

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2012

Mayor Vierra called the City Council meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

INVOCATION by Mr. Mike Brinton, Deputy Director of Public Works

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Regular Meetings and Study Sessions of November 13 and 26, 2012 and the Special Meeting of November 20, 2012. (All present)

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Ingwerson to approve the Regular Meeting and Study Session minutes of November 13 and 26, 2012; and the Special Meeting minutes of November 20, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Guillermo Ochoa, resident, asked staff for an update on the replacement of trees in the Eastgate area.

Staff responded that the trees should be installed in approximately two weeks.

- Len Shepherd, resident, commented on the effectiveness of neighborhood watch programs; the recent opening of Christmas Tree Lane and his appreciation of the invocation at the beginning of Council Meetings.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Ingwerson/Seconded by Durossette to approve the agenda as posted (or amended) and certification of posting. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Major Project Update December 1, 2012.
 - b. Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Update December 1, 2012.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering November 20–30, 2012

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Kline to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended by staff.. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Council approval of a contract with the Whitmore Foundation for the operation and maintenance of the Clinton Whitmore Mansion.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve a contract with the Whitmore Foundation for the operation and maintenance of the Clinton Whitmore Mansion. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

4. **Resolution No. 2012-164** approving a professional services agreement with Urban Futures, Inc., for the preparation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Ceres and appropriating \$121,100 from General Fund Reserves to fund the Agreement.

Marshall Linn, representing Urban Futures, Inc., presented an outline of the components of an Economic Development Strategic Plan and the potential benefits for the City of Ceres. Mr. Linn estimated that the finished plan would be ready for Council in May, 2013.

Those speaking in support of an Economic Development Plan:

- Len Shepherd, resident
- Ken Groves, resident
- Dustin Pack representing the Ceres Chamber of Commerce
- Hugo Molina, resident
- Bill Bassett, representing the Alliance

Guillermo Ochoa, resident addressed Council stating that the City needs to settle the Super Wal-mart issue. Once the Super Wal-mart begins to build, other businesses will come to town.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Ingwerson to **Resolution No. 2012-164** approving a professional services agreement with Urban Futures, Inc., for the preparation of an Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Ceres and appropriating \$121,100 from General Fund Reserves to fund the Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

5. **Resolution No. 2012-165** approving purchase of Whitmore Mansion Property; authorizing execution of escrow documents; authorizing acceptance and recording of Grant Deed and **Resolution No. 2012-166** amending the FY 2012/13 Budget to appropriate funds for the purchase of real property at 2732 5th Street.

- Len Shepherd, resident, spoke in support of the purchase.
- Guillermo Ochoa, resident, spoke in opposition to the purchase. Mr. Ochoa was opposed to the City's use of park funds to purchase the property citing the undeveloped parks in the community as a more appropriate use of park funds.

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Ingwerson to **Resolution No. 2012-165** approving purchase of Whitmore Mansion Property; authorizing execution of escrow documents; authorizing acceptance and recording of Grant Deed. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Ingwerson to approve **Resolution No. 2012-166** amending the FY 2012/13 Budget to appropriate funds for the purchase of real property at 2732 5th Street. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

6. **Resolution No. 2012-167** approving an increased allocation to the Agreement for Retainer Consulting Services with O'Dell Engineering and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Amendment.

ACTION: It was moved by Ingwerson/Seconded by Kline to approve **2012-167** approving an increased allocation to the Agreement for Retainer Consulting Services with O'Dell Engineering and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Amendment. **Motion carried unanimously (5/0)**

9:10 p.m. ADJOURN AS CITY COUNCIL TO MEETINGS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCIES OF THE FORMER CERES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE FORMER STANISLAUS CERES REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

9:15 p.m. RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS - None

REPORTS

Council and staff reported on various upcoming community events including the recently held opening celebration of Christmas Tree Lane and the Christmas plans for the Employee Activity Committee

9:19 p.m. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Potential litigation pursuant to Government Code, Section 54956.9

One (1) Potential Case

9:40 p.m. Mayor Vierra reconvened in Open Session with nothing to report.

9:40 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chris Vierra, Mayor

Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk