

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

July 28, 2014

Mayor Vierra called the July 28, 2014 City Council Meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. with the following in attendance:

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

INVOCATION by Michael Brinton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the flag led by Mayor Vierra

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Stanislaus County Animal Services presented Marco, a wire haired Doxie mix that is available for adoption.
- B. Presentation to Kim Johnson, Kathi Foster and Lisa Mantarro-Moore for their years of service on the Measure H Oversight Committee.

Kim Johnson, Kathi Foster and Lisa Mantarro-Moore thanked Council for their recognition of service.

- C. Awards Presentation by Acting Police Chief, Brent Smith regarding actions on April 12, 2012.

Acting Police Chief, Brent Smith recognized Officers Joseph Wren, Jason Coley, Keith Kitcher and Detective Darren Venn for their courageous actions on April 12, 2012. Officers Wren and Coley and Detective Venn were awarded the Medal for Valor and Detective Kitcher was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 23, 2014. (Vice Mayor Durossette & Mayor Vierra excused)

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Ryno to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 23, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the Special City Council Meeting of June 30, 2014. (All present)

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve the minutes of the special City Council meeting of June 30, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Carol Blomquist, Ceres Regional Librarian, gave an update on recent and upcoming events at the Ceres Library including the Summer Reading Program prize giveaway, Lego days and the upcoming health fair.
- Len Shepherd, resident spoke about the cost of operating the Community Center. Mr. Shepherd also expressed his appreciation for the Ceres Public Safety Department.
- Dave Pratt, resident, spoke about possibly holding a meeting at the Legion Hall.
- Rene Ledbetter, Ceres Chamber of Commerce President, spoke about the Chamber’s upcoming events including National Night Out on August 5, the Chamber Mixer on August 15 and the 1st Annual Smoke on the River & BBQ Contest on August 23, 2014. Ms. Ledbetter also mentioned the Chambers “Adopt a Highway Project”.

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

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Durossette to approve the agenda as posted (or amended) and certification of posting. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

- A. Council designation of a voting delegate to represent the City of Ceres at the annual League of California Cities Conference, September 3-5, 2014.

ACTION: It was moved by Ryno/Seconded by Kline to nominate Councilmember Lane as the City of Ceres voting delegate at the League of California Cities Conference, September 3 – 5, 2014. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Information Technology Division Quarterly Report, Second Quarter 2014.
 - b. Whitmore Mansion Update.
 - c. Redevelopment/Economic Development Division Monthly Report (6/15–7/15, 2014).
 - d. Water Conservation Update.
 - e. Informational Memo regarding Further Study Session re: District Elections.
2. Register of Audited Demands for period covering July 9 – 21, 2014.

3. Council acceptance of the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice for the City of Ceres as required by the Political Reform Act.
4. Council acceptance of the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice for the Successor Agency of the Former Ceres Redevelopment Agency and the Successor Agency of the Former Stanislaus-Ceres Redevelopment Commission.
5. Council acceptance of the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice for the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency of the Former Ceres Redevelopment Agency and the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency of the Former Stanislaus-Ceres Redevelopment Commission.
6. **Resolution No. 2014-91** approving the transfer of Real Property from the City of Ceres to the Successor Agency of the Former Ceres Redevelopment Agency.
7. **Resolution No. 2014-92** reestablishing the classification for the position of Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer and eliminating the Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Classification.
8. **Resolution No. 2014-93** awarding the Construction Contract for the City of Ceres Well Project – Wells 41 & 42 to Zim Industries, Inc., authorizing a 10% Contingency, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Contract.
9. **Resolution No. 2014-94** approving the purchase of a storage area network (SAN) system from CDW-Government.
10. Set public hearing date of August 11, 2014, to consider an appeal from Robert Grosse of Eurostar, Inc. dba WSS regarding the Planning Commission's denial of a variance request pertaining to wall signs that exceed the maximum allowable square footage requirement for a "WSS" retail footwear and apparel store at 1342 E. Hatch Road.
11. **Resolution No. 2014-95** accepting the Fire Station #2 Concrete Repair, authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion and retention release to the Contractor.
12. **Resolution No. 2014-96** establishing a City Policy regarding the installation of Stop Signs which do not meet warrants.

ACTION: It was moved by Durossette/Seconded by Lane to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 – 12 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 – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

13. Public Hearing to consider **Ordinance No. 2014-1020** consideration of proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (13-05 ZOTA) to amend Sections 18.42.200(K) and 18.42.140(D) of the Ceres Municipal Code, to modify the Sign Code to remove allowances for specific types of permitted signs currently permitted for Auto/Motor Vehicle Sales lots that are prohibited at other commercial businesses.

7:50 P.M. Mayor Vierra opened the Public Hearing.

7:50 P.M. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION: It was moved by Lane/Seconded by Ryno to waive first reading and have **Ordinance No. 2014-1020** read by number and title only. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Vierra directed the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by number and title only.

Cindy Heidorn, City Clerk, read the following into the record:

“Ordinance No. 2014-1020, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (13-05 ZOTA) to amend Sections 18.42.200(K) and 18.42.140(D) of the Ceres Municipal Code, to modify the Sign Code to remove allowances for specific types of permitted signs currently permitted for Auto/Motor Vehicle Sales lots that are prohibited at other commercial businesses.”

ACTION: It was moved by Kline/Seconded by Ryno to approve **Ordinance No. 2014-1020** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (13-05 ZOTA) to amend Sections 18.42.200(K) and 18.42.140(D) of the Ceres Municipal Code, to modify the Sign Code to remove allowances for specific types of permitted signs currently permitted for Auto/Motor Vehicle Sales lots that are prohibited at other commercial businesses, for First Reading and Introduction. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS – None.

7:53 P.M. Mayor Vierra adjourned as City Council to a meeting of the Successor Agency of the Former Ceres Redevelopment Agency.

8:00 P.M. Mayor Vierra reconvened the City Council Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS – None.

REPORTS

Council and staff report on various recent and upcoming activities including the Chamber of Commerce “Adopt a Highway” project and National Night Out on August 5, 2014.

8:03 P.M. Mayor Vierra adjourned the City Council Meeting to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

City Negotiator: Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: Ceres Professional Firefighters Association

Pursuant to Gov't. Code Section 54957.6

8:30 P.M. Mayor Vierra reconvened in Open Session with nothing to report.

8:30 P.M. There being no further business, the City Council Meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Chris Vierra, Mayor

/s/ Cindy Heidorn, City Clerk