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**TUESDAY, MARCH 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/86092004213?pwd=gpoaM91sJgKXzC6SfApXVSQcbs7V3k.1>

**Meeting ID:** 860 9200 4213 **Passcode:** 349753 **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**

**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 February 10, February 17, February 19, and February 24, 2026.

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

**B. Transgender Day of Visibility Proclamation**

**Action Proposed:** Approve a proclamation recognizing March 31, 2026 as Transgender Day of Visibility.

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

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**C. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for February 2026**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of February 2026.

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

**D. General Plan Annual Progress Report**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the 2025 Annual Progress Report on the General Plan and Housing Element.

**Contact:** Diego Romero, Associate Planner; Sean Moss, Planning Manager, Community Development Department

**E. A Resolution Authorizing a Prohousing Incentive Program Application**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program.

**Contact:** Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Program Manager

**F. Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance Activities for Fiscal Year 2026-27**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and Drainage Maintenance activities at the current rate of \$38.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to adopt Stormwater Utility Area (SUA) levies based on said amount for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27.

**Contact:** Christina Leard, Management Analyst III/Acting Operations & Environmental Services Manager and Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

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## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Introduce an Ordinance to Adopt Permanent Outdoor Dining and Retail Sales Regulations

*Published on 3/7/2026. Exempt from CEQA pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3).*

**Action Proposed:** Conduct a public hearing and introduce the ordinance titled:

*An Ordinance of the City of El Cerrito to Amend Title 19 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by Amending Section 19.20.150 and Repealing Section 19.20.160*

**Contact:** Diego Romero, Associate Planner; Sean Moss, Planning Manager, Community Development Department

## 8. POLICY MATTERS

### A. Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 Budget Study Session

**Action Proposed:** Receive a presentation from City Departments and conduct a study session on the FY 2026-27 and 2027-28 Proposed Budget, including:

- Department Overview and Staffing
- Review of FY 2025-26 Department Highlights and Accomplishments
- FY 2026-27 and 2027-28 Department Focus and Workplan/Operations

**Contact:** Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

### B. Amendments to the City Comprehensive Financial Policies

**Action Proposed:** Consider the Financial Advisory Board's recommended changes to the City of El Cerrito Comprehensive Financial Policies and adopt a resolution to revise the Policies to include grammatical and minor language edits.

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

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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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

*The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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.***