

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

March 24, 2014

Mayor Vierra called the March 24, 2014 Council Study Session to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following in attendance:

ROLL CALL Council Members Durossette, Lane, Mayor Vierra

EXCUSED Council Member Ryno, Kline

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. River Bluff Regional Park Discussion.

Acting City Manager Toby Wells presented the item to Council. Mr. Wells discussed the build-out plans for River Bluff Regional Park as well as the five City parks that are either partially or fully underdeveloped.

The current balance in the Park Development Fund is approximately \$2.5 million. The estimated cost to improve all parks is \$9 million. Once improvements are completed, there will also be additional costs associated with the maintenance of the improvements. Park maintenance cannot be funded through the Park Development Fund.

Staff recommended the completion of a Parks Master Plan, followed by Ryno Park being the highest priority. The completion of the Master Plan will provide the Council with the necessary information to be able to make decisions on the long term priorities.

Staff also requested Council direction on the agreement with Ceres Youth Soccer Organization regarding the youth soccer program and use of the fields at River Bluff Regional Park. The agreement expired in early 2014 and Staff is starting the conversation with CYSO on a new agreement. Ultimate development of the park has significant bearing on the terms and duration of the agreement.

Staff requested Council direction on the following items:

1. Willingness to fund a new maintenance position in FY 2014/15?
2. Delay construction of the Ceres River Bluff Regional Park project until 2015?
3. Pursue the use of RDA Bond proceeds for the construction of River Bluff Phase I.
4. Direction regarding the negotiations with CYSO regarding term of agreement and future use of River Bluff Regional Park.

Guillermo Ochoa, resident spoke in support of the development of Eastgate Park.

Lou Toste, representing Ceres Youth Soccer conveyed to Council that CYSO is fine waiting until 2015 to have the River Bluff Regional Park build out completed.

After some discussion, Council gave Staff the following direction:

COUNCIL DIRECTION

- Move forward with a Parks Master Plan. Provide options for development i.e. phasing improvements in each of the parks. What could we get if we split the \$2.5 million equally among each park? Also include a Parks Facilities Fee study in the Master Plan.
- Complete the design for River Bluff Regional Park. Design should be shelf-ready for completion in 2015.
- Investigate the possible use of RDA Bond proceeds for the construction of River Bluff Phase I.
- Renew the CYSO contract, maintain the current terms of agreement for one more year. Renegotiate in 2015.
- Revisit the funding of a new maintenance position after completion of a Parks Master Plan.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Study Session.

/s/Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/Cindy Heidorn, City Clerk