

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 27, 2006

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Cannella with the following in attendance.

PRESENT: Vice Mayor Phipps, Council Members Lane, Ochoa, Vierra and Mayor Cannella.

INVOCATION by Elder Burt Glass, Victory Assembly of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

A. Report by the Ceres Youth Commission

Orhi Amino, President of the Ceres Youth Commission, gave a brief report on the activities of the Youth Commission including Youth in Government Day and the annual Halloween Project. Ms. Amino also reported that the Youth Commission currently has a membership of 51 students.

B. Presentation to Brian England, retiring President of Ceres Youth Baseball.

Mayor Cannella presented a certificate to Brian England, retiring President of Ceres Youth Baseball.

Mr. England, thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and stated that he would remain a part of the youth baseball program in Ceres.

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

- Len Shepherd, Ceres resident commended the Ceres Youth Commission on their desire to be involved in City Government. He also congratulated Mr. England on working hard to keep kids off the streets.
- Heidi McNally-Dial, Economic Development Manager, stated that this would be her last City Council meeting as a member of the Ceres Staff. She thanked Council, the City Manager and Staff.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED) AND CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

MOTION: Approve the agenda as posted (or amended) and certification of posting as recommended by staff

MOVED: Moved by Phipps/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Municipal Utilities Dept. monthly report for September & October, 2006
 - b. Public Works Dept. monthly report for September & October, 2006.
 - c. Human Resources Dept. monthly report for September & October, 2006.
 - d. Finance Dept. monthly report for September, 2006.
 - e. Parks, Recreation & Facilities Dept. Monthly Report for October 2006.
 - f. Mitchell/Service Project Monthly Report for October 2006. ***Pulled for further discussion.***
2. **Resolution No. 2006-213** approving an agreement with Stanislaus County for the performance of building inspection services.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-214** stating its intent and ordering the Annexation of the CW Enterprises Parcel Map to the Landscape and Lighting District.
4. **Resolution No. 2006-215** approving Change Order No. 3 for the Blaker Reservoir Project to upgrade the electrical control panel and extend the completion date to February 22, 2007.
5. Continue to City Council Meeting of December 11, 2006 – Ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 9.52, Solicitation, Section 9.52.030 to restrict solicitation at entrances and exits to business establishments located along heavily traveled roadways.
6. **Resolution No. 2006-216** approving the Lot Line Adjustment for the Loretta Sands Trust and Pastor of St. Jude's Church, 3550 and 3824 Mitchell Road, Ceres.
7. Council approval of Change Order No. 1 for the River Bluff Regional Park Concession Stand/Restroom Project to replace stolen wires. ***Pulled for further discussion.***

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1-7 as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Lane/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. **(5/0)**

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1f. Mitchell/Service Project Monthly Report for October 2006.

Mayor Canella asked the status of an item on Nolte's report regarding the receipt of Caltrans' comments on draft Design Exception Fact Sheet.

Joe Hollstein, City Engineer responded that the comments have not yet been received from Caltrans but we anticipate getting the comments at our next meeting with Caltrans and we will pass those along to Nolte so they can move forward.

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1f, Mitchell/Service Project Monthly Report for October 2006, as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Phipps/seconded by Lane

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. **(5/0)**

7. Council approval of Change Order No. 1 for the River Bluff Regional Park Concession Stand/Restroom Project to replace stolen wires.

Vice Mayor Phipps asked for clarification on a cost element for the project.

Joe Hollstein, City Engineer addressed his question.

Mayor Cannella asked what we are doing to keep it from happening again.

Mr. Hollstein stated that there are no guarantees that it will not happen again however we are increasing police presence at the park and locking the gate.

Staff is discussing certain features that can be put in place that will make it very difficult to access the wires. In addition to that, security cameras will be installed and the gate will be locked every night.

Vice Mayor Phipps commented that lighting will also help the situation. Currently there is very little lighting and it is very dark at night.

MOTION: Change Order No. 1 for the River Bluff Regional Park Concession Stand/Restroom Project to replace stolen wires as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Lane/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

OLD BUSINESS

8. **Ordinance No. 2006-968** establishing the Prima Facie Speed Limit on Eastgate Boulevard from Hatch Rd. to Whitmore Ave. at thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Second Reading and Adoption.

MOTION: Waive full reading and have **Ordinance No. 2006-968** read by title and number only.

MOVED: Moved by Phipps/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

MOTION: Adopt **Ordinance No. 2006-968** establishing the Prima Facie Speed Limit on Eastgate Boulevard from Hatch Rd. to Whitmore Ave. at thirty-five (35) miles per hour.as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Phipps/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

NEW BUSINESS

9. **Resolution No. 2006-217** approving the sale of tax allocation bonds and housing tax allocation bonds for the Ceres Redevelopment Agency's Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.

Heidi McNally-Dial, Economic Development Manager, introduced the item stating that due to an increase in development activity and a corresponding increase in property values within the Ceres Redevelopment Project Area, the Ceres Redevelopment Agency is now in a position to issue additional tax allocation bonds to be secured by tax increment revenues received from

the Project Area. By doing so, the Agency can take advantage of current interest rates, with rates near 30 year lows. The repayment of principal and interest on the proposed bonds would be secured solely by the net tax increment revenue from the Project Area, and the bonds would not be a debt of the City of Ceres, the State of California, or any of its political subdivisions (except the Agency). The estimated net bond proceeds available for Agency projects and programs would be approximately \$26,000,000.

Ms. McNally-Dial further stated that there is also a Resolution before the Ceres Redevelopment Agency and the Ceres Finance Authority for the respective agency to approve to enable the sale of the bonds.

7:30 p.m. Mayor Cannella adjourned the City Council Meeting to the Ceres Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

7:37 p.m. Mayor Cannella reconvened the City Council Meeting.

Item 9 (cont.) Resolution No. 2006-217 approving the sale of tax allocation bonds and housing tax allocation bonds for the Ceres Redevelopment Agency's Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2006-217 approving the sale of tax allocation bonds and housing tax allocation bonds for the Ceres Redevelopment Agency's Redevelopment Project Area No. 1.

MOVED: Moved by Phipps/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

REPORTS

Councilmembers and City Staff reported on various recent activities including upcoming Garden Club Tree Light in Whitmore Park on 12/1/06 and the opening of Christmas Tree Lane on 12/2/06. It was announced that former Mayor Eric Ingwerson suffered a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day but is doing fine.

Brad Kilger, City Manager, wished Ms. McNally-Dial good luck in her new venture and welcomed back Steve Wilson, Director of Municipal Utilities.

There being no other business, Mayor Cannella adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.m. to the City Council Study Session on November 30, 2006 at 5:30p.m. in the Ceres City Council Chambers, 2210 Magnolia Street.



Anthony Cannella, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cindy Heidorn, CMC, Deputy City Clerk