

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

November 16, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Del Nero, Kline, Smith, Williams

ABSENT: Kachel (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Development Services Director/City Engineer
Glenn Gebhardt, Interim City Planner Tom Westbrook,
City Attorney Mike Lyons, Administrative Secretary
Linda Ryno

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED (OR AMENDED) AND
CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

It was moved by Commissioner Kline, seconded by Commissioner Del Nero, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Capital Improvement Program, FY 2009/2010 Project Priority List.

Interim Director Gebhardt gave a report.

Commissioner Kline asked about item 7-water meter installation. He questioned why both pre and post 1992 are included.

Interim Director Gebhardt responded that the Council had made the decision to implement the project for all of the City at the same time.

Commissioner Kline stated that in his neighborhood, it looks like there's one water main coming in that splits into two and asked if the bid that went out stipulated that there will be some properties like he mentioned.

Interim Director Gebhardt asked if he meant that there are some services that come off the main that split into two for two separate homes.

Director of Public Works Phil Scott was in the audience and he responded by saying that the City has a consultant surveying every service at every house to come up with the exact numbers of the different types of services and that some of the homes will be much more difficult and may also require concrete work. The survey will be completed prior to the bid for installation of the meters. Director Scott further commented that if there's a single service that serves two homes and there's a place to put two meters, how the work is completed will depend on how they're being billed.

Commissioner Kline commented that he thought it had already gone out to bid. Director Scott responded that the RFP for purchase of meters and meter reading solution is out, but the installation bidding will be separate and will be done after the survey is complete.

Commissioner Kachel stated he had no problems with findings or consistency, but asked for updates on the following projects:

- Well drilling at Eastgate/Hatch. Director Scott responded that the drilling is being scheduled for Wednesday.
- Hatch Road Bike Path, particularly where it dead ends. Interim Director Gebhardt responded that one is already designed and almost ready to go to bid (the section from Mitchell east that will take it along the frontage of WalMart and go onto the canal on the back side of the canal). Interim Director Gebhardt continued that the next section is where the long dead end section that needs to cross the channel and down the far side of the street; then there's one more block that will be a struggle

because the channel may have to be filled in. He further commented that the two last pieces crossing the channel is funded and the project is on the CIP now. The City is making application on Friday to Congestion Management for the last piece that would finish the entire stretch.

- Traffic Management System Repair. Interim Director Gebhardt replied that currently the City of Modesto monitors Ceres' interconnect system and they also do Ceres' traffic signal maintenance because Ceres isn't large enough to have their own signal maintenance. Interim Director Gebhardt stated that Modesto has notified Ceres that they would like to stop providing the services within a year, so Ceres is working on a transition program.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to adopt PC Resolution 09-29. Carried 5/0.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Kachel apologized for being late and stated it was because of the timing of the traffic signal at Whitmore/Central. Interim Director Gebhardt commented that it was something the City needed to fix.

Commissioner Kline commented that his daughter enjoyed meeting Interim Director Gebhardt and Public Works Director Scott on the canoe ride down the Tuolumne River recently.

Commissioner Del Nero reminded everyone that he would be absent from the December 7 meeting as he will be on vacation.

Commissioner Smith stated that in April 2007, she asked for quarterly reports for CDRAB and that they received three quarterly reports. In 2008, only two were received, and then in 2009, none other than the annual report. Commissioner Smith further stated that she understands with staff changes and the volume of work, but as the Board being responsible for the assessments, the activities and the work product, she feels responsible and reiterated her request again. She also stated that if there is an opportunity or decision that it isn't coming forth quarterly, she'd like to ask that the Chair be consulted on that decision as opposed to it being a staff decision.

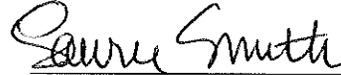
Interim City Planner Westbrook responded that the next meeting will include a quarterly report from CDRAB.

Chairperson Williams stated that December 31 will be the end of her tenure and that she isn't seeking re-appointment and further commented that it had been a pleasure to serve the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of January 19, 2010.

APPROVED:



Laurie Smith, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:



Tom Westbrook, Interim Secretary