



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Monday, January 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Ceres met this date in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, with Mayor Vierra presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mike Brinton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vierra led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Unmet Transit Needs Assessment Presentation – Regina Valentine, Associate Planner with StanCOG.

Regina Valentine, Associate Planner gave a presentation regarding the Transportation Development Act and Unmet Transit Needs Process.

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

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

Dave Pratt spoke regarding empty canals and stated that it would be a good time take out the debris and rocks from the canals.

Leonard Shepherd stated that it is a new year with an opportunity to review older Ordinances. In particular, the Ordinances regarding smoking and alcohol restrictions in

City Parks. He also commended Council on their performance this past year.

Shane Parson commented on signs at the soccer field and the use of outside vendors instead of local vendors. He stated that he reached out to City staff regarding this issue and expressed concerns about supporting downtown and would like to see the use of local vendors to help promote downtown business. Mayor Vierra stated that he would like to see a local provision of vendors in place. City Manager Wells confirmed that there is a local provision in the City's Purchasing Policy.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

B. Mayor Appointments of Council Members to various Committees.

Mayor Vierra announced his appointments for the 2016 City Council Committee intergovernmental committees. The list of appointments is on file with the City Clerk.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Council Member Kline, approving Mayor Vierra's recommendations for the 2016 City Council Committee appointments. **Motion passed 5/0**, by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	5	Council Members: Durossette, Kline, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:
ABSTAINED:	0	Council Member:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Council Members Durossette and Kline declared a conflict of interest on Consent Item 4 and abstained from voting on Consent Item 4.

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 January 11, 2016, City Council meeting was posted on January 6, 2016. (Frontella)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived. (Frontella)
3. Approval of Minutes (Frontella)
 - a. Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering December 9, 2015 through December 23, 2015. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**

- a. Redevelopment / Economic Development Monthly Report – December (Hallam)
6. **Waive the Second Reading Ordinance 2015-1035**, adding Chapter 9.120 Marijuana Cultivation and Delivery, to Title IX, Public Peace, Safety and Morals of the Ceres Municipal Code (“C.M.C.”) (Hallinan)
 7. Set public hearing date of January 25, 2016, to consider a Resolution to adopt the 2014-2023 Housing Element and 2014-2023 Housing Element Negative Declaration and authorize submittal to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for certification. (Westbrook)
 8. **Resolution No. 2016-001**, authorization to execute a purchase and sale agreement for property located at 3912 El Camino Avenue. (Wells)
 9. **Resolution No. 2016-002**, accepting the Mitchell Road 12” Sanitary Sewer Abandonment Project as Complete, authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
 10. Set public hearing date of January 25, 2016, for the City Council to consider a proposal for a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the entire City of Ceres area. The 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is designed to capture a specific range of information for strategic planning purposes and provides an analysis that includes an inventory of all Ceres park facilities with community input and synthesizes these results into a set of recommendations. The City Planning Commission considered this proposal at their January 4, 2016 meeting and made a recommendation to the City Council to approve the Master Plan. (Jordan)

Mayor Vierra asked if any Council Member or citizen would like an item pulled from the Consent Calendar and be heard under separate motion.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve the Consent Calendar Items Numbers, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. **Motion passed 5/0/0**, by the following roll call vote.

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

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Council Member Ryno to approve the Consent Calendar Item Number 4. Abstentions by Council Members Durossette and Kline on **Item 4**. **Motion passed 3/0/2**, by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	3	Council Members:	Lane, Ryno Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	0
ABSTAINED:	2	Council Member:	Durossette, Kline

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

11. **Resolution No. 2016-003**, authorizing amendment of the Measure H Expenditure Plan. (Wells)

Toby Wells, City Manager gave a background report regarding Council's previous direction. City Manager Wells reported that after a thorough discussion, the Measure H Oversight committee made the recommendation presented to Council. City Manager Wells further stated that in order to remain balanced between revenue and expenditures, for year 9 (FY 2016/17), the expenditures will need to be reduced by approximately \$400,000 and will be proposed during the budget approval process for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

Mayor Vierra brought this item back for direction and roll call vote.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, authorizing amendment of the Measure H Expenditure Plan. **Motion passed 5/0/0**, by the following roll call vote.

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

12. **Resolution No. 2016-004**, repealing Resolution No. 2007-106 and establishing the Rules and Procedures for the City Council. (Wells)

Toby Wells, City Manager gave an overview regarding the proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures for the City Council. He also stated that with the recent move to District based elections and a number of other minor clean up items to reflect changes over the past eight years, it is was an appropriate time to update the Rules and Procedures to reflect the current practices of the Council.

Council Member Ryno inquired as to why the Vice Mayor is appointed every two years instead of one year. Council Member Ryno further stated that the Planning Commission and other cities appoint the Vice Mayor every year.

Toby Wells, City Manager stated that in 2007, the Policy and Procedures also referenced the appointment of a Vice Mayor every two years and might be relative to the City having an election every two years. City Manager Wells also stated that Council has the authority to change it, if the Council desires to do so.

City Attorney Tom Hallinan stated that it is the City's current practice and that a change can be made with Council's approval.

Councilmember Ryno stated she would like to see the Vice Mayor appointed every year.

Mayor Vierra proposed that at the end of Vice Mayor Kline's appointment then the Vice Mayor would be appointed every year.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding this item.

Mayor Vierra seeing no other comments brought this item back for direction and roll call vote.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Ryno, seconded by Mayor Vierra, repealing Resolution No. 2007-106 and establishing the Rules and Procedures for the City Council and amending Chapter I, Section F to revise the appointment of the Vice Mayor from every two years to one year. **Motion failed 2/3/0**, by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	2	Council Members:	Ryno Vierra
NOES:	3	Council Members:	Lane, Durossette, Kline
ABSTAINED:	0	Council Member:	0

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, repealing Resolution No. 2007-106 and establishing the Rules and Procedures for the City Council; **and directed staff to bring this item back in two years for discussion and consideration of a revision to the appointment of Vice Mayor. Motion passed 4/1/0**, by the following roll call vote.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Whitmore Mansion (Wells)

Toby Wells, City Manager gave the staff report. City Manager Wells stated that direction from Council is needed for a short term and long term resolution. He further stated that the management of the Mansion is going very well with an increase in revenues, but it is not covering all complete expenses. He acknowledged that Lisa Mantarro-Moore, Whitmore Foundation Director, has done a great job with the marketing and increase of online presence of the Mansion. City Manager Wells referenced the seven alternatives that were provided in the staff report.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments and the following citizen spoke:

Lisa Mantarro-Moore, Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Whitmore Mansion Foundation thanked Council for letting the Foundation continue to preserve a portion of the City's history. Ms. Moore introduced the Board members that were in attendance. She further reported on the activity of the Mansion this past year. Ms. Moore stated that a one year agreement is challenging based on not being able to plan future events.

A lengthy Council discussion ensued regarding this item. Mayor Vierra asked Ms. Moore if the Foundation's goal is for a multi-year agreement.

Mayor Vierra asked Toby Wells, City Manager what the timing is to bring back a discussion regarding the TOT and the potential to use some of those funds to off-set some of the costs. Toby Wells, City Manager stated the effective date of the TOT is July 1st, and would be identified during the budget process, at which time Council direction would be needed on how to allocate those funds.

Council directed staff to bring this item back to Council for discussion and consideration of amending the agreement from a one year agreement to a three year agreement.

14. Strategic Plan Update (Wells)

Toby Wells, City Manager reported on the proposed changes to the Strategic Plan and asked for Council direction on how to proceed. Three options were identified; one of which included scheduling a Council Retreat/Workshop to review the Strategic Plan and also deferring the discussion to the Council Workshop that is scheduled on March 4, 2016.

Mayor Vierra stated that it would be best to have that discussion at the March 4, 2016 Council Workshop.

COUNCILMEMBER REFERRALS

Any Council Member that would like to have an item placed on a future agenda shall make a request under this section of the agenda.

Council Member Durossette, stated that there have been some concerns from citizens regarding the Almond Terrace Apartments regarding parking and littering issues at the complex.

REPORTS

At this time, any Council Members or City Staff will make an announcement, or report briefly on his or her activities.

- Toby Wells, City Manager reported that there is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled this Thursday for the Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children which includes an open house from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m and a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on El Camino and Grand View. City Offices are closed on Monday, January 18, 2016. StanCOG Policy Board will be considering the ½ cent sales tax expenditure

plan at their January 20, 2016 meeting. A Council Workshop will be held on March 4, 2016; and the Monterey Park Tract will be having a ground breaking ceremony on January 19, 2016. City Manager Wells also thanked interim City Clerk, Lori Frontella for assisting the past 6 months. City Manager Wells also introduced and welcomed the new City Clerk, Diane Nayares-Perez.

- City Attorney had nothing to report.
- Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development announced that the first Community General Plan Update workshop will be held on January 28, 2016. He also stated that there is a General Plan Update website at ceresgeneralplanupdate.com. Mr. Westbrook also stated that he provided a General Plan update presentation to the Ceres Soroptimists. Mr. Westbrook also stated that he is available to present to any other groups or organizations interested in the General Plan update. Also, the County Planning Directors will be hosting a Subdivision Map Act Workshop presented by Mike Durkee on February 27, 2016.
- County Supervisor DeMartini had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

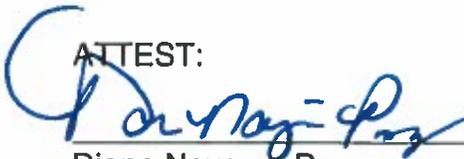
The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, CA

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane Nayares-Perez
City Clerk