

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 24, 2008.

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

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Lane, Ochoa, Vierra, Mayor Cannella

INVOCATION by Pastor Mark Whitehead, Victory Assembly of God.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Cannella.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of the Hoopsters Youth Basketball Volunteer Coaches.

Mayor Cannella thanked the Hoopsters Youth Basketball Volunteer Coaches for their generous donation of time to the youth of Ceres and presented them with Certificates of Appreciation.

B. Ceres Youth Commission Monthly Report.

Mariya Kondratyuk, Youth Commissioner, reported on the recent activities of the Ceres Youth Commission including the installation of officers; the Halloween Festival on October 31; a murder mystery dinner on November 6, 2008 and Youth and Government Day on November 12, 2008. Ms. Kondratyuk also announced the upcoming Christmas Festival on December 6; the 2nd annual Dodge Ball tournament and the Cram the Sam project.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Len Shepherd, resident, reiterated his comments from the last Council Meeting, he is in disagreement with the use of Consultants for various City projects and feels the City could put that money to better use.
- Pastor Mark Whitehead, Victory Assembly of God thanked Council for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ceres. Pastor Whitehead also invited everyone to a Thanksgiving Dinner being held at the Victory Assembly of God on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

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

MOTION: Approve the Agenda as amended and certification of posting.

MOVED: Moved by Lane/seconded by Vierra

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Department Monthly Report for October, 2008. (P. Scott)
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering October 31 – November 14, 2008. (S. Ragsdale)
3. **Resolution No. 2008-155** accepting Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance *2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant* and approving a Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget Amendment (B. McCoy)
4. **Resolution No. 2008-156** approving Addendum No. 3 to the scope of services for the Wastewater Collection System Capacity Evaluation and Utility Rate Update with ECO:LOGIC and amending the FY 2008/09 Budget to appropriate funds. (K. Craig)
5. Set Public Hearing date of December 8, 2008, to consider a proposal to annex and pre-zone two parcels that total 57.43 +/- acres at 3831 and 3967 Hatch Road for Dirk Wyatt. (K. Craig)

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items 1a – 5 as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Vierra/seconded by Durossette

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **Resolution No. 2008-157** approving the Public Facilities Fee Nexus Study for the City of Ceres and adopting the Public Facility Fee Schedules for the various Public Facility Categories contained in the Study.

Ken Craig, Community Development Director gave a brief overview of the steps taken by staff to arrive at the final Fee Study. The process included several public meetings and Council Study Sessions.

7:17 p.m. the Public Hearing was opened.

7:18 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Approve **Resolution No. 2008-157** approving the Public Facilities Fee Nexus Study for the City of Ceres and adopting the Public Facility Fee Schedules for the various Public Facility Categories contained in the Study.

MOVED: Moved by Vierra/seconded by Lane

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Resolution No. 2008-158** directing staff to schedule a hearing to consider adjustments to fees for water and sewer service; provide notice of the hearing and establish rules for counting protests against the proposed rate changes.

Steve Tarantino, EKI, reviewed the water and sewer rate process, the findings and Council direction from the Study Sessions of October 9 and November 5, 2008; the results of the water and sewer rate studies; the Turlock Irrigation District Project and how that will factor into the rates; and the next steps in the Prop 218 process.

Steve Breckenridge, resident, asked if renters could protest the rates.

Mike Lyons, responded that any person living on the property and receiving a utility bill could protest. Likewise the property owner could protest, but per statute, only one protest per parcel number counts.

Mr. Breckenridge asked for an estimate of the percentage of homes and businesses in the City that do not have a water meter.

Mr. Tarantino responded that approximately 95% of homes and businesses in the City of Ceres do not have a water meter.

Mr. Breckenridge further commented that the water meters will encourage conservation.

MOTION: Resolution No. 2008-158 directing staff to schedule a hearing to consider adjustments to fees for water and sewer service; provide notice of the hearing and establish rules for counting protests against the proposed rate changes.

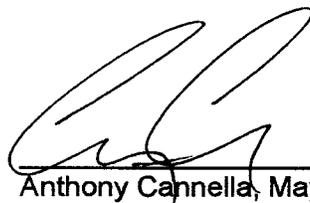
MOVED: Moved by Vierra/seconded by Lane

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)

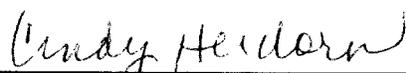
COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None.

City Council and Staff reported on various activities including the upcoming Christmas Festival on December 6, 2008, the upcoming dodge ball tournament and the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Corp Yard.

7:40 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Cannella adjourned the Council Meeting to the Ceres Redevelopment Agency Meeting.



Anthony Cannella, Mayor



Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk