

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
MINUTES**

September 12, 2011

Mayor Vierra called the September 12, 2011 City Council Study Session to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Council Goals, Projects, Priorities and Programs for FY 2011/12.

Toby Wells, Director of Engineering/City Engineer gave a brief overview of the report stating that on June 1, 2011, a Study Session was conducted to seek Council direction on the Council's Goals and prioritizing of Projects and Programs for the Fiscal Year 2011/12. As a result, staff has reviewed the items that were of interest to the Council. The following list provides an overview of each item for consideration and further direction. There is currently approximately \$4,000,000 available in the General Fund Reserve that could be used for the projects. However, use of these funds would bring the fund balance below the 25% approved by Council. There is also approximately \$3.1 million dollars available in the Neighborhood Park Fee Fund for Park projects. Currently, we do not have funds for maintenance. Mr. Wells requested that Council provide further direction and set priorities.

Council reviewed the projects and estimated costs and made the following recommendations:

COUNCIL DIRECTION:

PROJECTS:

City Hall Renovations: Hold off until we have funds for construction.

Reuse/Remodel of White Room: Move forward, get quotes for construction and bring back to Council.

Upgrade Phone system & move switch to data center: Rework Audix system to make it more efficient. Long term, we will need to move to a new system.

Parks Master Plan: Wait.

Additional Parking at Smyrna Park: (current drainage area): Wait.

Development of Lions Park and Park in Eastgate: Wait.

Smyrna Park Restrooms: Move forward.

CRPRP Expansion to include additional Soccer fields or Tennis Courts: Look at plan, revise the layout if feasible. CYSO may have funds to contribute if soccer fields are developed.

Landscape Medians – Mitchell North of Hatch: Study Session to discuss plan for landscape medians from 99 – River Road. Pull old plan for review and discuss estimated cost of new plan.

Whitmore Over-crossing Lane Use Re-Designation – Lazy Wheels and Castaneda Property: Information Only.

Use of Redevelopment Funding to assist the School District with the installation of lighting and/or bleachers for the Central High School football field: Schedule for 2+2+2

Visual or Performing Arts Center – Downtown: Part of Downtown Specific Plan. Council supports but it needs to be private developer owned and operated.

Downtown Specific Plan – Can we move forward on a few components to make it more attractive should the new Wal-Mart be approved? Council would like to do this, needs to wait until we find out if we will have a Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment money to fund.

Whitmore Interchange Landscaping: Caltrans says they are looking for funds to do it. Toby Wells recommended that we use T21 Funds if they become available.

PROGRAMS:

Expand Affiliated Youth Sports Organization Program (City/District MOU): Schedule for 2+2+2.

Comprehensive Update of Sign Ordinance: Schedule for Study Session after first of the year (January 2012).

Economic Development–Creating an Identity–Retail Opportunities–Retail Leakage: We need to be aggressive and proactive seek business.

Maintain the Beautification of the Downtown (flowers, landscaping etc.): Continue.

Forming an Improvement District to work on the under grounding of utilities: Wait. Since there is no health and safety issue, do not need to do at this time.

Farmer’s Market-Extending the hours into the evening or combining it with Concerts in the Park Series: Combine with the Concerts in the Park Series and extending the hours is OK.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Study Session at 6:35 p.m.

/s/ Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/ Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk