



Minutes

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Monday, February 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vierra called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mayor: Vierra
Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Ryno

ABSENT:

Vice Mayor: Kline

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Michael Brinton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vierra.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Declaring February 2016 as African-American History Month.

Mayor Vierra read the proclamation into the record and presented the Proclamation to Frank Johnson from the NAACP.

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

Leonard Shepherd spoke regarding rain, green grass and weeds. He reminded the public to get rid of weed, as they are a fire hazard.

Wes Stamper thanked Council for doing a great job, and stated that it seems that Council cares about community input. He also spoke about sports practices in public parks; in particular, the monitoring of sports practices at Berry Grove Park. He noticed that outside sports groups from neighboring cities are using the park. Mr. Stamper asked if someone could look into the neighboring cities use of city parks. Mr. Stamper also discussed the use of local businesses for purchasing. He further inquired about the City's Local Business Preference Program. He stated that he believes there is no program in place, and that larger cities have established programs. He also stated that it would be beneficial for the City to see what other cities have in place.

Mayor Vierra asked City Manager Wells if there is something in place for sport practices at our local parks. City Manager Wells stated that it is a complaint driven process that our Recreation Department would receive and respond to. He further stated that outside groups could be competitive groups that could also include some local residents. There are some parks that are rented and the City does regulate those. He also stated that they will look into the complaint regarding Berry Grove Park.

Mayor Vierra suggested that staff bring council some suggested alternatives at a later date. City Manager Wells stated that he will look into the issue to identify the extent of it. He will identify if the issue only involves Berry Grove Park, or if it's a comprehensive issue; he will bring the item before council.

Renee Ledbetter, Chamber President asked Council to save date of March 11, 2016. The Ceres Legislative Day will be held on that day at the Howard Training Center. There will be State and Federal Assembly Legislators in attendance, as well as local government representatives. You can register online at cereschamer.com.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

No items scheduled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No Conflict of Interest was 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 February 8, 2016, City Council meeting was posted on February 3, 2016. (Nayares-Perez)

2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived. (Nayares-Perez)
3. Approval of Minutes (Nayares-Perez)
 - a. Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands Period covering January 19, 2016 through January 27, 2016.
5. **Resolution No. 2016-012**, awarding a construction contract to Cascade Drilling, L. P. in the amount of \$131,750.00 plus a contingency for Well #23 Rehabilitation and Pump Replacement and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. (J. Damas)
6. **Resolution No. 2016-013**, awarding Bids From by Industrial Electrical Co. for Reservoir Booster Pump Maintenance for Pumps #1-4 in the amount of \$10,318.56 each and Pumps #5-6 in the amount of \$8,949.14 each for a total amount of \$59,172.52 and authorize the City Manager to approve the project. (J. Damas)
7. **General Correspondence – Information Only**
 - a. 1,2,3-Trichloropropane Notification Level Exceedances (J. Damas)
 - b. Redevelopment / Economic Development Monthly Report – January 2016 (S. Hallam)
8. **Resolution No. 2016-014**, accepting the River Bluff Park Expansion Project as Complete, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion, Approving the Balancing Contract Change Order and Retention Release to the Contractor. (D. Jordan)
9. **Resolution No. 2016-015**, awarding the Construction Contract for the Fowler Road Storm Drain Project to Rolfe Construction, Authorize a 10% Contingency and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract and Approve a Budget Amendment. (D.Jordan)
10. **Resolution No. 2016-016**, awarding the Construction Contract for the Rose Avenue Storm Drain Project to Breneman, Inc., Authorize a 10% Contingency and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (D.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 Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, approves the Consent Calendar as presented. **Motion passed 4/0/1**, by the following roll call vote.

AYES: 4 Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
NOES: 0 Council Members: None
ABSENT: 1 Council Member: Kline

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

No items to be considered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Centennial Celebration Committee discussion (Wells)

Toby Wells, City Manager reported that on February 25, 1918, the City of Ceres was officially incorporated and are nearing the 100 year celebration. As we begin to get closer to the one hundred year anniversary of the City's incorporation, staff has already begun to receive inquiries from various groups regarding the centennial celebration ideas and concepts. The various groups include sculptors, foundations and other groups wanting to contribute. City Manager Wells stated he would like to start the conversation with Council about what type of framework they would like to see for planning the event.

Even though it is a couple of years away, best practices from other cities have been to start planning and organizing committees at least one year, to a year in a half ahead of the event. City Manager Wells also stated that it is the appropriate time to discuss who Council would like to see lead the event, or what particular body Council would like to see organize the planning of the event. He further stated that Council could create a separate body, such as an ad hoc committee, advertise in the newspaper and on the City's website.

City Manager Wells asked that the discussion include direction regarding the following: 1) The extent Council like to be involved; and 2) The budget number involved that will be included in the 2017/2018 budget.

Council Member Lane stated that he recommends getting the service clubs, local business and the Chamber of Commerce involved as part of the Committee and also include a City Council representative. That will garner more participation and could assist with getting clubs to donate for the event.

City Manager Wells asked for direction as to how many members the committee should consist of.

Mayor Vierra stated that an ad hoc committee would be appropriate and should include a couple of Council Members. He further stated that it should be advertised and possibly consist of about 20 people with service clubs included, possibly more as he does not want to exclude anybody that would have interest in participating. Mayor Vierra directed that staff place an advertisement in the Ceres Courier that requests public input and/or interest in joining the committee. This will allow Council to gauge community interest and will move forward from there. Council agreed with the Mayor's recommendation.

Council Member Durossette requested that the School District be involved, as they have the connection with students. He also stated the School District could perhaps also form an ad hoc committee.

City Manager Wells stated that staff will put a schedule together and place an announcement in the Courier and the City's webpage.

Mayor Vierra asked for public comments; the following person spoke:

Leonard Shepherd stated he would like to see the City Council dressed in 1918 period costume. He stated that it would be an opportunity for Council to understand how the leaders in that era dressed and felt.

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.

Council Member Lane requested that a discussion regarding the Local Business Preference Program be brought to Council. He further stated that he does not know how well the Local Business Program is working. He would like the discussion to also include contractual dollar amounts, and how the City goes through that process. He also stated that the City needs to shop local, as well as other local organizations. He is not saying it is not being done right; the issue just needs to be discussed so that it can be determined what the existing guidelines are for each Department, what is being bought locally and the dollar amounts.

City Manager Wells stated that there is an existing Purchasing Ordinance that is documented in policy. He asked for clarification that Council is requesting to review that policy, as well as, what is currently being spent. He further asked for parameters of the review of purchases.

Council Member Lane stated that the current budget year and the guidelines is what he would like to discuss.

City Manager Wells explained the policy guidelines that are followed when purchases are made. He further stated that Public Works contract cannot have a local preference. City Manger Wells also stated that there are three purchasing components which are: best product, best product for best price and purchased locally. Is it always possible? Probably not, but generally speaking, staff considers the local vendor. The question is, are you giving up something else and then the value trumps the other. How much value do we place on local purchases versus the other?

Council Member Lane stated that it a good discussion that should be discussed openly and placed on an agenda.

Mayor Vierra stated that he would like to look at where there are more opportunities for the City to purchase more things locally. Mayor Vierra suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee with some Council Members, and that the committee survey what other jurisdictions have in place.

Council Member Lane stated that the three purchase components are good, but some guidelines need to be established for the committee, for example maybe a 5% preference for buying locally.

Council Member Durossette stated that an ad hoc committee would be good. He further stated that when a contract opportunity exists with the City and the City posts that opportunity on the website, somebody can offer those products to the City. Council Member Durossette stated that he would like to know how much of a dollar spent locally comes back. He further stated that the City should be reviewing what other cities are doing. He also stated that it should probably be asked what the school district is doing and that maybe the school district should be involved in the discussion.

A lengthy discussion amongst council and staff ensued.

The following persons requested to speak:

Renee Ledbetter, Chamber President stated that local businesses can be surveyed through online tools. The survey can include Chamber members and specifically look at online sales purchases versus brick and mortar. She further stated that many local stores do not have an online presence. She also stated that a determination of how much is recaptured in sales tax needs to be identified.

Shane Parson, discussed when money is spent locally, how much of that comes back to the community. He also stated that when purchases are made online, none of that money spent comes back to the City. Those numbers reflect why shopping locally is needed.

Mayor Vierra stated that many local businesses want to know that they are given an opportunity. Mayor Vierra asked City Manager Wells to gather some data and see what

other jurisdictions have in place.

City Manager Wells asked for a date range of the data to be included and he conferred with Finance Director, Suzanne Dean. City Manager Wells recommended using last year's numbers. This will require some time to gather, as reviewing all visa statements will be labor intensive.

Mayor Vierra directed that staff return to Council with the data requested and Council will then determine the next steps needed.

REPORTS

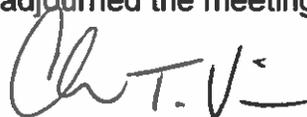
At this time, any Council Members or City Staff will make an announcement, or report briefly on his or her activities.

- City Manager Wells reported that the Measure H Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. The Measure H Committee will review the financials from last year and review the audit. He also reminded the public that Monday, February 15, 2016 is President's Day and City Hall will be closed. Also, on February 17, 2016 a StanCOG Policy Board meeting will be held to discuss the half-cent sale tax expenditure. This matter will be coming before Council sometime in February or March. City Manager Wells also reported that he attended a City Manager's conference in Southern California last week and the major focus of the meeting was about transportation at the Statewide level, primarily the gas tax and it's lack of strength. The issue continues to worsen. He will be putting some information together as to what that means for the City.
- Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development reported that the first Community General Plan Workshop was held on January 28, 2016. There were 55 people in attendance. The discussion was well received and the dialog was great, which is very encouraging. He further reported that he will be presenting the information to various groups and also has a couple of speaking engagements scheduled. He will be hosting a workshop in Spanish on March 11, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. with the assistance of the Partnership for Healthy Children. The Partnership will help translate, so that the Spanish community can participate.
- Brent Smith, Chief of Police reported that the Dispatch Center opened up over the weekend and he will be hosting an open house in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

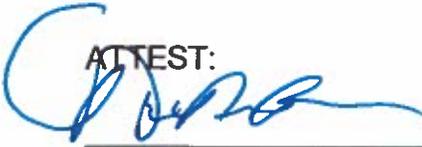
The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, CA

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane Nayares-Perez
City Clerk