

The Cerritos News

Cerritos City Council approves 2017–2018 fiscal year budget

The Cerritos City Council/Successor Agency approved a \$125 million combined financial program for fiscal year 2017-2018 on June 19, 2017 with a surplus position of \$618,452. The budget emphasizes public safety, tree trimming, median and parkway maintenance and quality community services and programs. The new fiscal year began on July 1, 2017 and concludes on June 30, 2018.

Capital Improvements

Approximately \$12 million has been allocated toward capital improvement projects. Some of the major capital improvement projects include:

- \$400,000 for pavement rehabilitation and parking lot improvements at two City parks and Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course
- \$230,000 for sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation
- \$700,000 for residential street rehabilitation
- \$650,000 for Del Amo Boulevard rehabilitation
- \$100,000 for structural upgrades and improvements to the City's three existing water reservoirs

Legislative and Administrative

Legislative and administrative operating expenses outlined in the budget total \$2.3 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 and geographic information systems, was allocated \$6 million for its operations.

Public Works

Approximately \$18 million has been designated for the Public Works Department, which includes engineering, traffic circulation management, parks maintenance, sewer maintenance, facility maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, recycling and custodial services. Among some of the significant Public Works projects approved were \$950,000 for tree trimming and \$925,000 for median and parkway maintenance.

Department of Water and Power

The Department of Water and Power includes the City's water division and the electric utility. The depart-

ment's \$15.2-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 \$25.8 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 \$14.7 million is budgeted for the ongoing priority of law enforcement and safety services.

Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services will receive approximately \$16.1 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 \$9.7 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 2017-2018 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. ■

Improvements made at City parks

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to RE Schultz of Orange in the amount of \$241,625 for new playground equipment and surfacing at Brookhaven and Friendship parks.

Pre-fabricated rubberized soft tiles will be installed at Brookhaven Park as part of a pilot program to test the viability of the product for possible use at other parks.

The work at Friendship Park has been completed and the upgrades at Brookhaven Park are expected to be completed in July. ■

Cerritos named a "Playful City USA"

For the 10th consecutive year, the City of Cerritos was honored with a "Playful City USA" distinction for its outstanding recreation programs and facilities for children.

The non-profit KaBOOM!, a national organization dedicated to saving play, honored 258 communities with the Playful City USA designation. The honor recognizes U.S. cities and towns that have implemented unique local action plans to increase the quantity and quality of play in their communities.

In Cerritos, residents enjoy multi-faceted recreational activities and programs for all ages. Sports and fitness programs, sports leagues, golf, aquatics, adaptive recreation and dance classes are offered at numerous City parks, community centers and specialized recreation facilities.

Cerritos has 25 parks and recreation facilities, including neighborhood parks, community centers, the Cerritos Olympic Swim & Fitness Center, the Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and the Cerritos Sports Complex. The gyms at Cerritos and Whitney High schools offer additional facilities for recreation.

The national non-profit KaBOOM! advocates for local policies that increase play opportunities for children. Playful City USA communities serve as role models for other communities and prove that it is an attainable goal to enhance the well-being of children by increasing play opportunities.

Check out the "Community Services Program" in the February, May, August and November issues of "The Cerritos News" for a list of fun classes and sports for all ages. The "Recreation" link on the City's website, cerritos.us, also offers extensive information about fitness programs and facilities. ■

Contract awarded for C1 Well Site modifications

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a contract to Don Peterson Contracting Inc. of San Marcos for \$96,200 for modifications to be performed on the C1 Well Site on Artesia Boulevard.

The C1 Well Site currently houses two chlorine gas storage units that are used to treat the groundwater pumped from the site before it is distributed into the City's water system. With the development of the Sage residential complex adjacent to the site, an easement will encroach into the well site. As a result, the City will no longer be able to operate the chlorine gas treatment system and instead will convert it into a liquid chlorine treatment system.

The housing developer, the Richman Group, will reimburse the City for the project cost. ■

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 4 in observance of Labor Day.

On Monday, September 4, 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. ■

"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 27 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The one-day event 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. Children younger than age 5 get in free with a paying adult. The event also 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. ■

Calendar of Events

- July 21 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on July 28, August 4 and 11. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 860-6802.
- July 22 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on July 29, August 5, 12, 19 and 26.
 - **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 7 a.m.-noon, Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on July 23, 29, 30, August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Contact Allen at (562) 926-9551.
- July 23 • **Summer Reading Program ends**
- July 24 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 14 and 28. Contact Eileen Mills at (714) 809-6143.
- July 25 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. Also on August 29.
 - **Iron-Wood Women's Golf Club** plays, 7:30 a.m., Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course. Also on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. 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 1, 8, 15 and 29. Contact Emma Tung at (562) 924-8730.
 - **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 1, 8, 15 and 29. Contact Jashbhai Patel at (562) 382-7611.
 - **Classic Estates Toastmaster Club**, 6 p.m., Century 21 Classic Estates, 13217 South Street, Cerritos. Also on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The public is invited to attend. Contact Soledad Almarinez at (562) 865-2922 for more information.
 - **Da' Hawaii Senior Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m. and August 29, 6-9 p.m. Contact Carole Roxas at (562) 884-2890.
 - **Cerritos-Artesia Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1846**, 6:30 p.m., Heritage Park. Also on August 8 and 22. 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 1, 8, 15 and 29. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- July 26 • **Cerritos Cheerful Chatters Toastmasters Club**, noon, SELACO Workforce Investment Board, 10900 E. 183rd Street, 3rd Floor, Cerritos. Visitors welcome. Also on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Larry Lee at (562) 402-9336.
 - **Cerritos Tennis Club**, 6-10 p.m., Cerritos High School tennis courts, members only. Also on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. 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 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Contact Pat Lozano or Nick Kim at (562) 281-7332.
- July 27 • **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 3, 10 and 24. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
 - **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 3, 10, 17 and 31. Contact John Hwang at (562) 419-5445.
 - **Cerritos Senior Dance Club**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 10. Contact Pete Inserto at (562) 926-2912.
 - **Formosa Senior Association**, 6:30-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on August 3, 10, 17 and 31. Contact Chai Tsuan Liang at (562) 382-7769.
 - **Philippine Society of Southeast Los Angeles**, 7 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on August 24. Contact Nimfa Castro at (562) 822-3633.
- August 1 • **Soulful Seniors of Cerritos**, 6-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Contact Louida Shaw at (562) 412-7448.
- August 2 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 - **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Also on August 19, 10 a.m. Contact Dorothy Owen at (562) 926-1092.
- August 3 • **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 17. 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 17. Contact Flor Carlos at (562) 879-9880.
- August 4 • **Southern California Philippine U.S. Veterans Association**, 7:30 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Pedro Dionisio at (562) 881-3480.
- August 7 • **Rotary Club of Cerritos**, noon, Rosewood Family Restaurant, 10769 South Street, Cerritos. Also on August 21. Contact Sharun Carlson at (562) 404-1993.
- August 8 • **Economic Development Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 - **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Library Skyline Room. Contact Becky Lingad at (562) 243-2135, or visit the website at cerritos-republican.org.
 - **Volunteer attorneys** provide free basic legal advice and referrals for Cerritos residents, 7-9 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Call (562) 865-8101 for an appointment.
- August 9 • **Cerritos Rod & Gun Club**, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Contact Mike Van Scoy at (562) 926-4392.
- August 10 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.
 - **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 7:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower.
- August 11 • **15th Annual Senior Fair** hosted by Congresswoman Linda Sánchez, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Boulevard, Norwalk. Call (562) 860-5050 for more information.
- August 13 • **'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 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos.
- August 16 • **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 22 at the Employment Development Department, 12715 S. Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk. For more information, please call (562) 929-9107.
- August 17 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 p.m., Café n' Stuff, 9306 E. Firestone Blvd., Downey. Contact Gary McHatton at (562) 883-5821.
- August 19 • **Recreation Services Youth Flag Football** registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sports Complex. Also on August 23, 4-8 p.m. and August 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- August 21 • **Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club**, 7 p.m., Mimi's Cafe, 12727 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos. Contact Elaine Duvali at (562) 924-3583 or hhdemocrats@gmail.com.

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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 17, 2017

- Directed staff to retain all commissions and committees in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.
- Directed staff to provide a report to the City Council regarding the costs/benefits for contracting certain City services versus hiring City staff, including tree-trimming/reforestation/maintenance services.
- Directed staff to retain full funding for community services programs in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.
- Directed staff to return to the 2016-2017 budget funding for Recreation Services community events/programs in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.
- Directed staff to restore funding for the Community Calendar in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.
- Directed staff to provide a report reviewing the City's participation in the Cerritos Astor Museum, including review of the contract; a list of the collectibles; the options available in light of Art Astor's passing; and whether Supervisor Janice Hahn will allow the City to retain the County funding of \$950,000.00 in the event the museum is not continued.
- Directed staff for the City to remain neutral on Senate Bill 693 (Mendoza), which proposes the authorization to establish the lower San Gabriel Recreation and Park District.

May 25, 2017

- Approved the Mayor's annual City Council committee appointments for 2017-2018.
- Approved appointments to various commissions and committees for a two-year term effective May 25, 2017 through March 31, 2019.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1012 amending Section 22.40.950 of the Cerritos Municipal Code relating to drive-through service facilities, excluding drive-through restaurants, within the City of Cerritos, herein referenced as Development Code Amendment 2017-3.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2017-11 approving Conditional Use Permit 2017-4, a request by Jie Jiang (Zen Relax) to permit a massage establishment use with state certified massage therapists at 103 Los Cerritos Mall in Cerritos. The subject property is zoned Regional Commercial (APN No. 7038-014-023).
- Adopted Resolution No. 2017-12 approving Conditional Use Permit 2008-3(A)(2017) amendment, a request by property owner Crown Associates Realty, Inc., to permit warehousing and related industrial office uses at 14141 Arbor Place in Cerritos. The subject property is zoned Industrial (APN No. 7003-013-003).
- Adopted Resolution No. 2017-13 approving Precise Plan 2008-15(A)(2017) amendment, a request by property owner Crown Associates Realty, Inc., to demolish an existing industrial building, construct a new industrial building and upgrade and refurbish the parking lot and landscape located at 14141 Arbor Place in Cerritos. The subject property is zoned Industrial (APN No. 7003-013-003).
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$241,625.00 for playground improvements at Friendship and Brookhaven parks, Project No. 10073, Bid No. 1301-17 (total bid), to R.E. Schultz; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$96,200.00 for C1 Well Site Chlorine Room modifications to Don Peterson Contracting Inc.; and
- Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute any contract modifications that may be necessary to complete the specified scope of work.
- Adjourned in memory of Joseph Frontino, Sr. and James T. Russell.