



AGENDA

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Agency Chair/Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – led by Councilmember Lyman.
- 2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** (*Reports of Closed Session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & City Staff.*)

- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please state your name and city of residence for the record. 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 are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item. Individuals wishing to comment on any closed session scheduled after the regular meeting may do so during this public comment period or after formal announcement of the closed session.

- 4. PRESENTATION**

Update on El Cerrito Police Department Activities and Priorities

- 5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A and 5B**

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the November 21, 2011 City Council meeting minutes.

B. Urban Greening Plan Grant Application

Adopt a substitute resolution approving an application for grant funds from the Urban Greening Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program (Proposition 84) for preparation of an Urban Greening Plan.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

City Council/Redevelopment Agency Reorganization

Election of City Council and Redevelopment Agency Officers.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS *(Held over from the meetings of November 7 and 21, 2011.)*

A. Mayor Cheng Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Delegate, Arts and Culture Commission, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, Disaster Preparedness Council Alternate, Human Relations Commission, Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate.

B. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Alternate, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also attends Annual League Conference in September), Committee on Aging, Environmental Quality Committee, Temporary Permits Committee, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate.

C. Councilmember Benassini Assignments: Economic Development Board, Financial Advisory Board, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA Alternate, West County Regional Library Board Alternate.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference Alternate, Pension Board Alternate, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Disaster Preparedness Council Delegate, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA; Underground Utilities Committee, West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association Alternate, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate, West County Library Board Delegate.

E. Councilmember Lyman Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee, Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission, and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

9. ADJOURN CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is December 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.

- Council Meetings can be heard live on FM Radio, KECG – 88.1 and 97.7 FM and viewed live on Cable TV - KCRT- Channel 28. The meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 28 the following Thursday and Monday at 12 noon, except on holidays. Live and On-Demand Webcast of the Council Meetings can be accessed from the City's website <http://www.el-cerrito.org/ind-ex.aspx?NID=114>. Copies of the agenda bills and other written documentation relating to items of business referred to on the agenda are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, at the El Cerrito Library and posted on the City's website at www.el-cerrito.org prior to the meeting.
- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, (510) 215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).
- ***The Deadline for agenda items and communications*** is seven days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215-4305 Fax: 215-4379, email cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us
- IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. ACTIONS CHALLENGING CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.6.
- The City Council believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Council's decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. City Council Meetings shall be adjourned by 10:30 p.m., unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Agency Chair/Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng.

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Cheng convened the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Councilmember Benassini.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Abelson reported that she and others celebrated International Solar Day in front of City Hall yesterday. Councilmember Abelson also reported that she attended a conference entitled “Sustainable Economic Development Strategies in Lean Times” on November 17 at the David Brower Center in Berkeley. There were a number of speakers in attendance including Senator De Saulnier. Councilmember Abelson found the discussion particularly interesting because it related public policy to the economy and sustainability.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Al Miller, El Cerrito, announced the appointment of Paul Gilbert-Snyder, a resident of El Cerrito, as the newest Director of Stege Sanitary District. Mr. Gilbert-Snyder replaces Jay James who resigned.

Sarah Stone, El Cerrito, expressed concerns regarding the absence of a ban on animal slaughter in the proposed animal ordinance and asked the City Council for an explicit ban on slaughter.

Ron Nyren, El Cerrito, spoke in support of a ban on animal slaughter, noting that slaughter is inhumane and causes suffering in animals.

George McRae, El Cerrito, congratulated the City Council and city staff on passage of the animal legislation. Mr. McRae encouraged the city to look at providing local educational opportunities for animal husbandry and beekeeping for residents and prepare an information packet. Mr. McRae also stated that there are state, county and city animal cruelty laws in place to address issues and enforcement.

Ian Elwood, Oakland, played an extended recording of the sound of a goat dying due to poisoning.

Emily Wood, Oakland, encouraged the City Council to explicitly ban slaughter in El Cerrito.

Ann Martin, Oakland, encouraged the City Council to explicitly ban slaughter in El Cerrito. If slaughter is not explicitly banned there is no ability to enforce an avoidance of animal cruelty. Ms. Martin stated that she is concerned that federal law pertaining to humane methods of slaughter of farm animals does not apply to rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese or any other fowl. Without a ban there would be no way to enforce against cruelty for any of these animals.

Judy Harden and Mike Bonneau, Oakland, expressed concerns with the City's interpretation of case law, particularly Hialeah, regarding first amendment rights as they relate to religious beliefs. Mr. Bonneau encouraged the City Council to ban animal slaughter.

4. PRESENTATION – *None*.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5D

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A, 5C and 5D in one motion as indicated below. Item No. 5B was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Abelson and voted on by a separate motion.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the November 7, 2011 Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes as submitted.

B. Second Reading of the Animals Ordinance

Adopt an ordinance amending Title 7 ("Animals") of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by amending Chapter 7.04 ("County Regulations"), adding a new Chapter 7.06 ("Definitions") and repealing and re-enacting Chapters 7.08 ("Keeping Animals") and Chapter 7.12 ("Dogs").

Action: Removed from the consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Abelson. Moved, seconded (Jones/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-05 (*Effective April 1, 2012*). The City Council also provided direction to staff to return to a future meeting with additional analysis regarding the legality of slaughter, liability, slaughter practices and enforcement abilities.

C. Acceptance of Public Right of Way Easement

Adopt a resolution accepting a grant deed from the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for a public right-of-way easement adjacent to the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station on Central Avenue, west of the Ohlone Greenway, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant deed pending approval by BART.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2011-84.

D. Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City's September 30, 2011 Quarterly Investment Report.

Action: Received and filed.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Transit Oriented Development Feasibility and Parking Study

Discuss transit oriented development feasibility and parking studies for the Specific Plan Update and Del Norte Transit Oriented Development Strategy.

Presenters: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Manager, Chi-Hsin Shao, CHS Consulting and Alexander Quinn, AECOM.

Speakers: Al Miller, El Cerrito, told a story about the City of Arlington, Virginia that illustrated the importance of communication, input and training needed by fire and police professionals when decisions are made regarding the construction of higher density buildings. If additional support or equipment is required to ensure that the buildings are kept safe and livable, hopefully it will be the developer that contributes extra funds. Mr. Miller encouraged the City Council to let the market decide what is best for El Cerrito rather than developers.

Todd Jersey, Berkeley, advocated for higher density, transit oriented development along the San Pablo Avenue corridor, particularly at Del Norte, and stated that he has encouraged developers to come to El Cerrito. Mr. Jersey stated that any requirements for offset parking are a direct threat to any kind of revitalization of El Cerrito. Mr. Jersey stated that density maximums are not necessary and can be addressed specifically to a site and encouraged the City Council to let the community design process run its course and if the city can find creative developers that are interested in El Cerrito, maybe the market wants extremely high density with smaller units at a particular site.

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

B. Discussion of Council Meeting Day Change

At the request of Councilmember Benassini, discuss changing the City Council meeting day from the first and third Monday of each month to the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Provide direction to staff on whether to return to the City Council in December with an ordinance amendment.

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager

Speaker: Tom Panas, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with his ability to attend a meeting if the meeting day is changed from Monday to Tuesday.

Action: Discussion held. Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Benassini, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng; Noes – Councilmember Abelson) and carried to direct staff to return with an ordinance for consideration at its December 19, 2011 which changes the day of the City Council meeting from the first and third Monday to the first and third Tuesday and change the starting time from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS *(Held over from the meeting of November 7, 2011 and continued to December 5, 2011.)*

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 5(B) Second Reading of the Animals Ordinance

1. Backyard Slaughter in El Cerrito and First Amendment Free Exercise Concerns: Animal Legal Defense Fund Memorandum *Submitted by Mike Bonneau, Oakland.*

Item No. 7(A) Transit Oriented Development Feasibility and Parking Study

2. Map of Del Norte, Midtown and Plaza North Nodes *Submitted by Laura Wiles, AECOM.*

Item No. 7(B) Discussion of Council Meeting Day Change

3. Comments regarding change – *Submitted by Tom Panas, El Cerrito.*

Moved, seconded (Jones/Abelson) and carried unanimously to extend the meeting to 10:49 p.m.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to extend the meeting to 10:56 p.m.

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman) and carried unanimously to extend the meeting to 11:01 p.m.

9. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 11:07 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is December 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.



AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 5(B)

Date: December 5, 2011

To: El Cerrito City Council

From: Melanie Mintz, Environmental Services Division Manager
Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Substitute Resolution for Urban Greening Plan Grant Application

ACTIONS REQUESTED

Adopt a substitute resolution approving an application for grant funds from the Urban Greening Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program (Proposition 84) for preparation of an Urban Greening Plan.

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2011 the City Council adopted Resolution 2011-38 "Approving Submission of an Application for Grant Funds for the Development of an Urban Greening Plan." While the action to approve submission of the application was correct, the language in the resolution did not match the State Strategic Growth Council's resolution template. The State has requested that a substitute resolution be submitted. The attached resolution matches the State's template and will be submitted to the State upon adoption. The resolution approves the filing of the application to prepare an Urban Greening Plan: known as "El Cerrito Green Vision 2035"; certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application; certifies that the City will have sufficient funds to prepare the Urban Greening Plan if awarded the grant; certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State planning priorities, which are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety; and appoints the City Manager, or his designee, to conduct all activities associated with completion of the Urban Greening Plan. Please refer to Resolution 2011-38 and the June 6, 2011 Agenda Bill for additional background on the Urban Greening Plan grant application.

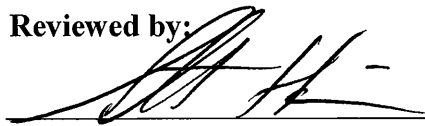
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

Reviewed by:

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Scott Hanin, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Resolution 2011-38
3. June 6, 2011 Agenda Bill

RESOLUTION 2011–XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out development of the Urban Greening Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Cerrito adopted Resolution 2011–38 on June 6, 2011 in support of the application; and

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council has asked for this resolution instead to conform to their guidelines

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that the City of El Cerrito:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the development of El Cerrito: Green Vision 2035.
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application.
3. Certifies that the City if awarded the grant will have sufficient funds to develop the plan; or will secure the resources to do so.
4. Certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State planning priorities which are intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety, stated in Government Code Section 65041.1.
5. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of

the aforementioned plan.

I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on December 5, 2011, the City Council passed this resolution by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on December X, 2011.

Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

Approved:

Ann Cheng, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2011-38

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO
APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN GREENING PLAN

WHEREAS, California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, Rivers and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which resulted in the appropriation of funds for the purpose of creating Urban Greening Plans; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 84 grant funds are administered by the Strategic Growth Council that shares the goal of improving California's urban areas by supporting development of greening public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Urban Greening Plans serve as master documents guiding and coordinating greening projects in local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Urban Greening Plans funded by Proposition 84 must be consistent with the State's planning policies including promoting infill and equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns; and

WHEREAS, development of an El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan would guide El Cerrito's efforts towards achieving an increasingly sustainable and livable City and would support and build upon other planning efforts underway and upcoming; and

WHEREAS, an El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan would help Council, staff and residents better understand and plan for demands that will be placed upon existing parks and green spaces, help the City's parks and green spaces be maintained and programmed in a more environmentally sustainable manner, and identify if additional or different types of green spaces are needed to support and accommodate future population growth and characteristics; and

WHEREAS, development of an Urban Greening Plan would include extensive community engagement and be prepared in consultation with the Environmental Quality Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Committee at its April 12, 2011 meeting and the Parks and Recreation Commission at its April 26, 2011 meeting took action recommending that Council approve the City's submission of an application for grant funds for an Urban Greening Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that it hereby approves the submission of an application for grant funds from the Urban Greening

Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program (Proposition 84) for preparation of an Urban Greening Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

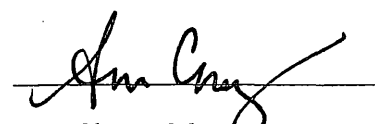
I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on June 6, 2011 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on June 7, 2011.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ann Cheng, Mayor



AGENDA BILL

Agenda Item No. 5(C)

Date: June 6, 2011

To: El Cerrito City Council

From: Melanie Mintz, Environmental Services Division Manager
Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Urban Greening Plan Grant Application

ACTIONS REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution approving an application for grant funds from the Urban Greening Planning for Sustainable Communities Grant Program (Proposition 84) for preparation of an Urban Greening Plan.

BACKGROUND

California voters passed the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, Rivers and Coastal Protections Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) which resulted in the appropriation of up to \$17.5 million for the purpose of creating urban greening plans that serve as master documents guiding and coordinating greening projects in the applicant's jurisdiction. The legislation resulted in the establishment of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) which is composed of agency secretaries from the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the California Health and Human Services Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency, the director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and others. One of the many goals of the SGC is to improve California's urban areas by advocating for and supporting development of greener public spaces.

Because of the built out nature of the State's urban areas, the Urban Greening Plans are intended to result in projects that help the State meet its environmental goals and the creation of healthy communities. The plan must outline or layout projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits, including but not limited to, decreasing air and water pollution, reducing the consumption of natural resources and energy, increasing the reliability of local water supplies, or increasing adaptability to climate change.

According to the State's Urban Greening Program guidelines, the Plans must be consistent with the State's planning policies, as they pertain to the following priorities:

- Promoting infill development and equity
- Protecting environmental and agricultural resources
- Encouraging efficient development patterns

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The State's Urban Greening Program awards up to a maximum of \$250,000 to develop Urban Greening Plans. There will be three rounds of funding and applications for Round 2 are due July 1, 2011. Submittal of an application requires a City Council Resolution supporting an application for grant funds.

DISCUSSION

Development of an El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan would guide El Cerrito's efforts toward achieving an increasingly sustainable and livable City and would support and build upon other planning efforts underway, such as the Climate Action Plan and San Pablo Specific Plan as well as help guide and inform development of the upcoming General Plan update.

El Cerrito prides itself upon having an excellent park system. An Urban Greening Plan would help Council, staff, and residents better understand and plan for the demands that will be placed upon existing parks and green spaces in future years, help the City's parks and green spaces be programmed and maintained in a more environmentally and economically sustainable manner, and identify if additional or different types of green spaces are needed to support and accommodate future population growth and demographic changes. An Urban Greening Plan would ultimately contribute towards making the City's park system more resilient, more useful, and more sustainable.

Although the work plan would still be developed as a part of developing the grant application, it is anticipated that it would contain the following:

- **EXISTING GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT AND CHARACTERIZATION**
 - Size, Type, Distribution
 - Condition; Level, Character and Type of Use
- **GREEN SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
 - Type of Use: Active Recreation, Passive Recreation, Nature Observation, Community Agriculture/Community Gardens, Paths & Trails, Community Gathering
 - Access, Equity & Connectivity
 - Conservation, Ecology & Biodiversity
 - Support of Other City Goals (e.g. new residential and commercial development)
- **RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
 - Water, Energy and Maintenance Savings Opportunities
 - Ecological Service opportunities (i.e. biodiversity; stormwater treatment; climate resilience/adaptation)
 - Waste Reduction
 - Climate Actions (i.e. improvements that would help the City meet its Climate Action Goals, such as reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT); food production etc.)

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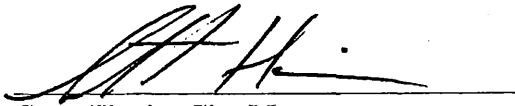
- ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY & INSTITUTIONAL/COMMUNITY CAPACITY
- INTEGRATION WITH OTHER CITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS & GOALS
- PRIORITIZATION

Development of the Urban Greening Plan would include an extensive community engagement process such that the Plan would be informed by community preferences and the outcomes would have popular and political support. Environmental Services Division staff has and will continue to work with Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Planning and other staff to implement this project. The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) at its April 12, 2011 meeting and the Parks and Recreation Commission at its April 26, 2011 meeting have both took action recommending that Council support development of the Urban Greening Plan and members from each body will be involved in each stage of the process, i.e. developing the grant application, selecting a consultant to complete the Plan, and as a Task Force involved in the development of the Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The maximum request for funding is \$250,000. Direct costs necessary for the development of the Urban Greening plan are eligible for reimbursement. Matching funds are not required for this program, however, the Strategic Growth Council encourages leveraging of all resources, including other sources of funds. In completing the grant request, staff will develop a complete budget which will likely include some in-kind staff time. If grant funds are received, a project will be opened through the City accounting system and the funds will be appropriated and reimbursed.

Reviewed by:


Scott Hanin, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution



Agenda Item No. 7

ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OFFICERS

Adopted: November 19, 1990

Revised: July 7, 1997

In order to fairly rotate the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem of the City Council and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Redevelopment Agency among the five members of the Council and Agency, this policy is established.

CITY COUNCIL

A newly elected council member, who is not an incumbent, will serve a minimum of one year on the Council before qualifying to serve as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem will replace the outgoing Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem will be the council member who has received the highest number of votes, compared to the other council members elected at the same time. This process continues until all council members elected in the same year have served as mayor.

An appointed council member shall join the rotation only after first being elected.

Newly elected and re-elected council members are added onto the existing order of rotation in the order of the number of votes received, from the highest number of votes to the lowest.

A council member may decline to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. This will drop the council member back one position in the rotation.

This format will be followed except in unusual or exceptional cases. The Council has the ultimate discretion to elect or not elect any council member for any office.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The outgoing Mayor of the City Council will replace the outgoing Redevelopment Agency Chair. No person shall serve as Chair of the Redevelopment Agency without serving a minimum of one year on the Agency Board.

The position of Vice-Chair of the Redevelopment Agency is available to one of the Board members not serving as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem of the City Council or Chair of the Redevelopment Agency.

This format will be followed except in unusual or exceptional cases. The Agency has the ultimate discretion to elect or not elect any Agency member for any office.