



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA**  
**City Council Chambers, 2701 Fourth Street**

**Monday, May 9, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of the City of Ceres met this date in a regular session at 6:01 p.m. in City Council Chambers, with Mayor Vierra presiding.

**ROLL CALL - Present**

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

Absent: None

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ira Henry, Valley View Church of the Nazarene.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vierra.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

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

Leonard Shepherd stated that summer is quickly approaching and there are many lots with dry grass that have not been taken care of. Mr. Shepherd thanked Ceres Police and Fire for their professionalism and all that they do for the City. He commented that he believes Ceres has the best Police and Fire Departments. He is happy to be a citizen of Ceres.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

A. Applications being accepted for Measure H Oversight Committee, three (3) vacancies as June 30, 2016.

Mayor Vierra announced that applications to serve on the Measure H Oversight Committee are currently being accepted. There will be three vacancies, effective June 30, 2016.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

No conflicts 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 May 9, 2016, City Council meeting was posted on May 4, 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 April 25, 2016 Regular City Council meeting. (*Mayor Vierra absent*)
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering April 20, 2016 through April 27, 2016. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. Information Technology Division Quarterly Report, First Quarter 2016. (Williams)
  - b. Redevelopment & Economic Development Department Monthly Report – April. (Hallam)
6. Legislative Report. (Wells)
7. **Resolution No. 2016-046**, approving the termination of the Retention Plan and Side Letter with Ceres Professional Firefighters Local 3636 Union. (Wells)

8. **Resolution No. 2016-047**, accepting the Fowler Road Storm Drain Project as Complete, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
9. **Resolution No. 2016-048**, approving and setting the Fees for the Rotation Tow Program. (Smith)

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 Kline, seconded by Council Member Lane, approving the Consent Calendar items **as presented**. **Motion passes 5/0/0** by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members:	Durossette, Lane, Kline, Ryno, Mayor Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:	None
ABSENT:	0	Council Member:	None

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

No items for consideration.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No items scheduled.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

No items scheduled.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No items scheduled.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

10. Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Preview Presentation.

City Manager, Toby Wells gave the presentation. He reviewed the approved FY 15/16 General Fund Budget and the current General Fund Budget. City Manager Wells also discussed the proposed timeline of May 23, 2016 for the presentation of FY 2016/2017 draft budget; June 2, 2016 for the budget workshop; and June 13, 2016 for the tentative budget approval. City Manager Wells requested Council direction on the level of Council review of the budget and the timeline.

A lengthy discussion amongst Council ensued, regarding waiting until June 2, 2016 to review the budget. Council Member Ryno stated that she does not want to wait until

June 2nd to review the budget. She prefers to have the budget review at the May 23, 2016 Council meeting with a line by line review of the budget.

There was consensus amongst Council for a line by line review of the budget on May 23, 2016 with a start time of 5:00 p.m., and if needed, the budget will continue to be reviewed on May 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments. There being no comments, Mayor Vierra brought the item back to Council for direction.

Council directed staff to present the budget for a line by line review, at the May 23, 2016 Council Meeting with the start time of 5:00 p.m. If additional time is needed, the review of the budget will continue on May 24, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

### 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.

None.

### REPORTS

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

- Mayor Vierra stated that it was great to see the parade back and he is looking forward to it getting bigger every year.
- City Council:

Council Member Ryno reported that she was also pleased to see the parade return. She thanked Angie Smith and Helen Condit and all the volunteers for bringing the parade back. She also thanked Captain Bret Presson for driving the Council around the parade. She attended the Street Faire on both days.

Council Member Lane reported that it was a great weekend. He commented that it was great to see the parade back. He also stated that City staff put in many hours helping make this event successful and appreciates their assistance.

- City Manager Wells reported that this Thursday there will be an open house and ribbon cutting for Sunbelt Rentals, a new business that just opened up. Sunbelt Rentals is located at 3131 Roeding Road. He also reported that this morning, the Governor announced his Executive Order regarding water conservation efforts and that the State Water Board also released their new regulations that appear to be beneficial to the City. More information will be released in the near future, as this was just announced this morning. The Measure H Committee meeting will be moved from May 11, 2016 to tentatively June 1, 2016, after Council has reviewed the budget. City Manager Wells further reported that StanCOG Management Finance met this past week, regarding regional projects and a consensus was reached. The City fared very well with significant funding to the Ceres/Mitchell Interchange and the potential

for the Faith Home Expressway. It will be going to the Policy Board on May 15 for consideration and, if approved, will then return to Council. City Manager Wells clarified that May 31, 2016, is the due date for the submittal of applications to serve on the Measure H Oversight Committee. The City is also still accepting applications for the Centennial Committee. Applications for both Committees are available online and at City Hall.

- City Attorney – Nothing to report.
- Departments:

Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development reported that a request for oral arguments was received by the appellate court regarding the Mitchell Ranch case, which most likely means there should be a court date by the end of June and sixty (60) days after that a decision should be made. He also stated that the General Plan survey was sent out and that 450 surveys have been received. The Whitmore Plaza Shopping Center permit was issued for Savemart. Once the permit has been picked up, construction should begin.

Traci Farris, Recreation Manager announced that the Arbor Day event will be held this Wednesday at Westport Elementary. She also stated that the art work from the Whitmore Charter students will be on display at the Community Center, on May 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

- Jim DeMartini, County Supervisor stated that he was glad to see that the parade was back and enjoyed the car show.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. and convened in a Closed Session meeting with the below listed items being discussed.

## CLOSED SESSION

### 1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 2601 Don Pedro Road; **APN 127-024-025**

Agency Negotiator: Toby Wells, City Manager

Property Negotiator: Manroop Purewal, Esq., Owner Representative

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment or both.

### 2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR:**

(Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code)

*City Negotiator:* Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee Organization: **Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit**

Employee Organization: **First Line Supervisors/Confidential Bargaining Group**

Employee Organization: **Mid-Management Employees**

Employee Organization: **Public Safety Mid-Managers**

Employee Organization: **Ceres Professional Firefighters Association**  
Employee Organization: **Ceres Police Officers Association**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

6:50 p.m. Reconvened to Open Session

*Closed Session Item 1:*

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**ACTION:** Council provided direction to staff.

*Closed Session Item 2:*

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**ACTION:** No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further Closed Session business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Diane Nayares-Perez  
City Clerk