Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Virginia Gurrola
Invocation: Pastor Steve Belke, Strathmore First Baptist Church
Roll Call: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods

PRESENTATION
Dan McGough, Regional General Manager for Charter Communications, came forward and spoke regarding Charter Communication activities and long range plans. He stated that he was based in Gilroy, and he introduced Debbie Gibson, the local Operations Manager. Mr. McGough stated that he would like to make this a regular happening every three to four months. He spoke about how they were modernizing their cable system, and stated that through discussions with City staff, they would be able to assist the City with communications between public buildings with little or no cost to the City. At the Mayor’s request, Mr. McGough explained that, under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Council did not regulate the rates for Charter Cable. He stated that he would be back in four or five months with the final completion date for the rebuild.

PROCLAMATIONS
“Sierra Music Fest” - October 12, 2002

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
There were no Written Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Sarah Topa, 885 E. Putnam, No. 30, questioned whether Council was going to vote on her proposal for water conservation.

The City Manager stated that staff had discussed the matter with Ms. Topa and a copy of the response went to the Council.

Nicki Edwards, 13096 Road 208, addressed the Council urging them to think about the matters of water availability, sewage disposal and traffic safety before supporting the casino.

Dick Eckhoff, 28 E. Oak, stated that he would like to see the casino built closer to town (Jaye & 190). On Item 30, he would like to see a reduction in total s.f. that could be taken up.

CONSEN'T CALENDAR
All items were voted upon simultaneously on a Consent Calendar basis. Item Numbers 6, 7, 10, 11 and 13 were removed from the Consent Calendar for the purpose of discussion.
1. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 01-100102

2. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the negotiation of the purchase of one (1) spray rig for the Water Department.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 02-100102

3. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Recommendation: That the City Council approve purchases as listed, and authorize the Director of Finance to issue payment for same upon satisfactory delivery.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 03-100102

4. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2002-03 FISCAL YEAR

Recommendation: That the Council approve the attached budget adjustments and authorize staff to modify revenue and expenditure estimates as described on the attached schedule.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 04-100102

5. AWARD CONTRACT - ASPHALT MATERIALS

Recommendation: That Council award an annual contract for asphalt materials to Porterville Asphalt of Porterville, CA, and authorize payment of periodic invoices exceeding $500 upon satisfactory performance. Further, that Council authorize annual contract extensions upon mutually agreeable terms.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 05-100102

8. ACCEPTANCE OF LIBRARY OFFICE COMPLEX

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Accept the Library offices as complete;
2. Authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion; and
3. Approve the release of the 10% retention 35 days after recordation, provided no Stop Notices have been filed.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 06-100102

9. ACCEPTANCE OF INSTALLATION OF ARCH BACK STOPS AND CHAIN LINK FENCE AT PORTERVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Accept the installation of arch backstops and chain link fence at the Porterville Sports Complex Softball Fields as complete;
2. Authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion; and
3. Approve the release of the 10% retention 35 days after recordation, provided no Stop Notices have been filed.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order No. 07-100102

12. AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 10-2001 ALLOWING NEW MOTORCYCLE PARKING AND STOP SIGNS

Recommendation: That City Council approve the proposed amendments to Traffic Resolution No. 10-2001.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Resolution No. 149-2002

14. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE VACANCY

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Clerk to post a notice for 10 days to solicit applications and appoint someone after considering the applicants.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 08-100102

15. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - BARN THEATER ART SHOW AND SHABBY CHIC, ALMOST ANTIQUE, SALE - OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from the Barn Theater for the art show and sales event on the parking lot and grassy area at the Barn Theater on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the
application and Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 09-100102

16. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUTTERFIELD LIVING HISTORY DAY - OCTOBER 18, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from Porterville Unified School District for the Butterfield Living History Day at Zalud Park on Friday, October 18, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 10-100102

17. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - DOWNTOWN PORTERVILLE ASSOCIATION MAIN STREET CAR SHOW AND SIDEWALK SALE - OCTOBER 26, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from Downtown Porterville Association for a car show and sidewalk sale on Main Street on Saturday, October 26, 2002, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 11-100102

18. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RED RIBBON RALLY - OCTOBER 26, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from Porterville Unified School District for the Red Ribbon Rally and Walk in Zalud Park on Saturday, October 26, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 12-100102
19 APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES ANNUAL VETERAN’S DAY RUN - NOVEMBER 11, 2002

Recommendation: That the Council approve the City of Porterville Parks & Leisure Services annual Veteran’s Day Run to be held on Monday, November 11, 2002, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 13-100102

20. AIRPORT LEASE EXTENSION - LOT 45

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Lease Amendment No. 1, modifying page 2, Provision 4a of the original Lease Agreement, upon execution of said Amendment No. 1 by both Lessee and City.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 14-100102

21. AIRPORT DAYS / INSURANCE ALLOCATION

Recommendation: That Council:
1. Support October 26, 2002 as Airport Day.
2. Authorize staff to acquire additional insurance to cover the airplane rides which occur during the scheduled event, and
3. Authorize staff to pay for the insurance from the community promotion’s fund. (Costs not to exceed $2500.00)

Disposition: Approved.
Document No.: Minute Order 15-100102

ROBERT NUCKOLS/UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that the Council approve Item Numbers 1 through 5, 8, 9, 12, and 14 through 21a of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GARDEN, OAK AND MILL SEWER MAIN RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council approve Option # 2:
1. Award the Garden, Oak and Mill Sewer Main Reconstruction Project Base Bid only to the lowest bidder, Halopoff & Sons, Inc., in the amount of $378,499.05;
2. Authorize progress payments up to 90% of the contract amount; and
3. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction cost.

Council discussed the feasibility of awarding Option #1, the Base Bid and Alternate A, for the project and doing the full project. Council Member West stated that it would only be more expensive later to do the 80 homes that would be left out with Option 2.

The City Manager clarified that if the Council awarded the full project, the $140,000 that would need to be appropriated would come from the Sewer Revolving Fund.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member West that the Council approve Option 1 to award the entire project Base Bid plus Alternate “A” to Halopoff & Sons, Inc. in the amount of $558,712.73, and appropriate an additional $140,000 from the Sewer Revolving Fund.

M. O. No. 16-100102

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Woods
NOES: Hamilton
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.
7. AWARD OF CONTRACT - TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT NO. 6

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Amend the 2002/03 Annual Budget by taking $55,000 from the Lime Street Reconstruction Project (Account No. 89-9158-88) and moving it into Traffic Signal Project No. 6 (Account No. 89-9182-88);
2. Award Traffic Signal Project No. 6 to the firm of Loop Electric, Inc. in the amount of $347,320.00;
3. Authorize progress payments up to 90% of the contract amount; and
4. Authorize an 8.5% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs.

Council Member Joyner questioned the impact on the Lime Street Reconstruction Project, and was told that additional monies would probably be taken from that project, and the project would be postponed until next year.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council approve Option 1, the staff recommendation.

M. O. No. 17-100102 The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

10. WATER MASTER PLAN REVISION FOR ROCKY HILL ZONE 1

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Adopt Alternate 1 as a revision to the Water Master Plan, dated February 2001, as it relates to Rocky Hill Zone 1; and
2. Authorize staff to implement the revision and modify the existing Water Master Plan accordingly.

Council Member Joyner asked for clarification on the two tanks and how they would be reimbursed.

The City Manager explained that the two tanks would provide more water than the one tank, and the master plan costs would be reimbursable from developer fees.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member West that Council approve Alternate 1.

M. O. No. 18-100102

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.
11. AGREEMENT WITH PROTEUS INC. TO PROVIDE VEHICLE STORAGE, FUEL, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the agreement between Proteus, Inc. and the City of Porterville.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola questioned whether the City was competing with local businesses, and if the City charges competitively, so that rates would not have to be increased at a later date. She asked if the City had policies for the rates charged.

The Acting Public Works Director stated that they did have set rates that they charged for outside agencies.

The City Manager stated that the staff would check garage rates and motor pools so that the City rates would be consistent with other rates. He stated that their purpose was not to deny, or be in competition with, private enterprise. He stated that when they came back in July, they could provide Council with policies in that regard.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola asked that those policies be brought back in July 2003.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that Item No. 11 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

13. CORRECTION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE FEES

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the corrected fee schedule for automated residential refuse service as part of Resolution No. 145-2002.

Mayor Woods stated that he felt fees should not be Consent Calendar, even if they were reductions.

The Acting Public Works Director explained that the fees had been adopted at the previous meeting, subsequently a problem was discovered with the formula in the spreadsheets and some rates were shown a few cents too high. The draft resolution adjusts those fees.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola that Council adopt the corrected fee schedule for automated residential refuse service as part of Resolution No. 145-2002. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.
PUBLIC HEARINGS

22. ZONE CHANGE 2-2002 (PRE-ZONING) (DONALD FORRESTER)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

(1) Adopt the draft resolution approving a Negative Declaration for Zone Change 2-2002.

(2) Adopt the draft ordinance approving Zone Change 2-2002 provided that an acceptable guarantee of improvements to Plano Street has been secured.

(3) Rescind City Council Resolution No. 111-2002 for Annexation 447.

(4) Adopt a resolution authorizing initiation of preliminary proceeding and filing of the necessary application with LAFCo for Annexation 447 to reflect the additional 1.48± site to be changed to City C-2 as proposed by Zone Change 2-2002.

The City Manager introduced the item, and Randy Rouda, Associate Planner, gave the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola stated that she had received some communications from Mrs. Allison regarding their 37 feet of property across Plano. She stated that they didn’t want to move from past practice, but in the original February 6 letter to the Allisons, there was no discussion of inclusion of commercial property.

Mr. Rouda stated that the letter that was sent did not mention zoning and did say it was at no cost to the Allisons.

Mayor Woods opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m..

Dana Allison, 491 West Poplar, stated that she had spoken to numerous people in the community, and Council members and staff, who were very patient with her in trying to explain the City’s position. She stated that she still didn’t understand why their property, which was C-2 now, would be rezoned when they were annexed unless they gave the City $2,500 to improve their property along Plano. She stated that she didn’t know why they couldn’t go in as commercial. Mrs. Allison stated that she spoke to staff and found out that even if she wrote the check for $2,500, Caltrans might not allow the change. She stated that there was also a power pole in the way, but Mr. Rouda stated that the City would get it moved. She stated that hers was a large piece of property with one house that was zoned commercial. Mrs. Allison questioned why the improvements couldn’t be tied to a building permit and done at that time. She stated that their argument was not in the $2,500, but in the way it has been extorted.

Ron Irish came forward and questioned the cost of the improvements for curb and gutter.
The City Manager stated that the amount was costed out by an engineer. It was for curbs, gutters and pave out also. He then discussed the issue of what constitutes an adequate guarantee.

Mayor Woods closed the hearing to the public at 7:48 p.m., and opened the matter for Council comments.

In response to Council questions, Mr. Rouda stated that if the Allisons were totally left out, the future cost for an annexation and zoning would be $12,500, and if they were annexed as R-1 and then rezoned at a later time, the cost would be $4,000. Mr. Rouda stated that the Allisons could take advantage of a project the City would be doing in that area and add their project to the City’s. The City would deal with the contractor and the Edison Company, and the City would take the lead in dealing with Caltrans on the Allison’s behalf.

Mayor Woods closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that the Council adopt the draft resolution approving a Negative Declaration for Zone Change 2-2002.

Resolution 151-2002

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

**COUNCIL ACTION**

MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola that the Council approve Zone Change 2-2002, provided that an acceptable guarantee of improvements to Plano Street has been secured. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager read Ordinance No. 1621 by title only.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that the Council waive further reading of the Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member West that the Council adopt Ordinance 1621, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 2-2002 BEING A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM COUNTY C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO CITY C-2 (CENTRAL COMMERCIAL) FOR AN EXISTING DEVELOPED MINIMART, SELF SERVICE GAS PUMPS AND CAR WASH CONSISTING OF 2.29+ ACRES AND A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM COUNTY C2-SC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL-SCENIC
CORRIDOR) TO CITY C-2 (CENTRAL COMMERCIAL) FOR AN EXISTING 1.48± ACRE SITE DEVELOPED WITH A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING FOR THOSE TWO SITES GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PLANO STREET AND POPLAR ROAD.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The Council took a recess from 8:00 p.m. to 8:06 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that the Council rescind Resolution 111-2002, and adopt a resolution authorizing initiation of preliminary proceeding and filing of the necessary application with LAFCo for Annexation 447 to reflect the additional 1.48± site to be changed to City C-2 as proposed by Zone Change 2-2002.

Resolution 152-2002

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.

SECOND READINGS

23. ORDINANCE NO. 1615, AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 13, SOLID WASTE - SECOND READING

Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1615, waive further reading, and adopt said Ordinance.

The City Manager read Ordinance No 1615, by title only.

COUNCIL ACTION MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council waive further reading of the Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 1615 MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council adopt Ordinance 1615, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PORTERVILLE TO REGULATE THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORT, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.


Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1616, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

The City Manager Read Ordinance No. 1616, by title only.

COUNCIL ACTION

MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola that the Council waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1616. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1616

MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1616, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1, 7-2, 7-3.4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE ALONG WITH DESIGNATED APPENDICES, PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.


Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1617, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.
The City Manager read Ordinance No 1617, by title only.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member West that the Council waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1617. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ordinance 1617*

MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1617, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING SECTION 7-6 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.


Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1618, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

The City Manager read Ordinance No. 1618, by title only.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola that the Council waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1618. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ordinance 1618*

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that Council adopt Ordinance No. 1618, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING SECTION 7-4, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
27. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1619, ADOPTION OF THE 2001 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE

Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1619, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

The City Manager read Ordinance No. 1619, by title only.

COUNCIL ACTION

MOVED by Council Member West, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that the Council waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1619. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1619

MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Joyner that Council adopt Ordinance No. 1619, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING SECTION 7-9 & DELETING 7-10, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2001 EDITION, PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.


Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1620, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

The City Manager read Ordinance No. 1620, by title only.
COUNCIL ACTION

MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, that Council waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1620. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 1620


AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

29. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONCEPTUALLY SUPPORTING A CASINO AND RESORT BY THE TULE RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL ON HIGHWAY 190

Recommendation: The request from the Tribal Council is to approve a resolution of support. A draft of a resolution has been prepared for the Council’s consideration.

The City Manager introduced the item and gave the staff report.

The Council Members spoke regarding the Tribal Council’s support of the City and commitment to the community. The Mayor stated that this was a resolution of support, but the Tribal Council had a long way to travel still to Sacramento.

COUNCIL ACTION

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member West that the Council approve the Resolution of Support.

Resolution 153-2002

__________________________AYES: West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved.
30. POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS

Recommendation: If the Council wishes to modify the political sign regulations, it should initiate the process by adopting the draft resolution.

The City Manager presented the item and gave the staff report.

Mayor Woods addressed the safety issue of having large signs in residential yards that could obstruct the view of small children from, or of, approaching traffic. He stated that the clutter they saw two years ago raised his interest because of the danger. Mayor Woods stated that was why signs were restricted in residential areas—not just here but around the nation.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola stated that e-mails had been forwarded to her, and she just wanted to say that her decisions were based on what was best for the whole community, and were not based on her relationships with other Council members or staff. She stated that if she went outside and looked down her street and saw signs the size proposed, it would detract from the neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola stated that she asked people if they would like to see these signs in residential areas, and they didn’t. She stated that the size they allow now was large enough for residential areas. She stated that perhaps they should look at signs and how they were placed. Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola stated that she looked at this issue and how it might affect the neighborhood and the commercial areas.

Mayor Woods stated that there has been a lot of personal vindictiveness, but it was a question of safety for small children.

Council Member West stated that there was no validity to that concern. The signs were large enough for children to walk under, and there was more clutter with real estate signs. He stated that he did not agree with the analysis that it was a safety factor.

Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola stated that there were signs that were not properly placed. She stated that her concern was that when they open the door, where do they stop the number of signs in a residential area. She asked if the question of signs in residential areas only on arterial and collector streets would be considered at the public hearing.

Mayor Woods stated that it would.

Council Member Joyner made a motion to adopt “A Resolution of the Intent of the City Council of the City of Porterville to Initiate a General Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Pertaining to Political Signage Standards,” and Council Member West seconded the motion.

The City Manager clarified that the options of larger political signs in all residential areas, and/or larger political signs restricted to residential on arterial and collector streets would both be addressed at the public hearing.
COUNCIL ACTION  MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Council Member West that Council adopt A Resolution of the Intent of the City Council of the City of Porterville to Initiate a General Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Pertaining to Political Signage Standards.

Resolution 154-2002

AYES:  West, Joyner, Gurrola, Hamilton, Woods
NOES:  None
ABSENT:  None
ABSTAIN:  None

Disposition:  Approved.

31. IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS -- CHARTER MEASURES

Recommendation:  No recommendation, information only.

The City Manager introduced the item, and the City Attorney presented the staff report.

Council Member Hamilton stated that he thought they were going to offer the option of a majority vote to remove the mayor in Measure F. He asked if it could be changed.

The City Attorney stated that it could be brought back October 15 for approval.

Mayor Woods asked that the City Charter Review Advisory Committee be notified about this item on the October 15, 2002 agenda.

The City Attorney clarified that there would be nine measures, with an alternate for ‘F’ for a 3/5s vote to remove the mayor at any other time besides reorganization.

32. AWARD OF DESIGN CONTRACTS FOR CENTRAL CORE PROJECT

Recommendation:  That the City Council:

1. Award contracts as follows:
   a. Core Area 1 Project - Quad Knopf;
   b. Core Area 2 Project - Roberts Engineering;
   c. Core Area 3 Project - James Winton & Assoc.;
   d. Core Area 4 Project - Roberts Engineering;
   e. Caltrans Documents & Project Manuals - Quad Knopf;
2. Authorize staff to negotiate contracts with these firms; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign contracts with these firms.

The City Manager presented the item and the Acting Public Works Director gave the staff report.
COUNCIL ACTION

MOVED by Council Member Joyner, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Gurrola that the Council approve the recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Oral Communications.

OTHER MATTERS

There were no Other Matters.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to the Closed Session at 8:41 p.m.


ADJOURNMENT

The Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m. and adjourned to October 15, 2002.

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John Longley, City Clerk

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Gordon T. Woods, Mayor