



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA
City Council Chambers, 2701 Fourth Street**

Monday, August 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Ceres met this date in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, with Mayor Vierra presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mark Whitehead, City Chaplain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vierra led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation and acknowledgement to Cindy Heidorn, Retired City Clerk.

Ms. Heidorn could not be present tonight; Mayor Vierra read the statement from her into the record.

Thank you so much for this recognition. It has been my pleasure to serve as your City Clerk for the last 12 years. I feel blessed to have worked with a wonderful employee family and great citizens who volunteer and give of their resources to retain the history of Ceres while moving it into the future.

Mayor Vierra went on to say how he appreciated the work of Ms. Heidorn over the 12 years with the City and wished her well.

B. Retiring Executive Director of StanCOG, Carlos Yamzon

Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record and provided proclamation to City Manager Wells who will be attending a ceremony for Mr. Yamzon.

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

Richard Gaytan with the Disabled American Veterans invited Council to their next meeting which will be held in Ceres on August 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. He also supplied Council with the Commission report and scheduled activities of the Disabled American Veterans.

Marcus Savage representing Ygrene Energy Fund spoke regarding property assessed clean energy financing such as grey water, conservation projects, etc. City Manager Wells commented that he had Mr. Savage's contact information and they have spoken on several issues.

Leonard Shepherd asked the community for a moment of silence for the Firefighter who lost his life this last weekend. He thanked the Police and Fire for their service to the city.

Mark Whitehead invited Council to a once a month prayer meeting, "Praying over Ceres". It will be held this Friday morning at 6:45 a.m. at the Village Chapel Baptist Church.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

None at this time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion unless otherwise requested 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 August 10, 2015, City Council meeting was posted on August 5, 2015. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinance and resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the July 27, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
(This item was pulled by Council Member Ryno for further discussion.)
4. Register of Audited Demands for period covering July 22, 2015 through July 29, 2015. (Dean)

5. **General Correspondence – Information Only**
 - a. **Redevelopment & Economic Development Report (Hallam)**

6. **Resolution No. 2015-097**, Accepting the contract for the procurement of five lift station control panels as complete, authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion. (Jordan)

7. **Resolution No. 2015-098**, Recommending that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approve the Consolidated Annual Performance and Elevation Report (CAPER) for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 and forward that report to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as required under CDBG Guidelines. (Jordan)

8. **Resolution No. 2015-099**, Awarding a Vendor Purchase Agreement with Univar Mini-Bulk for purchases of Ferric Chloride and Sodium Hypochlorite for the City Wells. (Damas)

9. **Resolution No. 2015-100**, Authorizing the destruction of certain police internal affairs records. (Smith)

10. **Resolution No. 2015-101**, Approving the purchase of a Street Sweeper from GCH Environmental Equipment Services and authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase order. (Damas)

11. **Resolution No. 2015-102**, Awarding a Contract for Professional Consulting Services to Marjorie Blom and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract for these Services. (Wells)

12. **Resolution No. 2015-103**, Approving the application for Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program. (Jordan)

13. **Resolution No. 2015-104**, approving a budget amendment to Fire Control Containers. (Nicholes)

14. **Resolution No. 2015-105**, Ratifying the appointment of Jeremy Damas to the position of Director of Public Works and approving an employment agreement. (Wells)
(This item was pulled by Council Member Kline for further discussion)

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane to approve the items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 3, 14 being pulled and heard under separate motion. Motion passed 5/0 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Kline, Ryno, Vierra

NOES: 0 Council Members:
 ABSENT: 0 Council Members

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting
 - b. Minutes of the July 27, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting

This item was pulled by Council Member Ryno for separate motion due to her absence at the above meetings.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Vice Mayor Durossette to approve Items 3 a and b, Minutes from the May 11, 2015 and July 27, 2015 City Council Meetings. Motion passed 4/0/0/1 by the following vote:

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

14. **Resolution No. 2015-105**, Ratifying the appointment of Jeremy Damas to the position of Director of Public Works and approving an employment agreement. (Wells)

Council Member Kline pulled this item to discuss the process and procedures with negotiations to department head employee contracts. Council's discussion ensued regarding processes used and Council interaction in hiring department heads. Council concluded that the process should remain the same.

Mayor Vierra asked for public comments, the following citizens spoke.

Leonard Shepherd asked how long before Council makes a decision do they have to review the contract. City Manager Wells briefs Council sometime before the contract comes before Council. Council meets regularly and separately with the City Manager for discussion and questions they may have regarding city business.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Council Member Lane to approve Resolution 2015-105 ratifying the appointment of Jeremy Damas to the position of Director of Public Works and approving an employment agreement. Motion passed 4/1/0 by the following vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time.

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 had nothing to report
- City Council:

Council Member Ryno reported that "National Night Out" was a success, and the plans for more food vendors for the next year are in the works.

Vice Mayor Durossette announced that school starts tomorrow, asked citizens to please slow down while driving.

- City Manager Wells thanked Public Safety for their part in "National Night Out", it was a huge success. He also announced the Measure H meeting will be held August 12 at 5:30 p.m.; Restrooms for Whitmore and Smyrna Park will be here this week, with installation to follow; Chamber mixer will be held this Thursday at Munchkinland Daycare; Chamber is providing a clean-up day on August 22, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. City Manager Wells thanked Officer Quiroz for organizing the blood drive; over 60 people participated in the drive.
- City Attorney had nothing to report.
- Departments
 - Tom Westbrook announced the Chamber's "Smoke on the River" event on August 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Traci Farris announced the ribbon cutting this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for River Bluff Park.
- County Supervisor DeMartini spoke to Council regarding the Downtown Modesto Community Benefit District. Supervisor DeMartini provided the staff report and processes Modesto is using. This information is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 2701 Fourth Street.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Frontella, MMC
Interim City Clerk