

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

May 6, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chapman, Del Nero, Kachel, Molina. Smith, Student
Commissioner Larios

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Westbrook,
Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Toby Wells, City
Attorney Mike Lyons, Associate Planner James Michaels,
Secretary Sally Estrada

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Del Nero.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Kachel; seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2013 meeting; Carried 4/0/1 (Molina absent).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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

It was moved by Commissioner Molina; seconded by Commissioner Kachel, to approve the agenda as posted; Carried 5/0.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Capital Improvement Program, FY 2013-14 Project Priority List.

Deputy City Manager/City Engineer Toby Wells presented the CIP Project Priority List.

Discussion ensued regarding the 5-year Plan and funding sources for projects.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:12 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Kachel; seconded by Commissioner Smith, to find the new FY 2013/14 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects as presented consistent with the General Plan and recommend the City Council approve the additional projects; approve PC Resolution 13-06; Carried 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

3. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) 13-05; Proposal to amend applicable sections of the Municipal Code related to Chapter 18.42 Signs, to modify the current portable sign code to legalize A-Frame signs; City of Ceres, applicant.

Associate Planner James Michaels presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding various changes to the Text Amendment including “reasonable location,” spacing and quantity of signs.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:28 p.m.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the Text Amendment verbiage concerning the location of the signs in relation to the businesses.

Mr. Westbrook suggested a revision of the third sentence in Section 3.G.2. A-Frame Signs to read: *“The sign shall be placed on the parcel the business is located on, or within the shopping center the business is located in.”*

It was moved by Commissioner Chapman; seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve PC Resolution 13-05 as amended; Carried 5/0.

PUBLIC MEETING(S):

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

None

REPORTS:

Commission:

Chairperson Del Nero welcomed Student Commissioner, Juan Larios and asked him to talk about himself.

City Attorney:

Mr. Lyons announced that he will be attending the City Attorneys' Conference in Napa later this month.

Staff:

Mr. Westbrook:

- The May 1st Economic Development Strategic Meeting was rescheduled to May 15th at 5:30 p.m. He will send a reminder out, once he receives confirmation. The consultant will present their findings to us, ahead of the adoption of that document, which will be to the City Council for consideration, possibly by the late part of May or the first part of June.
- May 9th, the Ceres Chamber will be having a Ribbon Cutting at the Premier Car Wash, located at Service and Mitchell Roads, with a Mixer immediately following.

Mr. Wells:

- We're out to bid on the second phase of the overlay for Mitchell Road. It will go from the Walmart Plaza entrance down to Whitmore Avenue and is scheduled for construction this summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 6:48 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, May 20, 2013.

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APPROVED:



Gary Del Nero, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Tom Westbrook, Secretary

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