



MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER CERES REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA

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

Monday, September 12, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vierra called the September 12, 2016 City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Ceres Redevelopment Agency meeting to Order.

ROLL CALL - Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Lane

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ira Henry, Valley View Church of 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 spoke regarding the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th and the loss of life of Americans and the first responders. He asked that they be remembered.

Dave Pratt, spoke regarding the timing of traffic signals.

Don Donaldson spoke regarding the issuance of a citation he recently received. He also discussed the placement of his trash receptacle.

Anne Marie Montgomery, Ceres Library Branch Supervisor, announced the following upcoming events:

- Wiggle Worms Story Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Stay & Play Social for children up to age 5 on Tuesdays after the Preschool Story Time
- Wee Move and Play for preschoolers is offered on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
- Book Club for adults the third Wednesday of every month.
- Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom on October 17th.

All of the programs at the Ceres Library are free and are brought to the community by the 1/8 cent Sales Tax that supports the libraries and the Friends of the Ceres Library.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Mayor Vierra declared a conflict of interest on Consent Item 17 and recused himself from voting on Consent Item 17.

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 September 12, 2016, City Council meeting was posted on September 7, 2016. (Nayares-Perez)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived, except by title. (Nayares-Perez)
3. *(Correction to Minutes)*
Approval of Minutes (Nayares-Perez)
 - a. Minutes of the August 22, 2016 Regular City Council meeting. (Council Member Ryno absent)

4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering August 17, 2016 through September 2, 2016. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Public Works Monthly Report for July 2016. (Damas)
 - b. Redevelopment & Economic Development Department Monthly Report for August 2016. (Hallam)
6. Set public hearing date of September 26, 2016, for the City Council to consider a proposal to amend the existing general plan and zoning designations for multiple properties located at the northwest corner of Whitmore Avenue and Central Avenue and along Herndon Road. The properties affected by the general plan amendment and rezone are north of Whitmore Avenue and remnant parcels from the development of the Whitmore Avenue Overcrossing. (Westbrook)
7. Waive Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2016-1036**, adopting a Rezone (16-07 RZ) to change the zoning designation of Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Planned Community – 62 (PC-62) for three properties that total 1.9 +/- acres in size at 2800-2808 Blaker Road. (Westbrook)
(Removed from Consent)
8. **Resolution No. 2016-106**, authorizing Amendments to Policy 600- Finance - Travel & Subsistence Policy. (Dean)
9. **Resolution No. 2016-107**, of the City of Ceres authorizing the submission of an application for youth soccer grant and recreation development program funds for a TOPS (The Outreach Program for Soccer) soccer field at River Bluff Regional Park. (Jordan)
10. **Resolution No. 2016-108**, authorizing the City Manager to sign a purchase order to Price Ford of Turlock for the purchase of a 2017 Ford Fusion for the Police Department and authorize the Finance Director to execute the budget amendment. (Damas)
11. **Resolution No. 2016-109**, approving Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Carryover Appropriations and Amending the 2016-2017 Budget. (Dean)
12. **Resolution No. 2016-110**, authorizing the City Manager to sign a purchase order to E.H. Wachs for the purchase of an Automatic Valve Turning Machine for the Water Division. (Damas)
13. **Resolution No. 2016-111**, accepting the Whitmore Avenue Widening Project as complete, authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion, approve the balancing contract change order and retention release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
14. **Resolution No. 2016-112**, authorizing the acceptance of the Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) Grant and Approve a Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Amendment. (Jordan)

15. **Resolution No. 2016-003, SA-CRA** approving the transfer of certain properties from the Successor Agency to the Ceres Redevelopment Agency to the City of Ceres. (Hallam)
16. **Resolution No. 2016-113**, approving the transfer and accepting certain properties from the Successor Agency to the Ceres Redevelopment Agency to the City of Ceres. (Hallam)
- (Mayor Vierra Conflict of Interest)*
17. **Resolution No. 2016-114**, approving the Sale of Real Property Described as APN: 127-018-021 and 127-018-022 (3004 & 3012 5th Street) and Related Actions. (Hallam)
18. **Resolution No. 2016-115**, authorizing acceptance of a U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and approving a Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Amendment to appropriate those funds. (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. Items 8 and 17 were removed from Consent to be heard under a separate motion.

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.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Vice-Mayor Kline, approving **Consent items 1-7 and 9-16; and 18. Motion passes 4/0/1** by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Item - 8 Council Member Ryno

Council Member Ryno clarified that the staff report incorrectly stated that the per diem rate for the Los Angeles area is greater than the per diem rate for Sacramento. City Manager Toby Wells responded that it should have stated the Bay Area per diem rate is greater than the Los Angeles rate. She further questioned the exclusion of continental breakfast as a meal for the purpose of calculating per diem. City Manager Wells stated that the change is driven by the POST reimbursement. POST reimburses the City for breakfast and that all continental breakfasts vary from what is provided. The recommended change is for consistency with POST reimbursement, as the largest part of the City's per diem is for officers. There was a discussion regarding the use of the

POST reimbursement and the GSA reimbursement requirement. City Manger Wells stated that the approval of the changes is at the discretion of Council.

Vice-Mayor Kline stated that during his travels, continental breakfast varies from simple items to full meals and is very inconsistent. He stated that his employer does not reimburse for lunch and that the spectrum is different. He further stated that it is very difficult to separate the breakfast from the per diem.

Council Member Durossette stated that he is fine with the changes and that if employees are attending training to benefit the City, then he is fine with the revised policy.

Mayor Vierra stated commented that not all continental breakfasts are equal and that it is difficult to dine on what the City’s current policy allows.

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.

MOTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Kline, seconded by Council Member Durossette, approving **Item 8, Resolution No. 106**. Motion passes 3/1/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

Item - 17 – Mayor Vierra for recusal due to conflict.

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

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Ryno, seconded by Council Member Durossette, approving **Item 17, Resolution No. 2016-114**. Motion passes 3/0/1/1 by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: | 3 | Council Members: | Durossette, Kline, Ryno, Mayor Vierra |
| NOES: | 0 | Council Member: | None |
| ABSENT: | 1 | Council Member: | Lane |
| ABSENT: | 1 | | Mayor Vierra – <i>Recusal</i> |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

19. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider approving:
 - (i) **Resolution No. 2016-116**, approving changes to Ceres Area Transit’s routes, fares, hours and days of service and changes to Ceres Dial-A-

Ride's fares, hours of service and rider eligibility standards and authorizing the Engineering Services Department to implement these changes in December 2016.

- (ii) **Resolution No. 2016-117**, approving Amendment No. 1 to the City's March 10, 2014 Agreement with Storer Transit Systems, Inc. (Jordan)

Fred Cavanah, Transit Manager gave the presentation and discussed the Ceres Area Transit (CAT) and the Dial-A-Ride Services (CDAR). He stated that staff is proposing significant revisions to the CDAR and CAT services to meet State mandates. The proposed changes would be effective December 2016. He further elaborated on the reason why the revisions are necessary, which is due to Ceres Transit Services not meeting the State mandated farebox requirements. The proposed changes are designed to increase the ratio of fare revenues to farebox expenses and meet the State Transportation Development Act (TDA) requirements. The State's current requirement is for the City to collect 20% of the operating costs for CAT and CDAR. In prior years, the City has not met the requirement. In Fiscal Year 2014/15 the CDAR had a farebox ratio of 10.96% and CAT had a 12.88%. Financial penalties are imposed by the State if the farebox ratio is not met. As a result, the City could face a penalty of about \$100,000 a year. The fine would be imposed on the City by the State for not meeting the farebox ratio requirements. Mr. Cavanah also reported that there is a TDA rule that allows transit services an exemption from the penalty for at least two years by restructuring its transit services significantly enough to meet the TDA's definition of a "new service". StanCOG, which is the agency responsible for implementing TDA requirements on behalf of the State, has approved the City's request for an exemption based on the extensive service revisions staff proposes. He also reviewed a chart that detailed the proposed changes to the route services for CAT.

The proposed changes to CAT are eliminating service on Saturday and Sunday and reduce the number of buses in operation from two to one by combining the two existing routes into one route. Weekend service would be eliminated because it attracts few passengers and little fare revenue. The remaining route would cover less geographic area than the previous two routes but would provide more direct travel. Buses would continue to serve each bus stop every 60 minutes.

He detailed that proposed changes to CDAR which is to limit CDAR service to seniors and persons with disabilities only and eliminate general public riders. This change in rider eligibility would qualify CDAR for a 10% farebox ratio in lieu of the current 20% requirement. Hours of operation would be shortened by two hours each day, Monday-Friday and one hour on Sundays. Saturday hours would not change.

CDAR and CAT fare changes would be as follows: For CAT, a fare of \$1.50 per one-way ride for all passengers and a \$39.00 pass that would allow unlimited rides for a 31-day period. For CDAR, a fare of \$3.00 per one-way trip. Personal care attendants would ride for free as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. It was also proposed that that two children age 5 or younger be allowed to ride free with each fare paying passenger on both CAT and CDAR.

Mr. Cavanah further reported that staff is recommending that an Amendment No. 1 with Storer Transit Systems be approved. Currently, Storer is paid a fixed rate for each hour

it operates a bus. The proposed service change would reduce the number of hours for which Storer is compensated by approximately 50%. There is currently a clause in the agreement with Storer that states the contract rate be renegotiated if the service level hours are reduced. The Amendment No. 1 addresses the decrease of operating hours.

Mayor Vierra inquired about the 31 day pass and asked if would be better served as a monthly pass. Mr. Cavanah stated that the pass is effective for 31 days from date of purchase.

Vice-Mayor Kline requested that Mr. Cavanah review the slide that shows the new proposed route. He stated that the stops look like they're close to each other. Mr. Cavanah stated that the stops are going east bound and west bound in two directions. Vice-Mayor Kline asked what kind of comprehensive study was done to determine where the most need for transit services were.

Mr. Cavanah commented that out of the current 4 routes, only one is served all day. There was a lengthy discussion amongst Council and staff regarding current routes A, B, C and D and the proposed new route. He stated that with the proposed new route, staff tried to cover as much territory as they could and provide a two way service. Vice-Mayor Kline questioned if a consideration was made for retirement homes and care facilities. He stated that he does not see where any consideration was made for those areas. Mr. Cavanah stated that staff looked at the ridership at every bus stop when the analysis was done and there was no ridership. Vice-Mayor Kline questioned whether the analysis performed was sufficient to make a determination of service level needs.

There was a lengthy discussion amongst Council and staff regarding the analysis, the new route and possibility of other routes and if the changes would sustain a fare ratio to meet the State's requirements.

Council Member Ryno stated that it appears that the proposed route has eliminated stops at schools. She asked, how students will be picked up. Mr. Cavanah stated that many schools were eliminated. However, there is a stop near Ceres High and service at Central Valley High. Council Member Ryno stated that there are students attending Ceres High School that live north of Hatch Road. Mr. Cavanah states the ridership levels average about 2-3 students per day. He stated that staff tried to make the route as direct and fast to the area on the east side to get to the areas on the west of the freeway.

Council Member Ryno asked the ridership level of CDAR. Mr. Cavanah responded that it averages about 80 riders daily.

Mayor Vierra commented that this is staff's proposed route and if it were changed to another route, meeting the farebox ratio is still not guaranteed. Mr. Cavanah stated that there are no guarantees as ridership on transit fluctuates.

Mayor Vierra commented that the farebox ratio is administered by STANCOG and is a State requirement. Everyone wants and needs service and he does not want the service to change, but has to support it as the City does not have the ridership to support it.

Council Member Ryno asked if the City has to have CAT or can it go strictly to CDAR. Mr. Cavanah stated that it could, but it would have to meet a 20% ratio.

Vice Mayor Kline inquired about the possibility of having a one way route that can cover more of an area, instead of a two way route. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding a one way and two way route.

Mayor Vierra opened the Public Hearing and the following citizens spoke:

Cesar Rubio commented that the proposed change is a bit extreme and that he depends on this service to see family and go to the pharmacy. He understands that more ridership is needed but he does not want the route to change because it is currently convenient and accessible to him.

Jenny, a Ceres resident, stated that she currently takes Routes A and B and enjoys riding the Ceres transit. She hopes that Route B does not stop its current route.

A Ceres resident, commented that she currently rides Dial-A-Ride and also uses Ceres Area Transit to go to the grocery store. She comments that she rides Ceres transit about 3 – 4 days a week.

Belva a Ceres resident, stated that she is a START, Ceres and MAXX bus rider. She would like Council to understand the importance of using the bus. She stated the public depends on the current bus route and does not want it to change.

Karen Kalteich, commented that she takes Dial a Ride to work and back. She likes that it picks her up at home and then drops her off back home. This is a big change and is hoping that it won't change.

Leonard Shepherd stated that the State of California sets the requirements and doesn't consider how it will affect the riders.

Jerry Galeazzi, noticed that the proposed route goes right by 5th Street and Whitmore. He has seen traffic backed up at Central. He thinks more students should ride the bus to school; that would eliminate the traffic problems.

A Ceres resident, voiced his concerns regarding the bus service to schools. He does not want the route to change.

Vice-Mayor Kline stated that he does not like the proposal. He stated that nothing is set in stone, but the City has to try as the requirement is what the State has directed. He would like a report be brought back to Council, possibly in 6 months, to see the ridership level and farebox ratio.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

A lengthy discussion amongst Council ensued regarding alternate routes, meeting the

farebox radio, the potential penalty, reassessing the new the route again in six months and the potential of making minor changes to the route then.

Mayor Vierra recommended that the item be approved as presented, and if there are certain minor modifications needed after six months from the effective date of the new service or after the first quarter, then consideration can be made for slight modification to consider increased ridership.

Vice Mayor Kline requested an update of the ridership level after the first quarter of implementation.

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Vierra seconded by Vice-Mayor Kline, to approve: (i) **Resolution No. 2016-116**, approving changes to Ceres Area Transit's routes, fares, hours and days of service and changes to Ceres Dial-A-Ride's fares, hours of service and rider eligibility standards and authorizing the Engineering Services Department to implement these changes in December 2016; and (ii) **Resolution No. 2016-117**, approving Amendment No. 1 to the City's March 10, 2014 Agreement with Storer Transit Systems, Inc. **Motion passed 3/1/1** by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

20. Legislative Update. (Wells)

City Manager Toby Wells gave an overview of pending legislation that is before the Governor. He stated that there are currently 780 bills awaiting the Governor's signature. There are 20 bills that will impact local agencies. There are several bills related to District Elections and RDA cleanup. The League of California Cities has recommended support of: SB 441 – Public Records Act, PRA Exemptions; and AB 1244 – Workers Compensation, Fraud. The League of California Cities has recommended the opposition of: SB 1069 – Land Use, Zoning; and AB 626 – Public contracts, Claim resolution. City Manager Wells stated that the League has taken a formal position on the following ballot Measures for the November ballot: Opposition of Proposition 53: requires voter approval for the State to issue public infrastructure bonds worth more than \$2 billion. Support of Proposition 54: proposes that the Legislature cannot pass any bill until it has been printed and up on the internet for at least 72 hours before being voted on. Opposition of Proposition 65: allocates revenue generated from the sale of disposable plastic bags to the Wildlife Conservation Fund. Support of Proposition 67: bans grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, and others from using disposable plastic bags. City Manager Wells stated that the League has requested resolutions for the support/opposition of Measures 53 and 54. City Manager Wells reported that staff is currently not recommending support of any of these four bills, unless Council directs staff to do so. Tom Hallinan, City Attorney stated that if the bills are passed, Churchwell White will prepare an impact of the new laws.

City Manager Wells also reported on the revised Draft Substitute Environmental Document in support of Phase 1 of its Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. There are significant impacts to Stanislaus County. The County is preparing a unified response to the Draft Substitute Environmental Document. The County has prepared a draft letter that will be signed off by all 9 cities, the County and irrigations district voicing opposition. A draft letter was sent to Council for review and approval. The letter with the Mayor's signature and City Seal will be sent to the County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

21. Fireworks discussion. (Wells)

City Manager Wells discussed Fireworks enforcement and its challenges. He reviewed the current Health & Safety Code, as it relates to fireworks and the challenges of citing a person for it. City Manager Wells stated that a number of cities have added a Municipal Code fine that allows the cities to set the fine amount. He further stated that staff is requesting Council direction on how to proceed. Council can either direct staff to pursue a local ordinance to increase the fine to \$500 or \$1000, reach out to local non-profits that sell safe and sane fireworks and possibly increase the user fee to help fund the additional enforcement staffing levels.

Vice-Mayor Kline asked how many non-profits there are in the City. He also requested that staff return on another date with the projected cost to increase enforcement activities and inquired where the non-profit fees go. City Manager Wells responded that there is an average of 17-18 non-profits per year, and that when the ordinance is brought to Council for consideration that all the related information such as projected costs would be included in the report. He also stated that the non-profit fees go into the General Fund.

A lengthy discussion amongst Council ensued regarding the banning of all fireworks and the amount of illegal fireworks set off in the City this past Fourth of July.

City Manager Wells stated that increasing the fines and costs for non-profits would be the logical first step before a full ban.

Mayor Vierra asked, if anyone from the Public had any comments and the following citizens spoke.

Dave Pratt, commented that his Legion Post relies of their fireworks booth, as it is a major income for them and commented that it is difficult to eliminate illegal fireworks.

Leonard Shepherd, stated that a substantial fine should be put in place and also the confiscation of property which might slow down the sale of illegal fireworks. He further stated that illegal fireworks can be easily brought in and sold. It's a multibillion dollar business. The State legislators need to get tough on fines.

Sheila Brandt, commented that her church had a non-profit fireworks booth, but stopped because they didn't want fires to happen and found other ways to have fundraisers. She is in favor of the idea of increasing the fines and raising the fees for non-profits. That still

allows non-profits to raise the money they need, but also helps fund enforcement activities.

ACTION: Council directed staff to move forward with the staff recommendation.

22. Water System Update. (Damas)

Jeremy Damas, Public Works Director gave an overview of the Water System Update. He discussed the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority; Water System Reliability; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; and Water Conservation. He reviewed water conservation and the annual water system statistics. He also reviewed the water usage demands and the Water Conservation Executive Order. The City is well within its target of water conservation as 98% of the City's account holders are meeting the target goals. The Governor has extended the executive order thru 2017. With the City reducing watering to 2 days a week, instead of the 3 days per week the City achieved an 18-22% reduction and with the current water quality concerns, staff is recommending leaving the current conservation practices and targets in place.

Council Member Ryno inquired if letting the residents water 3 days a week would skew the water percentages. Mr. Damas stated he does not think so, because in 2015 the percentages were about 15-16% on average across the board. The goal is 13%, and if the City were to allow an additional day, then the City is looking at not meeting the State target. He further stated that in June of next year, the Urban Water Management Plan will perform its audit and once the audit is complete the City will receive its new target, which will not be established until the year 2018.

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.

Mayor Vierra stated that his recommendation would be to approve the recommendation of staff.

ACTION: Council approved the staff recommendation of keeping the current conservation practices and targets in place.

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 Referrals from Council at this time.

REPORTS

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

- Mayor – Nothing to report.
- City Council – Nothing to report.
- City Manager Wells, reported that the City was victorious in the Mitchell Ranch appellate court decision and won on all counts. At this time, legal counsel is reviewing the decision. He gave an update regarding the next steps and is hopeful

that there will be a final decision within next 60 days or so.

- City Attorney – Nothing to report.
- Departments:

Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development reported on the General Plan update. He stated that he will be presenting at the next Planning Commission meeting, a draft General Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. Once approved by the Planning Commission, it will be brought before City Council. He further stated that in the next 6-7 weeks, there will be a Joint Planning Commission and Council workshop to discuss land use alternatives.

Steve Hallam, Redevelopment & Economic Development Manager reported on the importance of small business and also stated that the Economic Development Department maintains a Facebook page that pertains to small business and recently posted a couple of links regarding successful marketing tips and countering cyber crimes. He also announced that this week there will be a small business information forum for South Modesto Small Business for potential candidates. He asked that the public please take the time to visit the Facebook page.

- County Supervisor – Not in attendance.

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 8:54 p.m. and convened in a Closed Session meeting with the below listed items being discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code)

City of Ceres v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., San Bernardino Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4435, Case No. CGC-15-543940.

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

9:50 p.m. Reconvened to Open Session

ACTION: No Reportable Action.

ADJOURNMENT

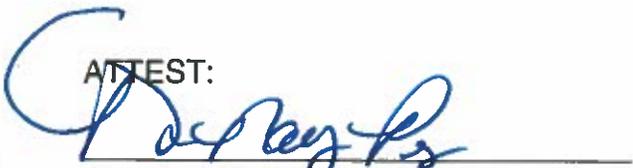
The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, Ca.

There being no further Closed Session business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane Nayares-Perez
City Clerk

