

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION by Mr. Mike Brinton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation Declaring March as National Red Cross Month. Accepted by Rebecca Ciszek, American Red Cross.
Ms. Ciszek accepted the proclamation and thanked Council for their continued support.
- B. Citizen recognition by the Ceres Department of Public Safety.
Department of Public Safety recognized Domingo and Angelo Bermudez for rescuing their two year old niece from a drowning accident.
- C. Demonstration of new Public Safety Scanning Devices.
Officers Jason Coley and Keith Kitcher demonstrated the new surveying device the City received. The device which was purchased through grant funding will assist in documenting traffic accidents.
- D. Proclamation honoring Deputy Police Chief Mike Borges.
The Council presented a proclamation to Deputy Police Chief Mike Borges who is retiring after 34 years of service.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meetings of January 27, February 24, 2014 and the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session of February 24, 2014. (All present)

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of January 27, February 24, 2014 and the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session of February 24, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014. (Councilmember Kline Excused)

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2014.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Len Shepherd, resident, praised the youth who rescued their niece from drowning and also the dispatcher who assisted on the call.
- Beth Hunt, representing the Ceres Chamber of Commerce invited Council to the upcoming mixer.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve the agenda with the following change: The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION– None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Dept. Monthly Report for January, 2014.
 - b. Building Department Monthly Report for February, 2014.
 - c. Major Project Update, March 1, 2014.
 - d. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update, March 1, 2014.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering February 20 – 25, 2014.
3. **Resolution 2014-23** awarding a contract to Storer Transit Systems, Inc. to operate Ceres Transit.
4. Accept the City of Ceres audited Financial Reports as of June 30, 2013. PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Accept the City of Ceres audited Financial Reports as of June 30, 2013.

Acting City Manager Art de Werk pulled the item and conveyed to Council that the City consistently earns the highest rating possible and thanked the Finance staff for their high standards and exemplary performance.

Ms. Suzanne Dean, Deputy Finance Director, commended her staff.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to accept the City of Ceres audited Financial Reports as of June 30, 2013. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Kline, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Resolution No. 2014-24** accepting the Urban Futures, Inc. Economic Development Strategic Plan Project as complete.

Mr. Marshall Linn, Urban Futures, presented a brief report to Council summarizing the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Council thanked Mr. Linn for the Economic Development Strategic Plan document however they expressed overall disappointment that it did not have more specific actionable items.

Councilmember Kline stated that he could not accept the document as complete.

Mr. Linn responded that the Scope of Work had been achieved.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Durossette to approve **Resolution No. 2014-24** accepting the Urban Futures, Inc. Economic Development Strategic Plan Project as complete. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra

NOES: Councilmember Kline

ABSENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS

The following items were requested to be placed on the agenda of the upcoming Special City Council Meeting of 3/14/14.

- Consideration of issues related to the recruitment for the position of City Manager.
- Consideration of other succession management planning issues.

REPORTS

Deputy City Manager Sheila Cumberland announced that she will be retiring in November, 2014.

8:48 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

9:05 P.M. Mayor Vierra reconvened in open session with nothing to report

9:05 P.M. There being no further business Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting.

/s/Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, CMC, City Clerk