

The Cerritos News

Cerritos City Council adopts 2016-2017 financial plan

The Cerritos City Council/Successor Agency adopted a \$122.3 million combined financial program for fiscal year 2016-2017 on June 20, 2016. The program includes a City operating budget of \$87.8 million, \$13 million for capital projects and a Cerritos Successor Agency budget of \$21.5 million. The new fiscal year began on July 1, 2016 and concludes on June 30, 2017.

The budget maintains the City's exceptional level of municipal services while taking into account the prolonged economic downturn and the State of California's dissolution of redevelopment agencies. The dissolution of the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency has cost the City more than \$32 million per year in revenue.

Capital Improvements

Some of the major capital improvement projects proposed in the budget include:

- \$250,000 for sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation
- \$185,000 for alley rehabilitation (Palo Verde/Droxford)
- \$25,000 for wheelchair-accessible ramps
- \$100,000 for arterial street slurry seal
- \$400,000 for residential street rehabilitation
- \$78,000 for parkway planter improvements
- \$730,000 for Del Amo Boulevard rehabilitation

Legislative and Administrative

Legislative and administrative operating expenses outlined in the budget total \$2.6 million. This reflects the entire amount required to fund the ongoing operations of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

Community Development

The Community Development Department, which includes advance planning, building and safety, current planning, geographic information systems and economic development, was allocated \$5.6 million for its operations.

Public Works

Approximately \$16.9 million has been designated for the Public Works Department, which manages engineering, traffic circulation management, parks maintenance, sewer maintenance, facility maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, recycling, custodial services and the supervision of the City's capital improvement projects.

City facilities observe Labor Day

Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk's Office, the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, Cerritos Library, the Community Gymnasiums and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

On Monday, September 5, Cerritos Park East, Heritage Park and Liberty Park are open from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course is open from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Cerritos Sports Complex will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. and the Cerritos Olympic Swim and Fitness Center is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for adult lap swim and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for recreational swim.

There will be no street sweeping and trash pick-up on Labor Day. Schedules will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week through Saturday. The COW and Dial-A-Ride transit services will not operate on Labor Day. ■

South Street improvements completed

Earlier this year the Cerritos City Council authorized the use of approximately \$154,000 in leftover funding from capital projects for the re-paving of a segment of South Street from Gridley Road to the eastern city limit (Park Place Center). This paving project was completed at the end of June along with striping and adjustment of utilities. ■

Department of Water and Power

The Department of Water and Power includes the City's water division and the electric utility. The department's \$15.5-million budget will cover items necessary for the operation of the Magnolia Power Plant, Cerritos Electric Utility and water operations, including utility maintenance, power expenses, operational charges and administrative fees.

Community and Safety Services

The Department of Community and Safety Services has been allocated roughly \$24.7 million for community participation, recreation services, law enforcement and code enforcement. The Community and Safety Services budget includes funds that will allow the City to continue offering quality community programming at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, in addition to cultural programming, excursion opportunities, sports and fitness programs and recreation classes. Some \$14.1 million is budgeted for the ongoing priority of law enforcement and safety services, including Sheriff's deputies, motorcycle officers and detectives.

Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services will receive \$15.2 million for its operations, which include communications, finance, human resources, management information systems, support services, water billing and the Cerritos Library. The department's budget includes costs to maintain the City's water billing system, provide internal support to other departments and continue to provide valuable amenities and services at the Cerritos Library.

Theater Department

The Theater Department will receive \$7.2 million for the operation of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The Theater Department budget encompasses theater administration; business management; marketing and management of the CCPA performances; operations and security; special event services; and ticket office personnel.

Copies of the approved City of Cerritos 2016-2017 Combined Financial Program will be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk or at the Cerritos Library in mid-August. Questions about the budget should be directed to the Department of Administrative Services at (562) 860-0311. ■

"Aria" artwork installed

A new sculpture titled "Aria" was recently installed at the Aria luxury for-rent apartment homes at Bloomfield Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. The artwork and fountain are part of the City's Art in Public Places program.

The fountain and sculpture were created by artist Kathleen Caricof, who was also commissioned for the Cerritos Air Disaster Memorial. The National Sculptor's Guild member also designed the "Balance" art piece on the corner of South Street and Carmenita Road.

Incorporating the Feng Shui elements of earth, water and fire, the "Aria" artwork consists of two dark, vertical basalt stones, reminiscent of a musical figure. The stones are accented with bold-colored bands of steel. The sculpture stands approximately 8 feet high and 3 ½ feet wide. The piece sits on top of a black granite platform.

The entire piece stands amid a circular pool covered with decorative natural stone, which is approximately 6 feet in diameter. The water cascades about 3 feet to the secondary pool, which was designed to follow the curvature of the Aria property. This secondary pool, made of cast concrete and stucco, measures approximately 49 feet across and 6 ½ feet in width.

"Aria" was commissioned for the Aria luxury apartment homes by the property owner and developer, The Picerne Group. Through the City's Artwork in Public Places program, property owners/developers are required to provide a piece of artwork, or donate one percent of the building permit valuation to a trust fund. The art pieces contribute to the City's cultural environment and enhance the business properties within the City. ■

Cerritos Air Disaster 30th Anniversary Remembrance planned

The community is invited to attend a Cerritos Air Disaster 30th Anniversary Remembrance at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31. The remembrance will be held at the Cerritos Air Disaster Memorial in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden, which is located in the Civic Center.

The event is in memory of the victims of the Cerritos Air Disaster, when two planes collided mid-air above a Cerritos neighborhood on August 31, 1986. The accident claimed 82 lives, including 67 people on the planes and 15 people on the ground.

The Cerritos Air Disaster 30th Anniversary Remembrance will include a brief formal ceremony with the Cerritos City Council; a reading of the victims' names; a prayer for the victims and their loved ones; and a moment of silence. For more information, please call the City's Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

CCPA offers pre-season summer special with Dick Van Dyke

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) is pleased to present a 2016-2017 pre-season summer special with Dick Van Dyke & The Vantastix on Sunday, August 28 at 3 p.m.

Broadway, television and film legend Van Dyke — of "Bye Bye Birdie," "Mary Poppins," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show" — performs popular tunes from his stage and screen work and shares his insights about showbiz.

The legend is joined by his award-winning vocal a cappella quartet The Vantastix. The group has performed at the Hollywood Bowl and appeared on television in TV Land Awards and "Larry King Live."

Ticket prices start at \$65 and are available at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 916-8500. ■

Water conservation updates considered

In May of this year, the State Water Resources Control Board recommended changes to emergency drought rules allowing communities throughout the state to relax mandatory water conservation requirements. The Cerritos City Council was scheduled to consider possible changes to the City's current water conservation requirements at the July 14 City Council meeting. For the latest updates to the City's water conservation requirements, please visit cerritos.us. ■

Free emergency response training offered

The Cerritos Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering disaster and emergency training on three consecutive Saturdays from September 17 through October 1. The class times are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center at 18135 Bloomfield Avenue.

The CERT program is designed to help residents in the event of a disaster or other emergency. Participants receive training in first aid and basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, fire safety, and disaster and terrorism management. When emergencies occur, CERT members are able to provide critical support to first responders, give immediate assistance to victims and organize volunteers at a disaster site.

To register for the course or for more information, call the Community Safety office at (562) 916-1252 or email emerina@cerritos.us. ■

Calendar of Events

- July 22 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 29, August 5, 12, 19 and 26. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- July 23 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on July 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on July 24, 30, 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 10 a.m., Liberty Park. Also on August 3, 6 p.m. and August 20, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- July 24 • **Summer Reading Program ends**
- July 25 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 8, 15 and 22. Contact Josie Garcia at (562) 926-1225.
- **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, HomeTown Buffet, 11471 South Street, Cerritos. Also on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- July 26 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Also on August 30.
- **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Sharon Hamel at (562) 598-6165.
- **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
- **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street, Cerritos. Also on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
- **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on August 9 and 23. Contact Jeffrey Enomoto at (714) 292-2985.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- **Volunteer attorneys** provide free basic legal advice and referrals for Cerritos residents, 7-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 9 and 23. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- July 27 • **Rabies Clinic**, 6:30-8 p.m., Cerritos Park East, Shelter 1.
- **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
- **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- **Toastmasters International Club 3828: Eclectic Dialectics**, 7:30 p.m., Vintage Cerritos, 11000 New Falcon Way, Cerritos. Also on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- July 28 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Off Street Café, 11020 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos. Also on August 4, 11 and 25. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 219-0770.
- **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 11 and 25. Contact Lilian Leonardo Goings at (562) 882-6023.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 4, 11, 18 and 25. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
- **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on August 25. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- August 2 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- August 3 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- August 4 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Happy Seniors of Cerritos Association**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 18. Contact Emma Chupinghong at (562) 400-1075.
- **Fil-AM Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 18. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- August 5 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- August 9 • **Economic Development Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- August 10 • **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- August 11 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- August 14 • **'Ahahui 'O Lili'uokalani Hawaiian Civic Club of Southern California**, 10 a.m., John Jensen residence. Contact John Jensen at (562) 926-2286 for more information.
- August 15 • **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Mimi's Cafe, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or hhhdemocrat@gmail.com.
- August 16 • **ABC School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- August 17 • **Veterans Workshop Seminars**, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, #392 (3rd Floor), Cerritos. Also on August 23 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- August 18 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- August 20 • **Recreation Services Youth Flag Football** registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on August 24, 4-8 p.m. and August 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- August 24 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- August 25 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
- August 29 • **Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon** parked closed for building maintenance. Also on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2.

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City Council Recap

City Council/Successor Agency meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at City Hall. For details, call the City Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

May 26, 2016

- Ordinance No. 1004 to establish a street cut moratorium on newly paved streets was introduced at the May 9, 2016 City Council meeting. The adoption of this ordinance will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.
- Directed staff to bring back an agenda item for public hearing in August/September 2016 for Council and community consideration of potential budget cuts to close the \$5.5 million budget gap.
- Directed staff to research via CJPIA the potential for reduction in cost of the City's self-insurance program.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-10 adopting the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan pursuant to California Water Code Sections 10610 through 10657.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-11 approving Tentative Parcel Map 73910, a request by AG Crowsnest Cerritos Owner, LLC, to subdivide one existing parcel into two separate parcels for leasing and/or selling purposes. The subject property is located at 13910, 13915 and 13950 Cerritos Corporate Drive in Cerritos and is zoned Industrial (APN No. 7003-001-033).
- Approved a contract renewal between the City of Cerritos and Long Beach Animal Care Services for the provision of animal control services from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$319,806.00.
- Received and filed the City of Cerritos 2015 Consumer Confidence Report.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-9 authorizing submittal of applications for CalRecycle grants.

June 9, 2016

- Approved Development Code Amendment 2016-13, making the findings set forth in Cerritos Planning Commission Resolution No. 2016-15; and
- Introduced Ordinance No. 1005 amending Chapter 20.30 and Chapter 22.40 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to the prohibition of short-term rentals of single-family residential properties, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2016-3.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-12 superseding Resolution No. 2014-27 revising the targets for Cerritos Electric Utility to procure cost-effective energy storage systems.
- Approved an amendment to the professional services agreement with Albert Grover & Associates in the amount of \$9,000.00 under Project No. 13088; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any additional project-related amendments.
- Opposed Senate Bill 1069 authored by Senator Bob Wieckowski; and
- Directed staff to prepare letters of opposition to author Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, Senator Tony Mendoza, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, Gateway Cities COG and Gonsalves and Son.

Evening of Remembrance set for September 11

Cerritos residents and community members are invited to attend a special Evening of Remembrance on Sunday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park.

Honoring the victims and heroes affected by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the event will include performances by local entertainment, a formal ceremony with the Cerritos City Council, a candlelight memorial and a moment of silence. In recognition of National Preparedness Month in September, representatives from the City's Volunteers on Patrol will be on hand to offer information about how to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

Snacks will be available for a nominal fee. Dogs, cats and other pets are not allowed in the park during special events and concerts. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited within the boundaries of all City public park facilities.

For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

"Taste of the Region & Business Expo" planned

The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold the "Taste of the Region & Business Expo" on Wednesday, September 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The one-day event, a nod to "Cuisine, Culture, and Commerce," showcases the best of the region's food, music, restaurants and local businesses.

The \$10 admission includes a wristband for all-access tastings from more than 20 local restaurants and caterers.

Children under age 5 get in free with a paying adult. The event features exhibitor booths, live music, raffle prizes, auto displays and more. Parking is free. Booth spaces and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, contact the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce at (562) 467-0800 or email chamber@cerritos.org. ■