



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA**  
**City Council Chambers, 2701 Fourth Street**

**Monday, April 23, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vierra called the April 23, 2018 Regular City Council meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL - Present:**

Mayor: Vierra  
Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Ryno

Absent: Vice Mayor Kline

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Loren Gregory of Victory Assembly of God.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vierra

**PRESENTATIONS**

**A. TRRP Presentation**

Nathan Houx, City of Modesto's Parks Planning and Development Manager presented the History, Vision, Current and Future projects of TRRP.

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**B. Presentation of Older Americans Month Proclamation**

Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Stacie Morales a member of the Commission on Aging.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** to the Council on matters not included on the agenda (five minutes).

Kimberly Alston spoke regarding an ongoing issue in her complex. She reported feeling harassed and described false police calls made from a neighbor. She commented that there is illegal drug activity in her complex. She wanted to be a voice for senior citizens who feel harassed. She also thanked the Ceres Police for their assistance. She requested assistance with ending the harassment from neighbors. Mayor Vierra directed Chief Smith to speak with Ms. Alston.

Len Shepherd spoke regarding the TRRP and the progress it has made. He also stated that Ms. Alston is not the only senior who is afraid to go out at night. There are many seniors that are afraid of their neighbors. He expressed his appreciation of Chief Smith and the entire Police Department.

Dustin Rocha stated that change starts with youths and that the City should look into partnering with NFL's flag football program. Maybe the City can partner with the NFL and start a program for youth. The City could donate a field for the youth to play in. Council Member Durossette asked Mr. Rocha to contact him to learn more about the program.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

No Council conflicts.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion unless otherwise requested by an individual Council Member or public for special consideration. Otherwise the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by roll call vote.

1. Clerks Report of Posting. The agenda of the regular April 23, 2018, City Council meeting was posted on April 18, 2018. (Nayares-Perez)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived. (Nayares-Perez)
3. Approval of Minutes (Nayares-Perez)
  - a. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering April 5, 2018 through April 10, 2018. (Dean)

5. **General Correspondence – Information Only**
  - a. Whitmore Mansion Quarterly Report. (Wells)
  - b. Public Works Monthly Report for March 2018 (Damas)
  - c. Water Conservation Monthly Report for March 2018 (Damas)
  - d. Recreation Monthly Report for March 2018 (Farris)
6. **Resolution No. 2018-33** Adopting a Negative Declaration for the Safe Route to School Whitmore Corridor Project (ATPL ID: 5241-68; proposal to construct curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements for the public right-of-way area along the south side of Whitmore Avenue between Moore Road and Cesar Chavez Junior High School. (Jordan)
7. **Resolution No. 2018-034**, authorization to apply for the 2018 Cal Fire Rural Fire Assistance 50/50 Grant. (Wells)
8. **Resolution No. 2018-035**, approving Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Marjorie Blom. (Westbrook)
9. **Resolution No. 2018-036** approving request for subsidy from Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for Fire Dispatch services for Fiscal Year 2017-18. (Wells)
10. **Resolution No. 2018-037**, approving Contract Change Order No. 1 for the 2017 Water Main Blow Off Replacement Project. (Jordan)
11. **Resolution No. 2018-038**, authorizing the retirement of canine Chip from the Ceres Fire Department and sale of canine Chip to Captain Jeff Santos and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Wells)

Mayor Vierra asked if any Council Member or citizen would like an item pulled from the Consent Calendar and be heard under separate motion. No items were removed from Consent.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments. There being no comments Mayor Vierra brought the item back to Council for direction.

**MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Council Member Ryno, approving Consent items 1-11. **4/0/1 Motion passes see below** by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	None
ABSENT:	1	Council Members:	Kline

#### CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

No items were removed from Consent.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## PUBLIC HEARING

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

12. Legislative Update (Wells)  
a. Resolution No. 2018-039, support of Proposition 69. (Wells)

City Manager Wells gave the legislative update. He reported on SB 827 and Proposition 69.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments. There being no comments Mayor Vierra brought the item back to Council for direction.

**MOTION:** Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Council Member Durossette, approving Item 12. **4/0/1 Motion passes see below** by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	None
ABSENT:	1	Council Members:	Kline

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

## COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS

Any Council Members that would like to have an agenda item placed on a future agenda shall make a request under this section of the agenda.

Council Member Lane stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding sanctuary cities. City Manager Wells commented that a discussion could be scheduled for June 25.

## REPORTS

At this time, any Council Members or City Staff will make an announcement, or report briefly on his or her activities.

- Mayor – Nothing to report.
- City Council
- Council Member Lane commented that it is good to be back, after being gone a few weeks.
- City Manager  
City Manager Wells – Nothing to report.
- City Attorney – Nothing to report.
- Departments

Tom Westbrook, Director Community Development, reported that a Special Planning Commission meeting will be held next Monday for adoption of the General Plan and certification of the EIR. If approved by the Planning Commission, the General Plan will return to Council on May 14.

Daryl Jordan, City Engineer/Engineering Director, reported that the Downtown 4<sup>th</sup> Street letters on the north-end were painted. Up lights were also added to the palm trees.

Brent Smith, Police Chief, reported that with the Council approved AB 109 funds; they were able to make the Camp for Youth available to 20 Ceres kids, ages 7-12. There will be more information to follow regarding the camp.

- County Supervisor – Nothing to report.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 6:42 p.m. and convened in a Closed Session meeting with the below listed items being discussed.

### CLOSED SESSION

#### 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code)

*City Negotiator:* Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: **Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit**

Employee Organization: **First Line Supervisors/Confidential Bargaining Group**

Employee Organization: **Mid-Management Employees**

Employee Organization: **Public Safety Mid-Managers**

Employee Organization: **Ceres Professional Firefighters Association**

Employee Organization: **Ceres Police Officers Association**

### REPORTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

7:28 p.m. Reconvened to Open Session.

**ACTION:** No reportable action.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, CA

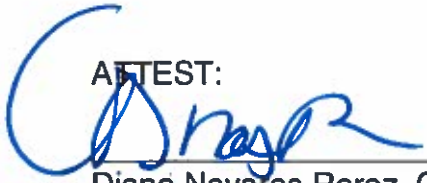
There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



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Mayor Vierra

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ATTEST:



Diane Nayafes-Perez, CMC  
City Clerk