

**CITY COUNCIL/CERES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
MINUTES**

**December 14, 2009**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Councilmembers Durossette, Ochoa, Vierra, Mayor Cannella

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Lane

**INVOCATION** by Pastor Adrian Condit, Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Central Valley High School SkillsUSA Chapter and Lowe's for their community service efforts in the Smyrna Park Rose Garden.

Several members of the Central Valley High School SkillsUSA Chapter were in attendance to accept the certificate.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the regular meeting of November 9, 2009 (Councilmember Ochoa Excused).

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2009.

**MOVED:** Moved by Durossette/seconded by Vierra

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Ochoa abstaining and Councilmember Lane absent (3/0/1)**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - None

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

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

**MOVED:** Moved by Vierra/seconded by Durossette

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent (4/0)**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

- A. Selection of Committee Appointments.

Mayor Cannella presented his Committee assignments for 2010. *A committee listing is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference.*

**MOTION:** Approve Mayor Cannella's committee assignments for 2010.

**MOVED:** Moved by Durossette/seconded by Vierra

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent (4/0)**

B. Selection of Vice Mayor.

Mayor Cannella selected Councilmember Ken Lane to be the Vice Mayor for the years 2010 – 2011.

MOTION: Approve Mayor Cannella’s appointment of Ken Lane as the Vice Mayor for the years 2010 – 2011.

MOVED: Moved by Ochoa/seconded by Durossette

**VOTE: Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent (4/0)**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. IT Division Monthly Report for November, 2009.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering November 13 – 30, 2009.
3. **Resolution No. 2009-136** approving a Budget Amendment to extend the contract with Management Partners for Interim Budget and Finance Staffing Services.
4. **Resolution No. 2009-XXX** approving an agreement between Ceres Youth Baseball and the City of Ceres for use of the Costa Baseball Complex. **Pulled for further discussion.**
5. Council approval of revised title and job description for the existing position of Utility Supervisor to Revenue and Customer Service Supervisor.
6. **Resolution No. 2009-138** authorizing the position of Budget and Accounting Manager and amending the FY 2009/10 Budget to appropriate funds. **Pulled for further discussion.**

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items 1-3 and 5 as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Vierra/seconded by Ochoa

**VOTE: Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent (4/0)**

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

4. **Resolution No. 2009-XXX** approving an agreement between Ceres Youth Baseball and the City of Ceres for use of the Costa Baseball Complex.

Councilmember Durossette pulled the item to discuss various concerns he had with the contract including:

- CYB exclusive use of fields from 2/2 – 8/31 (except weekends during August)
- Advertising can only be CYB.
- Concessions are CYB only.
- Renegotiate the contract when the concession stand is completed.
- Field rental charges are too low.

After some Council discussion and comments from Mr. Lance Goblirsch, President of CYB, Council directed staff to make the following changes in the contract language:

- Increase the field rental charges to \$125.00.
- Fields will be open on any weekend, with the approval of CYB, to hold open tournaments.
- All proceeds from concessions and field rental during tournaments will go to CYB to put back into the fields.
- Tournament sponsors have the ability to charge a gate fee and keep the proceeds.
- Contract will be renegotiated when the new concession stand is completed.

**MOTION:** Continue to the City Council Meeting of January 11, 2010 so the changes discussed could be made to the contract.

**MOVED:** Moved by Vierra/seconded by Ochoa

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent (4/0)**

**7. Resolution No. 2009-138** authorizing the position of Budget and Accounting Manager and amending the FY 2009/10 Budget to appropriate funds. **Pulled for further discussion.**

Councilmember Vierra pulled the item to express his concerns with the compensation level of the position being proposed. Councilmember Vierra felt the salary is too high and given the current economy, qualified applicants would still apply even at a lower pay range.

Staff responded that this position has had a substantial reduction in salary and with labor negotiations beginning in January, the salary is likely to be reduced even further. Any additional reductions may cause compression issues in the future. Staff also expressed concern that qualified applicants may be difficult to find if the salary were lowered too much.

**MOTION:** Approve **Resolution No. 2009-138** authorizing the position of Budget and Accounting Manager and amending the FY 2009/10 Budget to appropriate funds.

**MOVED:** Moved by Ochoa/seconded by Durossette

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent and Councilmember Vierra voting No. (3/1)**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8. Water Meter Program: Life-cycle cost and benefit evaluation between AMR (drive by) and AMI (fixed network).**

Phil Scott, Public Works Director, introduced the item presented a brief overview of the three options available, AMR (drive by system), AMI (fixed network system) and Walk Read and the pros and cons of each system.

Suzy McMullen, Triton Technologies, presented the costs associated with each system.. There is approximately a \$700,000 cost difference between the AMR system and the AMI system. Ms. McMullen also explained how the system would integrate into our Eden system for billing purposes.

Council immediately concurred that the walk-read system was too inefficient and not worth considering. Mayor Cannella asked staff if the City currently has everything we need for billing purposes to implement this project.

Mr. Scott stated that we do have everything we need to make a smooth transition, and the RFP for Triton Technologies provides for them to assist us in that transition.

Sheila Cumberland, Finance Director, responded that while she was not overly familiar with the project, we are doing billing for meters right now and from what she knows about this project, yes the City currently has what it will need for billing purposes.

Council discussed the short term and long term benefits of each system. With the AMI system the City will be able to monitor usage on a daily basis, the AMR system will only allow for a monthly reporting system.

Vendors representing both the AMR and the AMI systems were present to discuss the capabilities of each and the benefits to the City.

A representative from Sensus Metering Systems offered some money saving methods the City could employ to save on the AMI systems including dual metering, drilling holes in the meter box lids as opposed to replacing them, all of which could potentially be a substantial savings.

After further discussion with staff regarding the benefits of the AMI system and funding options for the additional costs associated with the AMI system, Council made the following motion:

**MOTION:** Authorize staff to move forward with the AMI fixed system.

**MOVED:** Moved by Vierra/seconded by Durossette

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane absent and Councilmember Ochoa voting No. (3/1)**

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **Resolution No. 2009-139** approving the FY2009/10 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the related budget amendment to fully fund the projects and **Resolution No. CRA2009-12** approving the FY2009/10 Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and the related budget amendment to fully fund the projects.

Glenn Gebhardt, Interim Development Services Director/City Engineer, presented the proposed CIP program to Council.

**MOTION:** Approve **Resolution No. 2009-139** approving the FY 2009/10 Capital Improvement Program and the related budget amendment to fully fund projects.

**MOVED:** Moved by Vierra/seconded by Durossette

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Councilmember Lane (4/0)**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution No. 2009-12 approving the FY2009/10 Redevelopment Agency Capital Improvement Program and the related budget amendment to fully fund the projects.

**MOVED:** Moved by Vierra/seconded by Ochoa

**VOTE:** **Motion passed with Board Member Lane absent (4/0)**

**COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS** – None.

**REPORTS** – None.

9:21 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Anthony Cannella, Mayor

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Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk