

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2013

Mayor Vierra called the November 25, 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 Tony Esping, Ceres Hands of Compassion

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

- Proclamation Declaring November 30, 2013 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Ceres. Proclamation accepted by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce.
- Proclamation in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Ghadar Party. Proclamation accepted by Mr. Nirvail Singh.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Carol Blomquist, Ceres Regional Librarian, gave an update on recent and upcoming events at the Ceres Library.
- Len Shepherd, resident spoke regarding the recent “Fill the Boot” activity held by Ceres Emergency Services to raise money and awareness for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- Don Cool, resident, requested an update on the removal and/or enforcement of a-frame and other illegal signs. Mr. Cool stated that we have a City Ordinance we are not enforcing. *Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development, gave a brief update of the status of the sign committee being formed to discuss the issue.* Mr. Cool also asked about the Volunteers in Code Enforcement Program (VICE). *Staff responded that Deputy Chief Nicholes would be contacting him with information on the VICE Program.* Mr. Cool further asked if the City could put a trash receptacle at the bus stop on the corner of 9th and Magnolia. *Staff responded that they would look into the placement of a trash receptacle at the bus stop.*

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

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane 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. Building Division Monthly Report for October, 2013.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering November 6 – 13, 2013.
3. Council authorization to close City Hall for four days of mandatory furlough December 23, 26, 27 and 30, 2013 and cancelling the last City Council meeting in December which is scheduled to be held on December 23, 2013. **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**
4. **Resolution No. 2013-107** approving a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) for Redwood Mortgage Investors (IV, VII, & VIII) for two properties located at the southeast corner of Malik Avenue and Whitmore Avenue (APN's 086-016-047 and 086-016-048). **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**
5. **Resolution No. 2013-108** awarding the Contract for the CDBG Infrastructure Infill Project to Breneman, Inc., authorizing a 10% contingency and authorizing the Acting City Manager to execute the Contract.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Council authorization to close City Hall for four days of mandatory furlough December 23, 26, 27 and 30, 2013 and cancelling the last City Council meeting in December, which is scheduled to be held on December 23, 2013.

Item pulled by Len Shepherd, resident, who inquired about the mandated furlough days. Staff responded that the mandated furlough days are a part of the employees MOUs.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to authorize the closure of City Hall for four days of mandatory furlough December 23, 26, 27 and 30, 2013 and cancel the last City Council meeting in December, which is scheduled to be held on December 23, 2013 recommended by Staff. **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

4. **Resolution No. 2013-107** approving a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) for Redwood Mortgage Investors (IV, VII, & VIII) for two properties located at the southeast corner of Malik Avenue and Whitmore Avenue (APN's 086-016-047 and 086-016-048).

Pulled by Councilmember Kline to question whether there might be future access issues for either of the lots.

Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development, explained that there is a cross-access easement between the two lots to prevent that from happening.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Lane to approve **Resolution No. 2013-107** approving a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) for Redwood Mortgage Investors (IV, VII, & VIII) for two properties located at the southeast corner of Malik Avenue and Whitmore Avenue (APN's 086-016-047 and 086-016-048). **Motion Carried Unanimously. (5/0)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS - None.

REPORTS

Council and Staff reported on various recent and upcoming activities.

7:26 p.m. There being no further business Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting.

Chris Vierra, Mayor

Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk