



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA
City Council Chambers, 2701 Fourth Street**

Monday, July 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Ceres met this date in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, with Mayor Vierra presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Vierra
Vice Mayor: Durossette
Council Members: Kline, Lane

ABSENT:

Council Member: Ryno

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Leonard Shepherd.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vierra led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation "32nd Annual National Night Out".

Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Chief of Police Smith and Recreation Manager Traci Farris. The Annual National Night Out will be held at Whitmore Park on August 4, 2015 from 6-8 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS to the Council on matters not included on the agenda (five minutes).

Leonard Shepherd commented on an article in the Modesto Bee regarding river water being funneled to Ceres for drinking water from the Tuolumne River. He feels this will take the pressure off underground water in the aquifer.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None declared.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion unless otherwise request by an individual Council Member or public for special consideration. Otherwise the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by roll call vote.

1. Clerks Report of Posting. The agenda of the regular July 27, 2015, City Council meeting was posted on July 22, 2015. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinance and resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the July 13, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Study Session
4. Register of Audited Demands for period covering June 30, 2015 through July 16, 2015. (Dean)
(This item heard under separate motion.)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. May Recreation Division Monthly Report (Farris)
 - b. June Recreation Division Monthly Report (Farris)
 - c. June Public Works Department Monthly Report (Damas)
 - d. Information Technology Division Quarterly Report, Second Quarter 2015 (Williams)
 - e. June Redevelopment and Economic Development Division Monthly Report (Hallam)
 - f. Whitmore Mansion Quarterly Update. (Wells)
6. **Resolution No. 2015-090**, Ordering the Levy and Collection of Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2015/16 within the City of Ceres Community Facilities District No. 1 (Public Services). (Damas)
7. **Resolution No. 2015-091**, Ordering the Levy and Collection of Special Taxes for Fiscal Year 2015/16 within the City of Ceres Community Facilities District No. 2 (Public Services). (Damas)
8. **Resolution No. 2015-092**, supporting the designation of Highway 132 as the John Muir Highway. (Wells) (This item heard under separate motion).
9. **Resolution No. 2015-093**, approving an agreement between the City of Turlock and the City of Ceres for contract employment of a Water Distribution Operator Grade 4 from the City of Ceres. (Wells)
10. **Resolution No. 2015-094**, Awarding the Construction Contract for the 2015 Water Valve Replacement Project to Rolfe Construction, Authorize a 10% Contingency, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (Jordan)

11. **Resolution No. 2015-095**, approving an agreement between the Ceres Garden Club and the City of Ceres for use of the Community Center in exchange for maintaining live plants within the center. (Farris)

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Durossette, seconded by Council Member Kline to approve the items on Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 4 & 8 being pulled and heard under separate motion. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Durossette, Kline, Lane, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSENT:	1	Council Member:	Ryno

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Register of Audited Demands for period covering June 30, 2015 through July 16, 2015. (Dean)

Council Member Kline pulled this item to verify correction to voucher # 96327, noting that it never got mailed out, therefore error was caught prior to mailing.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Vice Mayor Durossette to approve the Register of Audited Demands for the period covering June 30, 2015 through July 16, 2015. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Durossette, Kline, Lane, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSENT:	1	Council Member:	Ryno

8. **Resolution No. 2015-092**, supporting the designation of Highway 132 as the John Muir Highway. (Wells)

Dave Pratt requested this item be pulled, asking how we can designate Highway 132 as the John Muir Highway. City Manager Wells replied that we are offering our support only to other cities and not making any decisions on the designation.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Council Member Lane to approve Resolution 2015-092, supporting the designation of Highway 132 as the John Muir Highway. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Durossette, Kline, Lane, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSENT:	1	Council Member:	Ryno

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 12. **Resolution No. 2015-096**, establishing the Annual Assessment for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year on the businesses in the downtown area defined in the Ceres Downtown Revitalization Area Board (CDRAB) Annual Report for the activities and programs of the Ceres Downtown Revitalization Area Board for Fiscal Year 2015-16. (Hallam)

Steve Hallam, Redevelopment and Economic Development Manager gave the staff report.

Mayor Vierra opened the public hearing for comments in favor of or in opposition to the resolution. Hearing none, Mayor Vierra closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Vice Mayor Durossette to approve **Resolution No. 2015-096** establishing the Annual Assessment for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year on the businesses in the downtown area defined in the Ceres Downtown Revitalization Area Board (CDRAB) Annual Report of the activities and programs of the Ceres Downtown Revitalization Area Board for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Lane, Durossette, Kline, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSENT:	1	Council Member:	Ryno

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS (Any Council Members that would like to have an agenda item placed on a future agenda shall make a request under this section of the agenda.)

None at this time.

REPORTS

- Mayor Vierra commented on the water plan that was approved this week. It will provide 30,000 acre feet of drinking water with a 50 year term and be jointly shared between Turlock, Ceres and Modesto. The next step is to provide an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) which can take up to 36 months to complete.
- City Council – no comments.
- City Manager Wells announced “National Night Out” will be held August 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Whitmore Park; Nomination Period for elections will be open until August 7 at 5:00 p.m.; Cartsnap is a new app that a person can use to notify businesses that there is a shopping cart in the area for pick up.
- City Attorney Hallinan commented that he has lived in Ceres for several years and noted the safety employees, Police and Fire have a great response time for incidents within the city.
- Departments:
Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development announced staff received 5 responses to the General Plan update; they will be reviewing the RFP’s for recommendation to Council at a future date.

Chief Brent Smith announced tomorrow morning they will be hosting “Coffee with a Cop” at McDonald’s.

Daryl Jordan, City Engineer announced that River Bluff Project is near completion and the Grand Opening will be August 15, 2015.

- County Supervisor- no comments.

ADJOURNMENT The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 2701 Fourth Street.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Frontella, MMC
Interim City Clerk