

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

October 14, 2013

Mayor Vierra called the October 14, 2013 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 Michael Brinton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation declaring October, 2013 as Crime Prevention Month. Deputy Chief Borges accepted the Proclamation.
- B. Proclamation declaring October 5 & 6, 2013 as Fallen Firefighters Weekend and October 6-12, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week. Deputy Chief Nicholes accepted the proclamation.
- C. Ceres Firefighters gave a presentation on the activities of the Fire Department during October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meetings of August 12, September 9 and September 23, 2013 and the Study Sessions of September 9 and September 23, 2013. (All Present)

ACTION: It was moved by Ingwerson/Seconded by Durossette to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of August 12, September 9 and September 23 and the Study Sessions of September 9 and September 23, 2013. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Jeff Rowe, representing the Alliance gave an update on the recent happenings at the Alliance.
- Len Shepherd, resident, spoke regarding fallen fire fighters week and about the integrity of the Ceres Fire Department.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve the Agenda as posted 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. Public Works Department Monthly Report for August, 2013.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering September 23–October 3, 2013.
3. **Resolution No. 2013-91** accepting the bid of Marina Landscape, Inc. for the Whitmore Avenue Interchange Landscape Project, authorizing a 10% contingency, authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute the contract, and approving a Budget Amendment to fully fund the project.
4. **Resolution No. 2013-92** approving a two-year contract for Graffiti Removal Services with Affordable Custom Painting at a rate of \$68.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000 annually without prior Council approval.
5. **Resolution No. 2013-93** accepting a CalRecycle Waste Tire Amnesty Grant and approving a Budget Amendment.

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Kline to approve Consent Calendar Items 1a, 2 and 5 as recommended by staff. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Resolution No. 2013-91** accepting the bid of Marina Landscape, Inc. for the Whitmore Avenue Interchange Landscape Project, authorizing a 10% contingency, authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute the contract, and approving a Budget Amendment to fully fund the project.

Item pulled by Vice Mayor Lane who requested additional information on the scope of the landscaping and funding for the project.

Toby Wells, Deputy City Manager/City Engineer responded that the project is to install landscaping in and around the Whitmore Avenue interchange on both sides of State Route 99. The project will include landscape features including irrigation systems, plantings, hydro-seeding, decorative rock and mulch, decompose granite and colored stamped concrete. Mr. Wells further stated that the funding for the project is primarily from a State Transportation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$704,000. Matching funds for the balance of the project cost will come from the Local Transportation Fund.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Ingwerson to approve **Resolution No. 2013-91** accepting the bid of Marina Landscape, Inc. for the Whitmore Avenue Interchange Landscape Project, authorizing a 10% contingency, authorizing the Acting City Manager to Execute the contract, and approving a Budget Amendment to fully fund the project. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

4. **Resolution No. 2013-92** approving a two-year contract for Graffiti Removal Services with Affordable Custom Painting at a rate of \$68.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000 annually without prior Council approval.

Item pulled by Councilmember Kline to who commented on the success of the program. The costs are going down every year due to the rapid response times and the City's proactive approach to graffiti removal.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve **Resolution No. 2013-92** approving a two-year contract for Graffiti Removal Services with Affordable Custom Painting at a rate of \$68.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000 annually without prior Council approval. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Resolution No. 2013-94** approving the Ceres River Bluff Regional Park Master Plan Update.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Kline to approve **Resolution No. 2013-94** approving the Ceres River Bluff Regional Park Master Plan Update. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None.

REPORTS

Staff and Council reported on various recent and upcoming activities including the ongoing PG&E Construction project and the upcoming charity football game “Guns and Hoses”.

7:45 p.m. Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION/APPOINTMENT

Title: Contract Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957(b)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Consideration of initiation of litigation/settlement pursuant to paragraph (4) subdivision (d) of Section 54056.9 of the Government Code. (one potential case – Property Tax Administration Fees)

8:14 p.m. Mayor Vierra reconvened in Open Session with nothing to report.

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Chris Vierra, Mayor

Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk