

CITY OF CERES
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

May 28, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Condit, Del Nero, Molina, Vice-Chairperson Kachel

ABSENT: Chairperson Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Westbrook, City Manager Toby Wells, Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Daryl Jordan, City Attorney Tom Hallinan, Acting City Clerk Ann Montgomery

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Kachel.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Molina; seconded by Commissioner Condit to approve the agenda as posted (or amended) and certification of posting. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Condit, Del Nero, Molina, Vice-Chairperson Kachel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chairperson Smith

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of a Resolution Making Findings Pertaining to City Council Ordinance Relating to the Creation and the Number, Designation, and Boundaries of Four Council Districts.

City Attorney, Tom Hallinan presented the staff report, explaining that Council will be considering an Ordinance to submit to the voters to have the City change from an At-Large Election and go to District Elections. As part of that process, the Planning Commission is required to pass a Resolution, making three findings:

- Each and every one of the Districts that is set forth in the Ordinance closes completely. That means there's no gaps or open boundaries, practically speaking.
- None of the Legislative Districts are eliminated in their entirety, prior to the termination of office of the Council Member of or from such district. So no one currently on the Council is going to be knocked out of their term because of the adoption of the District Elections.
- The Ordinance will not rezone any greater number of Council Members being qualified to hold office concurrently than are authorized by the statute.

Mr. Hallinan noted that the Ordinance provides for one Mayor and four City Council Members, as we currently have. He believes that there is sufficient evidence to support the making of the three findings and would request that the Planning Commission adopt the Resolution as presented.

Brief Commission discussion ensued.

The public hearing was opened at 5:36 p.m.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 5:36 p.m.

Brief Commission discussion continued.

Commissioner Condit remarked that he wanted to go on record by saying he thinks that Ceres is too small for District Elections. He doesn't know what the right amount is, 80,000 or 100,000 (referring to population), but 45,000 is too small.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Molina; seconded by Commissioner Del Nero to adopt Resolution 15-18. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Condit Del Nero, Molina, Vice-Chairperson Kachel

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chairperson Smith

PUBLIC MEETING(S):

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

MATTERS INITIATED BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

None

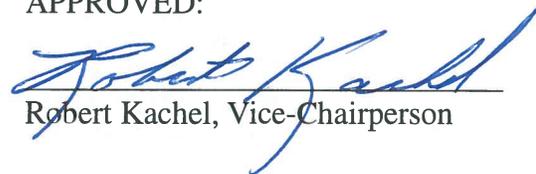
REPORTS:

- City Attorney, Tom Hallinan thanked everyone for attending this Special Meeting this evening.
- Director of Community Development, Tom Westbrook announced that the first Concerts In-the-Park of this season will be on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at Whitmore Park. Everyone is invited to come out for some good family fun. There will be a new element this year; a farmer's market. The "Cash Pass" raffle will also be available again this year. For \$35, it's an opportunity that allows you to win \$500 each concert week. The only caveat is that you have to be there to collect the \$500. If not in attendance when your name is pulled, you'll receive \$250 and another name is drawn.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 5:42 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, June 15, 2015.

APPROVED:


Robert Kachel, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:


Tom Westbrook, Secretary