



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

Monday, November 23, 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 Vice Mayor Durossette presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mayor: Vierra

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Jim Steward, Associate Pastor, LifePointe Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Durossette, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Promotional Video for Ceres Community Center. (Farris)

Traci Farris, Recreation Manager provided a video clip regarding promotion of the Ceres Community Center.

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

Vice Mayor Durossette asked for citizen's comments; the following spoke:

Leonard Shepherd reminded the community to be careful this holiday season with dry Christmas trees as they tend to be a fire hazard and the wrapping paper is not intended

for the fireplace, it causes chimney fires.

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 23, 2015, City Council meeting was posted on November 18, 2015. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular City Council meeting. (Council Member Kline pulled this item due to his absence from the meeting).
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering November 4, 2015 through November 12, 2015. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Department monthly report for October, 2015. (J. Damas)
6. **Resolution No. 2015-153**, Ratifying Side Letter Agreement to the Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit (Northern California District Council of Laborers #1130) and City of Ceres Agreement Regarding Certificate Pay for Crane Certification. (McCoy/Damas)
7. **Resolution No. 2015-154**, Ratifying Letter of Agreement Between the City of Ceres and Ceres Professional Firefighters Association Local 3636 Setting Special Terms and Conditions of Employment for Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Employees. (McCoy)
8. **Resolution No. 2015-155**, Accepting the Whitmore/Smyrna Park ADA and Restroom upgrade project as complete authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion, approving the Balancing Contract Change Order and Retention Release to the contractor. (Jordan)

Vice Mayor Durossette asked if Council or citizens would like an items pulled to be heard under separate motion. Council Member Kline pulled Item 3, due to his absence from

the City Council meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Kline, seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of Item 3 being heard under separate motion. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote.

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)

- a. Minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular City Council meeting. (Council Member Kline pulled this item due to his absence from the meeting).

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3/0/1/1 by the following roll call vote.

AYES: 3 Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Ryno
 NOES: 0 Council Members:
 ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Vierra
 ABSTAINED: 1 Council Member: Kline

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. **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. (J. Damas)

Jeremy Damas, Public Works Director gave an update to the contract and the changes agreed to by both parties.

There was discussion regarding the free usage of the field; it was noted that key holders will schedule the field for use and if no time is scheduled, it's on first come basis for all other users.

Vice Mayor Durossette asked for public comments; seeing none, this item was brought back to council for direction.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve a three 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. Motion passed 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 4 Council Members: Durossette, Kline, Lane, Ryno

NOES: 0 Council Members:
ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Vierra

10. To consider three Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (ZOTA's) for a proposal to implement programs as part of the City of Ceres 2009-2014 Housing Element. The proposed text amendments add definitions for residential care facilities, employee housing, and transitional and supportive housing as permitted uses in the City's residential zone districts in accordance with the laws of the State of California. *The City Planning Commission considered this proposal at their June 15, 2015 meeting and made a recommendation to the City Council to approve all three proposed text amendments. The City Council considered this proposal at their July 13, 2015 meeting, and tabled the item indefinitely by a 5-0 vote.*
- A. First Reading and Introduction of **Ordinance #2015-1032** to allow residential care facilities as a principal use in the City's residential zone districts.
 - B. First Reading and Introduction of **Ordinance #2015-1033** to allow employee housing as a principal use in the "R-4 Medium-High Density Multiple-Family Residential" zone district.
 - C. First Reading and Introduction of **Ordinance #2015-1034** to allow transitional and supportive housing as a principal use in the City's Residential Zone districts. (Westbrook)

Council Member Ryno had concerns regarding sober living or transitional living and care facilities in the city. She also questions the four year cycle element to the adopted Housing Element and how that would work. She also shared her concerns regarding grants being successful to the city if we don't adopt the Housing Element. Council Member Ryno stated she is not willing to adopt the Housing Element and allow the state to tell us what to do in our neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Durossette asked for public comments; the following citizens spoke:

Dwayne Thompson noted his concerns with specific items in the General Plan. He noted if more development arises, schools will become overcrowded and with new homes come more water usage which was a concern since the residents are now on watering restrictions.

Leonard Shepherd noted that all cities should contact their government representatives and let them know how cities feel about the regulations and constraints that are placed on cities. He also noted that we don't need more residents; we need more industry, as it is less cost for infrastructure.

Jerry Gallianza asked what grant will we be without if we don't approve the ordinances. It was noted by staff that most grants require us to have a Housing Element that is in compliance with state law. Funding for First time homebuyers would at risk without a valid Housing Element.

A lengthy discussion ensued; Council Members gave their pros and cons regarding this item.

Vice Mayor Durossette commented that the General Plan has not been updated since 1997 and there is a great need to update the plan. He noted the plan is in place for the city to guide the current and long term growth in Ceres.

Council Member Lane asked the record to show that he did not agree with the state regarding the Housing Elements and felt Council needs support from are local representatives. He also stated that the City needs to move forward with the Housing Element.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane seconded by Council Member Kline to provide the First Reading by title only of Ordinance 2015-032; 2015-1033 and 2015-1034. Motion passed 3/1/1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 3 Council Members: Durossette, Kline, Lane
NOES: 1 Council Member: Ryno
ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Vierra

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane seconded by Council Member Kline to Introduce Ordinances 2015-032; 2015-1033 and 2015-1034. Motion passed 3/1/1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 3 Council Members: Durossette, Kline, Lane
NOES: 1 Council Member: Ryno
ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Vierra

PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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.)

Council Member Ryno would like a discussion regarding the boarding of vacant houses with plywood vs. polycarbonates and the cost associated. City Manager Wells suggested a meeting in January 2016 to schedule this discussion.

REPORTS

- Mayor Vierra was not in attendance.
- City Council Ryno reported she will be out of state for the December 3, City Council meeting.
- City Manager Wells reported that on the December 14 City Council meeting consideration of the Medical Marijuana ordinance will be coming for discussion and direction. He also noted that on December 3rd, the Swearing-In of the newly elected City Council will take place at 5:30 p.m.
- City Attorney had nothing to report
- Departments:

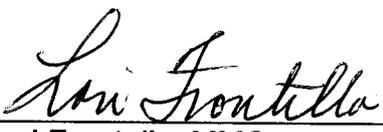
Tom Westbrook reported that a Joint meeting of the Planning Commissioners/Council will hold a work-study session on November 30, for the Kick-off meeting for the General Plan.
- County Supervisor DeMartini had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Durossette adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.


Bret Durossette, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Frontella, MMC
Interim City Clerk