



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Monday, October 10, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Kline called the October 10, 2016 regular City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL – Present:

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

Absent:
Mayor Vierra

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mark Whitehead, Chaplain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Kline.

PRESENTATIONS

A. StanCOG Measure L presentation.

Presentation was cancelled.

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

Leonard Shepherd spoke regarding the Ceres Firefighters' Pink in October program. He also commented regarding the blight on Fowler Road.

Captain Joe Spani announced the Ceres Firefighters' Pink October Program. The Ceres Firefighters will wear pink during the month of October to help bring awareness to breast cancer. They are also selling pink shirts and the proceeds will benefit the Bill & Elsie Ahlem Cancer Endowment. The shirts can be purchased for \$15 and are available at the Ceres Community Center, Sam's Cafe, Super Moms and La Morenita. He also announced the Ceres Firefighters' Annual Cancer Benefit Dinner at La Morenita Restaurant on Monday, October 17 from 5 – 9 p.m. Vice-Mayor Kline thanked the Ceres Fire Department for their fundraising efforts.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

No items scheduled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

No conflict of interests 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 October 10, 2016, City Council meeting was posted on October 5, 2016. (Nayares-Perez)
2. Waive Readings. All Readings of Ordinances and resolutions are waived, except by title. (Nayares-Perez)
3. Approval of Minutes (Nayares-Perez)
 - a. Minutes of the September 26, 2016 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering September 19, 2016 through September 29, 2016. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
 - a. Whitmore Mansion Quarterly Report. (Wells)
 - b. Redevelopment & Economic Development Department Monthly Report for September 2016. (Hallam)
6. **Resolution No. 2016-122**, amending the Conflict of Interest Code to Reflect Changes in the Organization, Title Changes and Delete/Add Designated Positions. (Wells)

(Removed from Consent)

7. **Resolution No. 2016-123**, accepting the Signal Rewiring of Five (5) Signalized Intersections as Complete, approve the Balancing Contract Change Order, authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
 8. Waive Second Reading and Adoption of **Ordinance No. 2016-1037**, adopting a Rezone (15-16 RZ) to change the zoning designations from "C-1, Neighborhood Commercial", "C-3, Wholesale Commercial", "R-4, Medium-High Density Multiple Family Residential", "PC-10, Planned Community – 10", and "PC-47, Planned Community – 47" to "H-1, Highway Commercial" for the seventeen properties located at the northwest corner of Whitmore Avenue and Central Avenue and along Herndon Road, in which properties affected by the Rezone are north of Whitmore Avenue. (Westbrook)
 9. **Resolution No. 2016-124**, accepting an Application to File a Late Claim for Claimant Sebastian Thompson. (McCoy)
- (Removed from Consent)*
10. **Resolution No. 2016-125**, awarding the Contract for the Traffic Signal Synchronization Improvements, CML – 5241 (055) to California Professional Engineering Inc., Authorize a 10% Contingency, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (Jordan)
 11. **Resolution No. 2016-126**, awarding the Contract for Well # 38 Rehab Project to Don Pedro Pump, Authorize a 10% Contingency and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (Jordan)

Vice-Mayor Kline asked if any Council Member or citizen would like an item pulled from the Consent Calendar and be heard under separate motion. Items 7 and 10 were removed from Consent.

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 Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, approving **Consent items 1-6 and 8,9 and 11**. Motion passes 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF ITEM(S) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 7 – Dave Pratt

Mr. Pratt removed this item from consent for clarification regarding the location of the 5 different intersections. Director of Engineering Service/City Engineer, Daryl Jordan referenced the 5 intersections that were listed on the staff report.

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 Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, approving **Consent item 7**. Motion passes 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

Item 10 – Dave Pratt

Mr. Pratt asked for an explanation of the Traffic Signal Improvement Program. Director of Engineering Service/City Engineer, Daryl Jordan explained that the program is to synchronize the functionality of the signals.

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

Leonard Shepherd commented that he would like to see the traffic signals synchronized and asked about the company that is performing the work.

There being no comments, Vice-Mayor Kline brought the item back to Council for direction.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Durossette, seconded by Council Member Lane, approving **Consent item 10**. Motion passes 4/0/1 by the following roll call vote:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review and Comment on Draft General Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. (Westbrook)

Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development gave the report and discussed the community public outreach efforts, the community workshops, the surveys and action of

the Planning Commission. He reviewed the draft vision statement and also reviewed each guiding principle, they are as follows:

1. "Small-Town" Neighborly Character

"Small-Town" Neighborly Character. Knowing that "Together We Achieve," continues to cultivate a friendly, inclusive, and civically engaged community as the population grows and changes.

Council Member Ryno inquired about the "small town" wording. She voiced her concern that the wording could be a possible deterrent to businesses and developers wanting to relocate to Ceres. Vice-Mayor Kline suggested that the "small town" wording be removed from the header to the body of the text of the principle. To be revised as follows:

Neighborly Character. Knowing that "Together We Achieve," continues to cultivate a friendly small town feel, inclusive, and civically engaged community as the population grows and changes.

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

Leonard Shepherd stated that the "small town" wording could give the impression that Ceres does not want to grow. He would like to see Ceres grow in the right way. He further commented that the feeling of everyone knowing everybody will draw people into the City. He agrees with Vice-Mayor Kline's recommendation.

There being no further comments, Vice-Mayor Kline brought the item back to Council for direction.

ACTION: Council directed to revise Principle 1; **Neighborly Character.** Knowing that "Together We Achieve," continues to cultivate a friendly small town feel, inclusive, and civically engaged community as the population grows and changes.

2. Safe, Family-Friendly Hometown

Safe, Family-Friendly Hometown. Promote Ceres strong and high performing school system, and support the City's safe neighborhoods and youth activities so that Ceres continues to be a desirable place for families.

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 2 as presented.

3. Agricultural Identity

Agricultural Identity. Celebrate Ceres agricultural history, support the continued success of the agricultural industry, and consider how to balance the protection of prime agricultural lands with growth and economic development objectives.

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 3 as presented.

4. Health and Sustainability

Health and Sustainability. Provide well-maintained and accessible parks, street trees and landscaping, and healthy food options; and prioritize clean air, clean water, and resource conservation to help keep the community—both the people and the environment—healthy.

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 4 as presented.

5. Complete Community

Complete Community. Support the development of a complete and balanced community where needs can be met locally, with new commercial options, industrial growth, and a diversity of housing options that attracts new business, industry and associated professionals.

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 5 as presented.

6. Strong Downtown

Strong Downtown. Encourage and direct public and private investment in Downtown Ceres to restore it as the physical and cultural center of the city. Enhance Downtown so it becomes vibrant, active and a place for people to assemble, dine, and socialize in a mixed-use environment.

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 6 as presented.

7. Attractive Destination.

Attractive Destination. Cultivate Ceres as a unique destination in the Central Valley and for travelers on Highway 99. To the extent possible, ensure that new development visible from Highway 99 offers attractive and unique views from that travel way.

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

Leonard Shepherd voiced his concerns regarding Caltrans and the Highway 99. He further stated there is nothing that draws people into Ceres from the Highway. Vice-Mayor Kline stated that StanCOG is working with Caltrans for beautification of Highway 99 from Turlock to North Modesto.

Dave Pratt commented that the only reason people get off the freeway and into Ceres is for gas and food. He is hopeful that the City will be able to implement some changes to draw people into the City.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 7 as presented.

8. Economic Development

Economic Development. Strengthen job opportunities with industrial and commercial growth and promote education and job training. Continue to balance provision of streamlined services and entitlements with fiscal responsibility to support the future needs of the

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.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 8 as presented.

9. Revitalization

Revitalization. Encourage infill development and investment within existing neighborhoods and commercial corridors in order to revitalize areas within the city limits.

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

Leonard Shepherd stated that he approves of the idea of filling up open spaces.

There being no further comments, Vice-Mayor Kline brought the item back to Council for direction.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 9 as presented.

10. Balanced Circulation Network

Balanced Circulation Network. Make it safe and convenient for residents and workers to get where they need to go and for businesses to transport goods by providing well-maintained sidewalks, connected bicycle networks, efficient connections to major transportation corridors, and regional transit connections.

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

Dave Pratt commented about the bike trails and maintenance of the trails. He also commented on the blight near Walmart.

ACTION: Council approved Principle 10 as presented.

There being no further comments. Vice-Mayor Kline brought the entire item back for direction and roll call vote.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Lane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Kline, accepting the Draft General Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Principles with the revision to Principle 1. **Motion passes 4/0/1** by the following roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items scheduled.

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 Council referrals

REPORTS

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

- Mayor – Absent.
- City Council
 Council Member Lane reported that he attended League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach. He commented that it was informative and a good opportunity for networking.
- City Manager Wells reported that he also attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference. He commented that it was a great networking opportunity. City Manager Wells announced two events. The Ceres Firefighters Annual Cancer Benefit Dinner on Monday, October 17 at La Morenita from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The

CIRCLE Tree Planting Project at Smyrna Park on Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m.

- City Attorney – Nothing to report.
- Departments – Suzanne Dean, Finance Director reported on the implementation of online services for business licensing and stated that it has been very successful. Renewals online are increasing. Director of Community Development, Tom Westbrook reported on the League of California Cities Annual Conference and the sessions he attended. He further commented on the Advancement of Wireless Sites Session which emphasized on stealth and concealment of wireless sites.
- County Supervisor – Not in attendance.

ACTION: There being no further business, Vice-Mayor Kline adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 6:36 p.m. and convened in a Closed Session meeting with the below listed items being discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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**

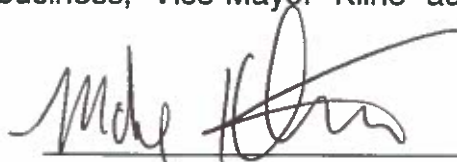
ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, CA

7:41 p.m. Reconvened to Open Session


Reports from Closed Session: No Reportable Action.

There being no further Closed Session business, Vice-Mayor Kline adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



Mike Kline, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane Nayares-Perez
City Clerk