



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

Monday, August 24, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Ceres met this date in a regular session at 6:00 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 Pastor Chris with Valley Christian Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vierra led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Father Nick Lorenzetti – Proclamation Declaring Human Trafficking Action Summit on September 17, 2015.

Due to the absence of Father Nick, this item will be brought forward to the September 14, 2015 City Council Meeting.

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

Leonard Shepherd asked that we keep the Firefighters who lost their lives last week in our thoughts.

Renee Ledbetter, President of the Chamber of Commerce invited the community to the 2nd Annual "Smoke on the River" event this coming Saturday. She also announced the Chamber Mixer on Thursday night will be at Modern Urgent Care from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Gene Yeakley commented on his concerns regarding the City of Huntington Park, noting two citizens were elected to Council that were not U.S. citizens. Mr. Yeakley requested the Attorney to comment on how this could happen. City Attorney Hallinan noted that with the requirements for the City of Ceres, this shouldn't be a question.

City Manager Wells commented that these individuals were appointed to commissions under a non-paid status.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

No items at this time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No Conflict of Interest declared.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is required, that particular item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.

1. Clerks Report of Posting. The agenda of the regular August 24, 2015, City Council meeting was posted on August 19, 2015. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinance and Resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes. (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 10, 2015.
 - b. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 26, 2015.
 - c. Minutes of the Study Session City Council meeting of May 26, 2015.

Council Member Lane abstained from voting on items 3 b and c, as he was not present at the Regular and Study Session meetings of May 26, 2015.

4. Register of Audited Demands for period covering August 3, 2015 through August 13, 2015. (S. Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Department July 2015 monthly report. (J. Damas)
 - b. FY 2014-15 CIP Project Delivery Report (D. Jordan)
6. **Resolution No. 2015-106** approving a service contract with Environmental Control for custodial services in the Ceres Community Center and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. (J. Damas)

7. **Resolution No. 2015-107** approving the purchase of two Chevy Cruze LS model cars from Smith Chevrolet and authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase order. (J. Damas)
8. **Resolution No. 2015-108** approving the purchase of several fleet vehicles from Country Ford Trucks as part of the California State Bid and authorize the City Manager to approve the purchase order. (J. Damas)
9. **Resolution No. 2015-109** approving Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Carryover Appropriations and Amending the 2015-2016 Budget. (S. Dean)
10. **Resolution No. 2015-110**, accepting the Construction Contract for the City of Ceres Sewer Extension - Service Road (Moffett Rd. to Mitchell Rd.) as complete, approving the Balancing Contract Change Order, authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion, and releasing the retention to the contractor. (D. Jordan)
11. **Resolution No. 2015-111**, Authorizing the Destruction of Police Department Personnel and Background Files for Personnel Separated from Service or not hired before 2009. (B. Smith)
12. **Resolution No. 2015-112**, awarding the Construction Contract for the Nadine Avenue CDBG Improvement Project to Breneman, Inc., authorize a 10% Contingency, approve the Budget Amendment and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (D. Jordan)
13. **Resolution No. 2015-113**, awarding the Construction Contract for the Police Department Dispatch Center for the Project to Layman Electric Inc., authorize a 10% Contingency, and authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (D. Jordan)
14. **Resolution No. 2015-114**, authorizing the Examination of prepaid mobile telephony services surcharge and local charge records and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (S. Dean)
15. **Resolution No. 2015-115**, accepting the Purchase of Two Pre Manufactured Restroom Facilities, Authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion, and retention release to the Contractor. (D. Jordan)
16. **Resolution No. 2015-116**, approving the Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Report on

Stanislaus County Public Transit Systems for 2014/15, Case #15-02C, involving Ceres Transit. (T. Hallinan)

17. **Resolution No. 2015-117**, approving the Response to the Findings and Recommendations of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Report on AB 109 and Prop. 47. (T. Hallinan)

Mayor Vierra asked if any Council Member or citizen would like to pull any item for separate consideration. Council Member Lane pulled Item 3 b and c, to be heard under separate motion.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of Items 3 b and c being considered under separate motion. Motion passed 5/0 by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Durossette, Ryno, Lane, Kline, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSTAIN:	0	Council Members:	

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval of Minutes. (Frontella)

- b. Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 26, 2015.
- c. Minutes of the Study Session City Council meeting of May 26, 2015.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 items b and c. Council Member Lane abstaining from Items 3 b and c. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Durossette, Ryno, Kline, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	
ABSTAIN:	1	Council Member:	Lane

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Strike Team Participation Informational Report

City Manager Wells gave the staff report and updated Council on the Safer Grant. He noted the approval of the alternate staffing plan was to keep the former Safer Grant employees; conditions were placed by Council and were to eliminate participation to Strike Teams due to budget cuts.

Chief Nicholes provided examples of Strike Team processes and explained the procedures on how the state payments come back to the city.

Vice Mayor Durossette asked that this item be brought forward for discussion. He mentioned his understanding of the Strike Teams but was most concerned about the staffing of the closed Fire Station and the protection of the citizens in our community. He hopes at some point in the future the City will be able to support the Strike Team.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued.

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

Leonard Shepherd spoke regarding his past 35 years of experience on Strike Teams as Strike Team Leader. He noted the commitment to a Strike Team is at least one week and the maximum they can keep a team is 28 days. He noted that the state does not pay in full what the city pays to the firefighters; they pay an hourly rate or a daily rate. He stated, "As a citizen with the City of Ceres and past Fireman, when you can get Station 3 fully staffed for full protection of the City is when it should be re-considered."

Captain Jeff Serpa commented that the local fire department operates differently than the state. The City is on a 9 day cycle and at any point the City can decline continued support. He also noted that the funds reimbursed by the state go back into the General fund and not the funding for the Fire Department. He also mentioned when the City had Strike Teams, the City was never left uncovered.

Mayor Vierra seeing no further public comments, brought this item back to Council for discussion.

Mayor Vierra asked for consensus of Council to continue with the policy as stated and if and when the City has full coverage, this will come back to Council for discussion at a future date. It was consensus of Council to keep the present policy and procedures as negotiated.

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.)

No referral requests.

REPORTS

- Mayor Vierra had nothing to report.

- City Council members had nothing to report.
- City Manager Wells reported on the Mitchell Ranch Project; hearing should be set by end of calendar year with decision in early 2016.
- City Attorney Hallinan had nothing to report.
- Departments had nothing to report.
- County Supervisor DeMartini was not in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 14, 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 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Frontella, MMC, Interim City Clerk