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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)
Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86500776827?pwd=ek9VfYyuQasdNbrBmTISpnUyvzzOOC.1>

Meeting ID: 865 0077 6827 **Passcode:** 893726 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.elcerrito.gov/CouncilMeetingMaterials

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 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 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. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSITION TO DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

The set start time of this public hearing is 6:15 PM. Notice was published on 4/25/2026.

Action Proposed: Conduct the first public hearing regarding transition to District-Based Elections for City Councilmembers, including sequencing of the election and consideration of the composition of the districts in accordance with Election Code section 10010; and providing direction on number of districts and method of election for Mayor.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney; Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

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. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week in El Cerrito.

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Contact: A'shanti Coleman, Management Assistant; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

B. Affordable Housing Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing May as Affordable Housing Month in the City of El Cerrito.

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

C. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

D. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

E. Bike to Wherever Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Adopt a Proclamation Recognizing Thursday, May 14, 2026 as Bike to Wherever Day in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Jennifer Bright, Management Assistant, Community Development Department

F. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment Recommendation

Action Proposed: Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Mordecai Stayton to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective May 5, 2026.

Contact: Christina Leard, Acting Senior Management Analyst; Public Works Department

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G. FY 2025-26 Third Quarter General Fund Budget Update through March 31, 2026

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2025-26 through March 31, 2026.

Contact: Claire Coleman, Budget and Financial Services Manager; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing to Confirm the Diagram and to Levy the Assessment for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Notice Published 4/25/2026

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution setting the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 as \$72 per single-family residential parcel, and as noted in the Engineer's Report for other classes of properties.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

B. Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2026-27 Storm Drain Annual Report and method of collecting storm drain fees

Notice Published 4/25/26 & 5/01/26; 2/3 vote required to pass

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Storm Drain Annual Report and directing that Storm Drain Fees be collected on the property tax rolls.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/Treasurer, Finance Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Fiscal Year 2027-28 Biennial Budget Study Session #2

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Action Proposed: Conduct a study session on the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28, including:

- Review of budget process and Target Based Budgeting approach
- Review proposed budget balancing scenarios and possible one-time expenditures
- Direct staff on preferred scenario for budget development

Contact: Claire Coleman, Budget/Financial Services Manager; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

B. Flock Safety Agreement

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Flock Safety for the provision of license plate reading cameras to the City for a period of up to three years at a cost not to exceed \$315,000.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, El Cerrito Police 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, May 19, 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.