



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

**Monday, June 11, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vierra called the June 11, 2018 City Council meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL – Present:**

Mayor: Vierra  
Vice Mayor: Kline  
Council Members: Durossette, Lane

Absent: Council Member Ryno

**INVOCATION**

Invocation by Chris Grigson, Valley Christian Center

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Vierra

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Proclamation declaring the month of June as Disability Awareness Month in the City of Ceres.

Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Carolyn Teixeria Gomes, Director of the Society for disAbilities.

B. Ceres Street Faire Presentation.

Lisa Mantarro Moore reported on the success of the Ceres Street Faire. She recognized the Committee Members for their contributions that helped make this event a success.

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

Ann Thatcher asked that Council reopen the Fire Station No. 4. She lives on the other side of 99 near that station, and asked that Council take a resident's point of view. There are a significant number of residents in her area. Cannabis is providing much needed sales tax dollars and she would hope Council will take into consideration the reopening of that station. She also asked that Measure H funds be used for fire services. When the City starts contracting out services you lose control, which does hurt the citizens. She understands that the City already has resource sharing and that her home will be covered by the City of Modesto, but she knows the City of Modesto residents don't want them responding, if there was an emergency to her home in Ceres, because they're paying for their fire services. As a resident of that area, she would like to be heard.

Avery Jackson stated that as an active member in the community, he has volunteered countless hours to kids and young adults in the community. He is a firm believer that it takes a village to raise a child: Supporting children helps shape the future of the community. There is no remodeling downtown that can be done that can cover the problems citizens are facing. There is lack of police enforcement. This City by no means has enough cops patrolling the streets. The City needs a real street crimes unit, and a drug and auto task force. Currently, officers are taking on hero duties and the City does not pay them enough. Our police department can hardly get applicants because of how low our wages are and the extreme lack of special assignments. Most of the applicants are not qualified or find somewhere else to work that pays more. It has been over 10 years since the police department has seen a legitimate pay raise; however, in just the last 10 years alone the cost of living has gone up 22 percent. All the while what little money we're supplying our officers with they hardly see. There are currently four stations and now the City might close one. It would be in the interest of the City to bring back the volunteer firefighter positions to assist the Fire Department. This is his plea for funding for police officers. Children do not feel safe and protected in their neighborhoods.

Dave Pratt invited the public to attend the Veterans Employment Committee Fundraiser. It's a drive thru dinner fundraiser that will be held on July 24 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm at Texas Roadhouse on Sisk Road. Tickets are \$15 and the proceeds will benefit the Stanislaus County Veterans Employment Committee.

Len Shepherd spoke about attending the Concert in the Park on June 5. He stated that it was a good event and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming events. He will be the MC and host for the July 10<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park.

Josh Steeley stated that he was concerned by what he read in a post by the Ceres Fire Association about the return of funds from the SAFER grant. He spoke against the return of the remaining \$320,000 of the unused SAFER grant funds to keep six firefighters on from March to June 30 because it would have cost the city an additional \$30,000 while the city spent \$100,000 for a new lawnmower. He does not support the closing of the Pecos

fire station because he feels it puts his family and other families in Ceres at risk and in danger. He is willing to see his parks' lawns go uncut, but not his family's fire and police protection to be cut.

Gene Yeakley commented that with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July right around the corner he would like to hear what the City of Ceres is planning to do to keep Ceres safe. He stated that Council has previously discussed banning fireworks. He believes they should be banned. He suggested the City ban fireworks and place electronic message boards that state fireworks are banned with fine amount included. Many other cities and counties have banned them.

Dan Thatcher spoke in support of keeping safe and sane fireworks legal. He stated that safe and sane firework sales help non-profits and are good fundraisers for football teams, schools and churches. He commented if people are selling illegal fireworks at swap meets, then the owner of that swap meet should also be fined. There needs to be a crackdown on illegal fireworks.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

No items scheduled.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No items scheduled.

#### 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 June 11, 2018 City Council meeting was posted on June 6, 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 May 29, 2018 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering May 24, 2018 through May 30, 2018. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. Redevelopment & Economic Development Department Monthly Report – May (Hallam)
6. **Resolution No. 2018-060**, approving the Annual Report of the Ceres Downtown Revitalization Area (CDRA) for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Setting a Public Hearing

on June 25, 2018 to approve a Levy Assessment for CDRA Activities and Projects. (Hallam)

7. **Resolution No. 2018-061**, accepting the Ceres Downtown Renovation as Complete, Approve the Balancing Contract Change Order, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
8. **Resolution No. 2018-062**, accepting the Sequoia Tract ADA Improvement Project as Complete, Approve the Balancing Contract Change Order, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
9. **Resolution No. 2018-063**, authorizing revision of the job description for the Public Works Superintendent Classification and elimination of the Water Superintendent classification from the City's Classification Plan. (Damas/McCoy)
10. **Resolution No. 2018-064**, approval of Continued Participation in the County-Wide Fire Investigation Unit (FIU), Continued Assignment of Fire Captain and Staffing to Backfill the Position. (Wells)  
*(Removed from Consent)*
11. **Resolution No. 2018-065**, authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Consultant Agreement Amendment No. 9 with NV5 for the Service/Mitchell Interchange Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E). (Jordan)

Mayor Vierra asked if any Council Member or citizen would like an item pulled from the Consent Calendar and be heard under separate motion. Item 11, was 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 Lane, seconded by Council Member Durossette, approving Consent items 1-10. **4/0/1 Motion passes see below** by the following roll call vote:

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

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

##### **Item 11 – Vice Mayor Kline**

Vice Mayor Kline removed the item from Consent to inquire if any SB 1 or Measure L funds for this phase of the project were used. Daryl Jordan, City Engineer/Engineering Director responded no, not for this phase. Vice Mayor Kline commented that they will be using SB1 funds for the construction. Mr. Jordan responded that is correct. StanCOG has not allocated those funds yet. Vice Mayor Kline further commented that this is regional project and not a City funded project. Mr. Jordan stated, yes, that is correct that's how it's funded through StanCOG. Vice Mayor Kline responded that he wanted to make sure it is clear that it's a regional project and not a City funded project.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments and the following citizens spoke.

Jerry Galliance asked about the timeframe for the incorporation of the area around the interchange into the City. City Manager Wells stated that the annexation will be processed for incorporation of that area. It has gone through the Planning Commission, at this point they are awaiting the EIR and that is several years away. Mayor Vierra commented that unfortunately, they do not have funding for that at this time.

Mayor Vierra brought the item back to Council for direction.

**MOTION:** Motion by Vice Mayor Kline, seconded by Council Member Lane, approving Item 11. **4/0/1 Motion passes see below** by the following roll call vote:

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

### PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

### NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items scheduled.

### 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.

None.

### 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 – nothing to report.
- City Manager Wells reported that the next Centennial Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Also, there will be a Concert in Park tomorrow night.
- City Attorney – Nothing to report.

- **Departments**  
Daryl Jordan, City Engineer/Engineering Director, reported that the Service/Mitchell intersection project is well under way. Beginning next Monday, they will be closing traffic from Service onto Mitchell for the next month or two. Expect traffic congestion in that area for the next couple of months.
- County Supervisor – not in attendance.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 6:40 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

7:38 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, June 25, 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 7:38 p.m.



Mayor Vierra



Diane Nayares-Perez, City Clerk