

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**February 27, 2012**

Mayor Vierra called the February 27, 2012 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

**INVOCATION** by Pastor Ken Sylvia, Youth For Christ

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

### PRESENTATIONS

- A. Report by Ceres Youth Commission President Alexa Ortega. *Ms. Ortega was not in attendance.*
- B. Proclamation declaring February 2012 as National African American History Month presented to Frank Johnson, NAACP  
Mr. Johnson thanked Council for their recognition of African American History Month.
- C. Proclamation declaring February 2012 as National Heart Month presented to Len Shepherd  
Mr. Shepherd accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for their acknowledgment of National Heart Month.
- D. Proclamation declaring February 2012 as National Teen Dating and Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.  
Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the regular meeting of February 13, 2012. (Durossette, Vierra absent)

**ACTION:** Moved by Ingwerson/seconded by Kline to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 13, 2012. **Motion passed with Councilmember Durossette and Mayor Vierra abstaining. (3/0/2)**

### CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Amy Postly, resident, addressed Council with some concerns she had with the organizer of the Ceres Youth Basketball program. Ms. Postly stated that his behavior towards parents was offensive and should not be tolerated.
- Gloria Perkoff, resident, confirmed what Ms. Postly stated and added that parents are uncomfortable attending the games.  
Council directed Ms. Postly and Ms. Perkoff to call the Ceres Unified School District with their complaints.
- Shirley Davis and Jim Bergemashi, representing the Ceres Garden Club, spoke to Council about the "Let Freedom Ring" project in which they would like to plant a tree with a dedicated plaque for each president of the United States. This could be used as a leaning tool for local schools. Ms. Davis said that she would like to have the dedication of the project on Veteran's Day.

- Michelle Coxford, Children’s Regional Librarian, addressed Council about recent and upcoming events at the Ceres Library.
- Len Shepherd, resident, addressed Council voicing his support for the Ceres Fire Department and his concern that the Fire Department is understaffed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED AMENDED AND CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

**ACTION:** Moved by Lane/seconded by Kline to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of Items 7 and 8 as recommended by staff. **Motion passed unanimously (5/0)**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Vierra was removed as the Alternate to the StanCOG Policy Board and Councilmember Eric Ingwerson was appointed to service as the alternate to the StanCOG Policy Board.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION** – None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. Public Works Monthly Report for January, 2012.
  - b. IT Division Monthly Report for January, 2012.
  - c. FY 2011/12 Mid-Year Budget Report.
  - d. Recreation Division Monthly Report for January, 2012.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering February 10-15, 2012.
3. **Resolution No. 2012-23** supporting an effective Sustainable Community Strategy for Stanislaus Council of Governments as required by SB 375 and committing to leadership for economically viable smart growth planning.
4. Review and approval of the Measure H Oversight Committee Resolution No. 2012-01, approving the Annual Report of the Committee regarding the Expenditure of Measure H Revenues for year ending June 30, 2011. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
5. **Resolution No. 2012-24** accepting the 2011 Well Abandonment Project as complete, authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion and retention release to the contractor.
6. **Resolution No. 2012-25** approving a short term loan from the Street Reserve Account in the amount of \$1,246,301 to the Street Light Replacement Project Account and amending the FY 2011/12 Budget to appropriate funds. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

**ACTION:** Moved by Lane/seconded by Durossette to approve Consent Calendar Items 1-3 and 5 as recommended by staff. **Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)**

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

4. Review and approval of the Measure H Oversight Committee **Resolution No. 2012-01**, approving the Annual Report of the Committee regarding the Expenditure of Measure H Revenues for year ending June 30, 2011.

**ACTION:** Moved by Kline/seconded by Durossette to approve of the Measure H Oversight Committee annual report regarding the expenditure of Measure H Revenues for Year Ending June 30, 2011. **Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)**

6. **Resolution No. 2012-25** approving a short term loan from the Street Reserve Account in the amount of \$1,246,301 to the Street Light Replacement Project Account and amending the FY 201112 Budget to appropriate funds.

Leonard Shepherd, Resident, pulled the item and requested a staff report.

**ACTION:** Moved by Ingwerson/seconded by Durossette to Approve **Resolution No. 2012-25** as recommended by staff. **Motion passed unanimously. (5/0)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS**

Council requested the following items be placed on upcoming Study Session Agendas for discussion:

- Sign Ordinance
- “Let Freedom Ring” project

#### **REPORTS**

Council and staff reported on various recent and upcoming events and programs for the City including the HEAL Cities program fostered by the League of California Cities.

7:48 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting.

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Chris Vierra, Mayor

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Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk

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**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

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2. In the display case located at 2210 Magnolia Street.
3. Ceres Library located at 2250 Magnolia Street.
4. In the display case located at 2701 Fourth Street.

Date: February 17, 2012

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Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk