



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Monday, November 9, 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: Lane, Ryno

ABSENT:

Council Member: Kline

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Chris Grigson, Senior Pastor Valley Christian Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vierra led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamation declaring November 11, 2015 as Veteran's Day in the City of Ceres. (Smith)

Chief of Police Smith accepted the proclamation on behalf of all Veterans.

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

Mayor Vierra asked for citizens comments; the following spoke:

Leonard Shepherd thanked the Police and Fire departments for their continued service to the community.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

No appointments were scheduled.

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 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 November 9, 2015, City Council meeting was posted on November 4, 2015. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Regular City Council meeting. (Mayor Vierra absent)
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering October 19, 2015 through October 28, 2015. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Whitmore Mansion Quarterly Report (Wells)
 - b. Recreation Monthly Report (Farris)
 - c. Redevelopment / Economic Development Monthly Report – October (Hallam)
 - d. Information Technology Division, Third Quarter 2015 (Williams)
6. **Resolution No. 2015 - 149** approving a three (3) year agreement between the Ceres Youth Baseball (CYB) and the City of Ceres for use of the Costa Ballfields Complex and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Damas)
Mayor Vierra pulled this item; it will be heard under separate consideration.
7. **Resolution No. 2015 - 150** approving a three (3) year agreement between the Ceres Youth Soccer Organization (CYSO) and the City of Ceres for use of the Ceres River Bluff Regional Park and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Farris)
8. **Resolution No. 2015-151** accepting the Mitchell Road Sewer Trunk Line and Lift Station Project as Complete, Approving the Balancing Contract Change Order, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
9. **Resolution No. 2015-152** accepting the Generator Replacement for the City of Ceres Police Department as Complete, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion, Approving the Balancing Contract Change Order and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)

10. Consideration to Cancel the second regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of December 28, 2015 due to the City holiday. (Frontella)

Mayor Vierra asked if Council or citizens would like an item pulled and heard under separate motion. Mayor Vierra asked to pull Item 6.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane seconded by Vice Mayor Durossette to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of Item 6 being pulled and considered under separate motion. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. **Resolution No. 2015 - 149** approving a three (3) year agreement between the Ceres Youth Baseball (CYB) and the City of Ceres for use of the Costa Ball field Complex and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Damas)

Mayor Vierra requested this item be pulled for Council discussion. A lengthy discussion with Council ensued. During Council discussions the following consensus was developed; 1) provide a Nepotism statement to the contract; 2) CYB to provide a monthly listing of items purchased locally (Stanislaus County); and 3) An annual audit be provided by CYB to the City Council and produced by a Certified Public Accountant.

Mayor Vierra asked for public comments; seeing none, this item was brought back to Council for direction.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Vierra seconded by Council Member Lane to continue this item to the November 23, 2015 City Council meeting with the changes being made to the contract. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**11. Measure H Expenditure Plan Revisions. (Wells)**

Toby Wells, City Manager gave the staff report and presented a PowerPoint regarding Measure H Expenditure Plan.

City Manager Wells asked for direction on the following items:

- Number of years to be include in the updates

Mayor Vierra agreed 10 years was too long of a time period for the expenditure plan. He suggested 3-5 year range with annual reviews. It was consensus of Council to provide Mayor Vierra's suggestion as to the time frame of 3-5 year range.

- Percentage annual increase in revenue for revised forecast.

Mayor Vierra suggested staff's recommendation as 1% for the next year or two based on the current sales tax forecast.

Consensus of Council to base the next year or two based on the 1% forecast.

- Balance between Police and Fire Expenditures

Mayor Vierra agrees the city needs to balance within the departments; goal would be neutral between the two entities.

Consensus of Council, to provide the balance over the next 5-7 years between departments regarding the expenditure plan.

Mayor Vierra asked for public comments; seeing none, this item was brought back to Council. No further discussions were held.

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 items at this time.

REPORTS

- Mayor Vierra had nothing to report.
- City Council had nothing to report.
- City Manager Wells reported that the City will be hosting the video of the City Council meetings on our website through YouTube; look for the link on the front page under Video archives. City Manager Wells also noted SRWA project is moving forward as quickly as possible. He also attended the County wide ½ cent sales tax meeting this week; project is moving forward, this Tax measure will be on the November 2016 ballot. The joint City Council/School board meeting will be held on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Community Center. He noted City Hall

will be closed for Veterans Day on Wednesday.

- City Attorney Hallinan had nothing to report.
- Departments:

Tom Westbrook reported he, Traci Farris and Steve Hallam attended the Chamber Board retreat; a lot of good energy came out of that meeting. Mr. Westbrook announced that on November 30, a first Joint Planning Commission/City Council kick-off meeting regarding the General Plan update will be held in the Council Chambers.

- County Supervisor DeMartini was not in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 23, 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 Regular City Council meeting at 6:47p.m. and convened in a Closed Session meeting with the below listed items being discussed.

CLOSED SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property: 3912 El Camino; APN 053-130-009
Agency Negotiator: Toby Wells, City Manager
Property Negotiator: Daniel Ogden, Attorney
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment or both

**2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property: 2807 East Service Road; APN 053-130-015
Agency Negotiator: Toby Wells, City Manager
Property Negotiator: Tony Mazzola, Owner
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment or both

There being no further Closed Session business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.


Bret Durossette, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Frontella, MMC, Interim City Clerk