

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2013

Mayor Vierra called the December 9, 2013 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Kline, Ryno, Mayor Vierra

EXCUSED Councilmember Lane

INVOCATION by Pastor Mark Whitehead, Victory Assembly of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

Member of the VFW Post No. 10293 presented the City with a street sign and a plaque received by the VFW Post as an award for their many acts of service during the year.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meeting of November 12, 2013.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Len Shepherd, resident, congratulated the VFW for the honors they received and thanked them for their service. Mr. Shepherd also thanked Council for the great job they do.
- Beth Hunt, representing the Chamber of Commerce, announced the Service Club Mixer taking place on December 12, 2013.
- Helen Condit, representing Senator Anthony Cannella's office announced that Senator Cannella's office is available to help residents with their issues or concerns and urged anyone with an issue or question to contact their office.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Kline to approve the agenda as posted and certification of posting. **Motion carried with Councilmember Lane excused. (4/0)**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

1. Council concurrence of Mayor Vierra's recommendation to re-appoint of Hugo Molina to the Planning Commission for a four year term expiring December 31, 2017.

Councilmember Ryno asked if the City recruited for the Planning Commission vacancy and how many other applications were received.

Mayor Vierra responded that Planning Commissioner Molina has been doing an excellent job on the Planning Commission and has expressed a desire to continue serving. For those reasons, Mayor Vierra is recommending the re-appointment of Mr. Molina.

The City's past practice has included both re-appointment and recruitment at the discretion of the Mayor.

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Kline to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Hugo Molina to the Planning Commission for a four year term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion carried with Councilmember Ryno Voting No and Councilmember Lane excused. (3/1)

2. Approval of Mayor Vierra's recommendation of Council Members to various Committees.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve the committee appointments as recommended by Mayor Vierra (list attached for reference) and change the name of Committee #10- Jobs Creation Committee to Economic Development Committee. **Motion carried with Councilmember Lane excused. (4/0)**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works monthly report for October 2013.
 - b. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update, December 1, 2013.
 - c. Major Project Update, December 1, 2013.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering November 20 – 26, 2013.
3. **Resolution No. 2013-110** accepting the Mitchell Road Overlay (Phase II) Project STPL 5241-(038) as Complete, Approving the Balancing Contract Change Order, Authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor.
4. **Resolution No. 2013-111** approving the purchase of two Ford Trucks from Country Ford Trucks Inc. for the public works department, and three Chevy Tahoe's from Winner Chevrolet for the Police Department and Authorize the Deputy City Manager to sign the purchase orders. **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**
5. **Resolution No. 2013-112** approving an agreement with DataPath Technology Services for a comprehensive study of the City of Ceres IT infrastructure and amending the FY 2013-14 Budget to appropriate funds. **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**
6. Council approval of the consignment of four (4) used saddles from the now-defunct Ceres Police Equestrian Unit.

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Kline to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1 – 3 and 6 as recommended by Staff. **Motion carried with Councilmember Lane excused. (4/0)**

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4. **Resolution No. 2013-111** approving the purchase of two Ford trucks from Country Ford Trucks, Inc. for the Public Works Department, and three Chevy Tahoe's from Winner Chevrolet for the Police Department and Authorize the Deputy City Manager to sign the purchase orders.

The item was pulled by Councilmember Ryno who asked which vehicles are being replaced.

Deputy City Manager, Toby Wells responded that the new vehicles will replace three cruisers which will go to surplus.

Councilmember Ryno asked why only one of the vehicles was 4-wheel drive.

Acting City Manager, Art de Werk responded that the City currently does not have many four-wheel drive vehicles and there are circumstances where they are warranted.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Ryno to approve **Resolution No. 2013-111** approving the purchase of two Ford trucks from Country Ford Trucks, Inc. for the Public Works Department, and three Chevy Tahoe's from Winner Chevrolet for the Police Department and Authorize the Deputy City Manager to sign the purchase orders. **Motion carried with Councilmember Lane excused. (4/0)**

5. **Resolution No. 2013-112** approving an agreement with DataPath Technology Services for a comprehensive study of the City of Ceres IT infrastructure and amending the FY 2013-14 Budget to appropriate funds.

The Item was pulled by Councilmember Kline who expressed concern that the City would pay for the study to be done and not have the resources to act on the recommendations before the report becomes obsolete.

Art de Werk, Acting City Manager responded that technology is changing and the City has had no upgrades in years. This report will provide a baseline for future upgrades.

David Darmstandler, representing DataPath addressed Council stating that the report would provide an inventory of what the City currently has as well as a scoping plan for the future.

Councilmember Kline asked if Staff has seen a sample report.

Deputy City Manager, Sheila Cumberland, responded that Staff has seen a sample report and she would provide a copy to Council.

Len Shepherd, resident, asked how much the report would cost the City.

Staff responded that the report would be \$23,520.00 and would include all City Departments.

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Ryno to approve **Resolution No. 2013-112** approving an agreement with DataPath Technology Services for a comprehensive study of the City of Ceres IT infrastructure and amending the FY 2013-14 Budget to appropriate funds. **Motion carried with Councilmember Lane excused. (4/0)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None.

REPORTS

Council and Staff reported on various recent and upcoming events including the recently held Christmas Tree Lane Festival, a grant recently acquired by the Fire Department for new fire nozzles and the upcoming Beards for Kids Contest and gift wrapping party on December 21, 2013.

7:41 p.m. Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: 2812 Service Road, Ceres, CA - approx. 18 acres

Agency Negotiator: Toby Wells

Negotiating Parties: City of Ceres/Ralph Ogden

Purpose of acquisition: Development

Instructions will include price, terms of payment or both.

Pursuant to Gov't. Code §54956.8

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 Professional Firefighters Association

Employee Organization: Ceres Police Officers Association

Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957.6

9:01 p.m. The City Council reconvened in Open Session with nothing to report.

9:01 p.m. There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Vierra, Mayor

Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk