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Hana Gardens (10870 San Pablo Ave)*

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