



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

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#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vierra called the February 23, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting to order.

#### ROLL CALL – Present:

Mayor: Vierra  
Council Members: Durossette, Lane, Ryno

Absent:  
Vice Mayor Kline Absent.

#### INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Barbara Hinton, former Ceres Mayor.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vierra.

#### PRESENTATIONS

A. Declaring February 2017 as Black 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 about the recent rain after years of drought. This needed rain will cause grass to grow and asked Ceres residents to be prepared for the summer months by keeping their grass trimmed and picking up leaves.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

No items scheduled.

**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 February 13, 2017, City Council meeting was posted on February 8, 2017. (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 23, 2017 Regular City Council meeting.
4. Register of Audited Demands for Period covering January 18, 2017 through February 1, 2017. (Dean)
5. General Correspondence – **Information Only**
  - a. Redevelopment & Economic Development Department Monthly Report for December 2016. (Hallam)
  - b. Legislative Update. (Wells)
6. **Resolution No. 2017-012**, authorizing the City Manager to sign an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) agreement with Sensus USA, Inc. to perform an upgrade from the current Logic System to Sensus Analytics, and Authorize the Finance Director to approve a budget amendment. (Damas)
7. **Resolution No. 2017-013**, adopting the West Landing Specific Plan Fiscal Impact Analysis. (Westbrook)
8. **Resolution No. 2017-014**, accepting the Pine Street Lift Station Project as Complete, Approve the Balancing Contract Change Order, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)

9. **Resolution No. 2017-015**, accepting Mitchell Road/TID Main Canal Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway, Phase III Project, CML-5241(047) as Complete, Authorize the Filing of the Notice of Completion, Approve the Balancing Contract Change Order and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
10. **Resolution No. 2017-016**, accepting the River Bluff Park-Storm Drain Improvement as Complete, Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion, and Retention Release to the Contractor. (Jordan)
11. **Resolution No. 2017-017**, authorizing the City Manager to finalize and execute Cooperative Agreement 10-0469 with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Service/Mitchell Interchange project. (Wells)

Mayor Vierra asked if any Council Member or citizen would like an item pulled from the Consent Calendar and be heard under 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 Lane**, seconded by **Council Member Durossette**, approving **Consent items as presented**. **Motion passes 4/0/1** by the following roll call vote:

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

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

No items were removed from consent.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

No items scheduled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No items scheduled.

#### 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.

Mayor Vierra asked that an item be brought before Council to discuss the formation of an advisory Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Committee. The proposed committee would make recommendations on how the revenue from the tax should be spent. Mayor Vierra commented that during the campaign of the Measure, it was stated that the funds would be used to help market business development and promote the City amongst other things. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the revenue from the TOT Measure and the allocation of the funds being applied toward the General Fund to help offset the shortages and for Public Safety salaries and other needs.

Mayor Vierra polled the Council Members with his recommendation of having a discussion regarding the formation of an advisory Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Committee. Council majority was not reached.

## REPORTS

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

- Mayor – reminded the public to continue their water conservation efforts.
- City Council – none.
- City Manager Wells reported that the next Measure H Oversight Committee Meeting will be held this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. He also announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sikh American Awareness Event will be held on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., in the Ceres Community Center. City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on the progress of the Centennial Committee and welcomed ideas from the residents on how to help celebrate this event.
- City Attorney – none.
- Departments
  - Tom Westbrook, Director of Community Development reported that two General Plan Update workshops were recently held. The Planning Commission will hear the recommendations from the workshops and he hopes to bring the Planning Commission's recommendation to Council in March.
  - Brent Smith, Chief of Police reported that a Swearing-in Ceremony and their Annual Awards will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ceres Community Center.
  - Brian Nicholes, Fire Chief announced a Swearing-in Ceremony for two fire fighters and an Awards Ceremony will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ceres Community Center.
- Jim DeMartini, Board Supervisor informed Council and the public about the status of the river flow. Emergency Services is monitoring the San Joaquin River that is coming up the banks. Grayson Road is currently closed, due to the overflow of water. He reported on the dangers of the Tuolumne River continuing to receive water, as it is currently running at 10,000 cubic feet per second. He also reported that Don Pedro Dam is at 98% capacity.

**ADJOURNMENT**

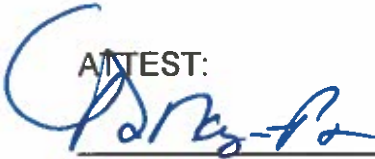
The next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Community Center at 2701 Fourth Street, Ceres, CA

There being no further business, Mayor Vierra adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



Chris Vierra, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diane Nayares-Perez  
City Clerk