

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 10, 2014

Mayor Vierra called the February 10, 2014 City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:

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

EXCUSED Councilmember Kline

INVOCATION by Jim Stochl, Harvest Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation declaring February 2014 as Grand Jury Awareness Month in the City of Ceres. Accepted by Carmen Morad, President of the Stanislaus County Chapter of the California Grand Juror's Association. *Ms. Carmen Morad accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for their recognition.*
- B. Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG Executive Director, Presentation regarding the Regional Tax Measure Expenditure Plan.

Mr. Carlos Yamzon, Executive Director of StanCOG presented StanCOG's plan to include a 25-year ½ cent transportation sales tax measure on the November 2013 ballot.

Council wants to ensure that the Mitchell Rd. Interchange Project is included on the list of projects to benefit from the ½ cent sales tax increase. Council directed staff to bring back a Resolution to move the project forward.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014. (All Present)

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Rene Ledbetter, representing the Ceres Chamber of Commerce reported on several upcoming Chamber events.
- Len Shepherd, resident, spoke against a ½ cent tax increase stating that a 25-year tax increase was too long.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

A. Approve **Resolution No. 2014-16** reappointing Brandy Meyer to the Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizen’s Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2015.

- Len Shepherd, resident and member of the Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizens Advisory Commission, stated that he has worked with Brandy on the Committee for several years and supports her reappointment.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Ryno to approve **Resolution No. 2014-16** reappointing Brandy Meyer to the Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizen’s Advisory Committee for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2015. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Dept. Monthly Report for December 2013.
 - b. Fire Department Overtime Informational Report.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering January 21–29, 2014.
3. **Resolution 2014-17** authorization to file a Notice of Exemption for the construction of the Ryno Park Playground Project.
4. **Resolution 2014-18** accepting the Contract for the Safe Route 2 School, Carrol Fowler & Mae Hensley Corridor as complete; approving the balancing contract change order, authorizing the filing of the notice of completion and retention release to the contractor. **PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve Consent Calendar Items 1a, 1b, 2 and 3 as recommended by staff. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 4. **Resolution No. 2014-18** accepting the Contract for the Safe Route 2 School, Carrol Fowler & Mae Hensley Corridor as complete; approving the balancing contract change order, authorizing the filing of the notice of completion and retention release to the contractor.

Item pulled by Councilmember Lane who had a question regarding the installation of new signage. Staff responded that the signage would be installed this week.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to approve **Resolution No. 2014-18** accepting the Contract for the Safe Route 2 School, Carrol Fowler & Mae Hensley Corridor as complete; approving the balancing contract change order, authorizing the filing of the notice of completion and retention release to the contractor. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5. Council direction regarding amendment of the Measure H Ordinance to eliminate the restriction on the length of time Measure H Oversight Committee Members may serve.

After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the term limits, the following motion was made:

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to amend the Measure H Ordinance to remove term limits. Motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane
 NOES: Councilmember Ryno, Mayor Vierra
 ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to continue the item to the February 24, 2014 City Council Meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Councilmember Kline

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS

Council requested that the following item be placed on the March 10, 2014 Study Session: City Facility Rentals/Shop Local Campaign.

REPORTS

Council and Staff reported on various recent and upcoming activities.

8:36 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk