

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 27, 2007**

Mayor Cannella called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

**ROLL CALL** Council Members Lane, Ochoa, Phipps, Vierra, Mayor Cannella

**INVOCATION** by Pastor Wayne Unger, Grace Community Christian Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the flag led by Mayor Cannella.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. Ceres Lions Club donation of \$2,500 for Smyrna Park BBQ. *Continued to future meeting.*

B. Nolte Quarterly Report.

Chris Metzger and Brian Krcelic, representing Nolte Associates, and Terry Bowen, representing Gray-Bowen presented a status report of the Mitchell/Service/SR99 Interchange project. The project is running behind schedule for three primary reasons:

1) Additional environmental work.

Caltrans has taken over the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) role and are requiring the environmental documents in a different format. It will take approximately 6 – 8 weeks to reformat the document at an approximate cost of \$35,000.00.

2) Caltrans concerns regarding the southbound on-ramp to SR99.

The City wanted to merge the southbound Mitchell and Service ramps prior to entering the freeway. Caltrans is requiring the Mitchell and Service southbound ramps to be separate.

3) Finalizing the geometrics and design exceptions.

Council voiced the following concerns:

- Disappointment with the progress of the project
- Continued eligibility for 2008 STIP funding.
- A slip in the original submission date for the environmental documents may be causing the added delay, and expense.
- Council is disappointed that the project does not seem to be making progress.
- Are we even designing what Caltrans wants?
- There are multiple change orders already pending.

Mr. Kachel thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as a Planning Commissioner.

MOTION: Approve the appointment of Robert Kachel to the Ceres Planning Commission.

MOVED: Moved by Vierra/seconded by Lane

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

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Steve Breckenridge, Ceres resident, expressed difficulties he has experienced in the past working with Caltrans.

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

MOTION: Approve the agenda as posted and certification of posting.

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 Monthly Report for July, 2007.
  - b. Parks, Recreation and Facilities Monthly Report for June & July, 2007.
  - c. Engineering Monthly Report for July 2007.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering August 10 – 16, 2007.
3. **Resolution No. 2007-163** rejecting the claim for damages of Kathleen Rubio.
4. **Resolution No. 2007-164** rejecting the claim for damages of California State Automobile Association and **Resolution No. 2007-165** rejecting the claim of Barbara Zuniga.
5. **Resolution No. 2007-166** rejecting the claim for damages of Pine Ridge Apartments. **Pulled for further discussion.**
6. Set public hearing date of September 10, 2007 for Consideration of Increase in Sewer Connection Fees for the North Ceres Sewer Service Area (NCSSA) for the Regular City Council Meeting of September 10, 2007.
7. Set public hearing date of September 10, 2007 for the appeal of Planning Commission approval of an amendment to a Planned Community Development Plan, to construct a residential care facility at 1628 Nadine Avenue.
8. **Resolution No. 2007- 167** authorizing the acceptance of California Integrated Waste Management Board's FY 2006/07 Local Government Waste Tire Cleanup and Amnesty Event Grant Funds and amending the 2007/08 Budget to appropriate those funds.

Steve Breckenridge, Ceres resident, asked staff if it would be possible to change the configuration of the bike path to prevent the City from purchasing the VELB credits?

Staff responded that they did not feel it was an option to move the bike path. They further explained that Phase 1 of the bike path is already complete. Two of the Elderberry bushes are on Phase 1 of the bike path so the City needs to purchase the VELB credits.

Mike Kline, Ceres resident, asked how often the shrubs need to be trimmed and will the City need to purchase VELB Credits each time?

Staff responded that the VELB Credits was a one-time purchase and the shrubs would now be part of our standard maintenance.

Mayor Cannella commented that he likes the format of the bike path.

**MOTION:** Approve **Resolution No. 2007-173** approving the agreement for sale of Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB) Credits for the Hatch Road Bike Path Project.

**MOVED:** Moved by Lane/seconded by Phipps

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

**15. Resolution No. 2007-174** approving a contract with ECO:LOGIC to provide design engineering services for the Headworks and Influent Pump Station Modification and amending the FY 2007/08 Budget to appropriate funds.

**MOTION:** Approve **Resolution No. 2007-174** approving a contract with ECO:LOGIC to provide design engineering services for the Headworks and Influent Pump Station Modification and amending the FY 2007/08 Budget to appropriate funds.

**MOVED:** Moved by Lane/seconded by Phipps

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

**16. Resolution No. 2007-175** authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Ontel Security Services, Inc. for patrol services at a cost not to exceed \$22,992 and amending the FY 2007/08 Budget to appropriate funds.

**MOTION:** Approve **Resolution No. 2007-175** authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Ontel Security Services, Inc. for patrol services at a cost not to exceed \$22,992 and amending the FY 2007/08 Budget to appropriate funds.

**MOVED:** Moved by Lane/seconded by Phipps

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**17. Resolution No. 2007- 176** accepting the Director of Public Safety's recommendations for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund expenditures.

Brad Kilger, introduced the item stating that this is an annual grant request utilized by the Public Safety Department.

MOTION: Approve **Resolution No. 2007-178** authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with JES Engineering, Inc. for a temporary Interim City Engineer and various Engineering Services and amending the FY 2007/08 Budget to appropriate funds.

MOVED: Moved by Vierra /seconded by Ochoa

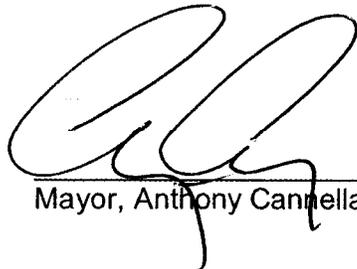
VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)**

**COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None**

**REPORTS**

Councilmembers and City Staff reported on various recent meetings including the upcoming League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 5 – 8, 2007; CYSA opening day on September 8, 2007; grand openings at Neel and Ryno parks on October 27, 2007; and various community picnics sponsored by the Department of Public Safety.

There being no further business, the Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on September 10, 2007.



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Mayor, Anthony Cannella

ATTEST:



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Cindy Heidorn, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk