

JT. CITY COUNCIL/CRA MINUTES

January 23, 2012

Mayor Vierra called the Joint City Council/CRA Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Ingwerson, Kline, Lane, Mayor Vierra

INVOCATION by Pastor Herb Henry, Richland Faith Assembly of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meeting of November 14, 2011. (Durossette absent)

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2011.

MOVED: Moved by Lane/seconded by Kline

VOTE: **Motion passed with Councilmember Durossette abstaining. (4/0/1)**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Len Shepherd, resident spoke in support of the Public Safety Department.
- Mary Murado, resident, spoke in support of the upcoming ballot measure, Measure T continuing the Stanislaus County Library Tax and asked Council for their support.
- Jim Wyatt, spoke in support of Youth Basketball.
- Paul Butler, expressed concern over the School Board and City requirement for all volunteer coaches to have live scan and CPR Training stating that the costs will be too high.
- Delvecio Rudd, resident, commented that the youth sports programs have an upcoming meeting with City of Ceres staff to discuss the new requirements.
- Don Donaldson, representing youth basketball asked Council if the City could offer liver scan and CPR classes at a discounted rate to the coaches.
- Council requested that a review of the MOU between the City and CUSD for sports programs be agendized for an upcoming Study Session. Council also stated that Linda Davis is the contact person for the School District.

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

MOTION: Approve the agenda as posted and certification of posting

MOVED: Moved by Kline/seconded by Durossette

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

- A. Council concurrence of Mayor Vierra's recommendation to appoint Mr. Dave Chapman to the Ceres Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2015.

MOTION: Approve Mayor Vierra's appointment of Mr. Dave Chapman to the Ceres Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire December 31, 2015.

MOVED: Moved by Lane/seconded by Ingwerson

VOTE: Motion passed with Councilmember Kline voting No. (4/1)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. IT Division Monthly Report for December, 2011.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering December 20, 2011 – January 12, 2012.
3. **Resolution No. 2012-06** authorizing the destruction of certain records and documents maintained by the Finance Department.
4. **Resolution No. 2012-07** awarding the contract for uniform service for the Public Works Department to Aramark Uniform Services. PULLED TO COMMEND STAFF FOR SAVING MONEY.
5. **Resolution No. 2012-08** awarding the Construction Contract for the Hackett Road Well #35 Electrical Upgrade to Day's Generator Service Inc., authorizing a 10% contingency and authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Contract. PULLED FOR THE DEFINITION OF CONTINGENCY.
6. **Resolution No. 2012-09** awarding the Construction Contract for the Mitchell Road Water Main Project to Clyde Wheeler Pipeline, authoring a 10% contingency and authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Contract. PULLED FOR THE DEFINITION OF CONTINGENCY.
7. **Resolution No. 2012-10** approving an Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with West Yost Associates - Construction Management & Inspection Services for the Headworks & Influent Pump Station construction project.
8. **Resolution No. 2012-11** approving a Consultant Agreement for Council Team Building and Goal Setting Workshop. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
9. **Resolution No. 2012-12** approving a Budget Amendment allowing a transfer from the General Fund Reserves to reconcile the City of Ceres Portion of the 2010/2011 Animal Services Agency Operational Costs. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
10. **Resolution No. 2012-01CRA** amending the Redevelopment Agency's Enforceable Obligations Payment Schedule (EOPS) for the period ending June 30, 2012.

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items 1a, 2-7 and 10 as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Kline/seconded by Durossette

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

8. **Resolution No. 2012-11** approving a Consultant Agreement for Council Team Building and Goal Setting workshop.

Len Shepherd, resident, pulled the item to express his opposition to a Council Team Building and Goal Setting Workshop.

Staff responded that a team building and goal setting workshop conducted by professional consultants would be of great assistance to the City in promoting Council-Member and City staff teamwork. Further, City Staff feels that the workshop would be particularly helpful at this time given the recent election which has resulted in two new Council Members; economic circumstances which have resulted in fewer employees available to provide City services; and challenging budget circumstances which will benefit from a refined focus on City priorities.

MOTION: Approve **Resolution No. 2012-11** as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Durossette/seconded by Kline

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

9. **Resolution No. 2012-12** approving a Budget Amendment allowing a transfer from the General Fund Reserves to reconcile the City of Ceres Portion of the 2010/11 Animal Services Agency.

Len Shepherd, resident, asked for an explanation of the report.

Staff responded that Fiscal Year 2010-12 was the first complete year that Stanislaus Animal Services Agency Operated as an Agency Fund rather than a General Fund as it did historically when it was a Stanislaus County Department. During the budget process, the operations cost for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was devised and then broken out for each member using the percentages for animal intake by jurisdiction. The original estimated contribution budgeted for the City of Ceres was less than the actual figures. This payment will “true-up” the City’s portion for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Steps have been taken to ensure this does not take place in the future.

MOTION: Approve **Resolution No. 2012-12** as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Durossette/seconded by Kline

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING– None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

11. **Resolution No. 2012-13** authorizing a Grant Application to the National endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant for the Whitmore Mansion Site. (B. Briggs)

Bryan Briggs, Economic Development/Redevelopment Manager, presented the report to Council stating that City staff has been asked by Mayor Vierra to explore the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant application process as it might apply to the City’s ongoing preservation and adaptive reuse efforts at the Whitmore Mansion site. The grant awards require a nonfederal match of at least one (1) to one (1). Fundamental to each grant application is a partnership that must involve two primary partners: a nonprofit organization and a local government entity. The Whitmore Mansion site, which is proposed to be acquired by the City from present owners will have to be used for public purposes and consist of one parcel on approximately three acres of land. If successful staff would use the grant funding to prepare a master plan for the parcel.

Council asked what account the matching funds would come from and if \$50,000 would be enough for a Master Plan.

Staff responded that the funds would come from General Fund Reserves and \$50,000 would be adequate to develop a Master Plan.

Those speaking in opposition to the project voicing concerns that the City would use public funds to benefit a private citizen and there is no money to develop the site even if a master plan is done.

- Len Shepherd, resident
- Daniel Padilla, resident

After some Council discussion it was decided that the Master Plan would encompass the entire City block and the City should not pass up a chance to receive free money.

MOTION: Approve **Resolution No. 2012-13** as recommended by staff.

MOVED: Moved by Durossette/seconded by Lane

VOTE: Motion passed with Councilmember Kline voting No. (4/1)

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None.

REPORTS

Council and Staff reported on various recent and upcoming activities including the recent Chamber Annual Awards dinner, League of CA Cities New Mayor and Councilmember Academy. Mayor Vierra congratulated staff on the recent grant award for Rubberized Asphalt pavement overlay. Mayor Vierra agreed to join the Jobs Creation Committee headed up by Councilmember Kline.

8:52 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Council Meeting to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

City Negotiator: Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit

Employee Organization: First Line Supervisors/Confidential Bargaining Group

Employee Organization: Mid-Management Employees

Employee Organization: Public Safety Mid-Managers

Employee Organization: Ceres Department of Public Safety Firefighters Association

Employee Organization: Ceres Police Officers' Association

Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957.6

10:53 p.m. Mayor Vierra reconvened the meeting into Open Session with nothing to report.

10:53 p.m. Mayor Vierra adjourned the Joint City Council/CRA meeting.

Chris Vierra, Mayor

Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk