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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)**

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87162135998?pwd=nUWSPHlB6oPnpU3ABm6C3lqguV7DuD.1>
Meeting ID: 871 6213 5998 **Password:** 827477 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)**

Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81088838800?pwd=ace6dlhueQcnijQqaxappuCsubSbi6.1>
Meeting ID: 810 8883 8800 **Passcode:** 176681 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968**View (Regular Meeting Only):**

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

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 **11:00 AM** 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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5:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

2. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Action Proposed: Staff requests that City Council conduct interviews and, at the conclusion of interviews, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

3. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst; Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator; and Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

Employee Organizations: Police Employees Association (PEA); and Public Safety Management Association (PSMA)

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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.

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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. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Alternative Service Plan Presentation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from BART on their Alternative Service Plan.

Contact: Henry Symons, Principal Government and Community Relations Representative, BART

B. El Cerrito Fire Safe Council

Action Proposed: Receive and file a brief presentation from the El Cerrito Fire Safe Council on the award of a PG&E Grant

Contact: Eric Saylor, Fire Chief, Fire 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. Advisory Body Youth Member End of Service Reflection

Action Proposed: Receive and file a written reflection on youth participation on the Environmental Quality Committee.

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

B. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for July 2026

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

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

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C. Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement forming the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority, to which the City of El Cerrito is a party, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Amendment to change the Fiscal Year from July 1 through June 30 to January 1 through December 31, commencing January 1, 2027.

Contact: Christina Leard, Acting Senior Management Analyst and Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

D. Authorization To Enter Into A Purchase Agreement With Glasdon, Inc. For Twenty-Six Trash Recycling Cans

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Glasdon, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$54,000 for the purchase of twenty-six trash recycling cans to be installed along San Pablo Avenue, the Ohlone Greenway, and parks around the City.

Contact: Christina Leard, Acting Senior Management Analyst; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

E. Agreement with Powers Forestry LLC for the Hillside Natural Area Quarry Hill Fire Fuel Reduction Project, G3012

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Powers Forestry LLC to provide invasive tree removal services for the Hillside Natural Area Quarry Hill Fire Fuel Reduction Project, G3012 in the amount of \$424,500, including a contingency amount not to exceed \$24,865.

Contact: Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager; Karineh Samkian, Senior Program Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

F. Authorization To Enter Into a General Services Agreement With Knorr Systems, Inc. for Swim Center Maintenance, On-Call Services, and Chemicals

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Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the award of a General Services Agreement to Knorr Systems, Inc. (KSI) for quarterly equipment maintenance, on-call repair services, and the purchase of pool chemicals, equipment and parts for the El Cerrito Swim Center based on the firm's specialized experience and expertise, use of proprietary equipment and systems, and participation in Sourcewell Contract No. 012226-AQUA; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract in a not-to-exceed amount of \$105,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$487,305 over the full four-year contract term.

Contact: Chris Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Adoption of Memorandum of Understandings between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Public Safety Management Association - Police Chief Unit and Fire Chief Unit

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving agreements between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Public Safety Management Association - Police Chief Unit (PSMA - Police Chief Unit) and Fire Chief Unit (PSMA - Fire Chief Unit) modifying language on salaries and benefits and creating new Memorandums of Understanding, amending the City's salary schedule, and appropriating additional funds from the General Fund unassigned balance for FY 2026-27 in the amount of \$71,643 for increased salary costs.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Manager's Office

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, September 15, 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.