Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Rivas’ Fifth Grade Class at Olive Street School. The class also sang and signed two patriotic songs. The group received a standing ovation from the Council and audience and, in appreciation, the Council members left the dais to walk by and shake hands with each individual student. Councilman Hamilton announced that the students had been personally invited by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

Invocation: Pastor Bud Goings, Living Word Fellowship


**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Stadtherr read the Proclamation entitled “July [2003] is Recreation and Parks Month” and presented the document to Mr. Villacano.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Bob Perez, 784 West Thurman Avenue, commended the Council and Police Chief for their pro-active approach regarding graffiti. He commended Mayor Stadtherr and the Council for addressing difficult issues with sufficient information and investigation to arrive at sound, correct decisions for the good of the community and surrounding areas. He expressed his gratitude to the Council for inviting the 5th grade students to serve and perform at the meeting. He asked that the Council “keep the lines of communication open” as they directed City business.

- Dick Eckoff, Downtown Porterville Association, 30 East Oak Avenue, referenced Item #20 (Filling Vacancies on the Long Range Planning Committee and Discussion of Purpose) and told the Council that unless it excluded the area between Morton & Olive and the railroad tracks and Second Street, that Downtown Porterville would be affected. He expressed his desire to have Downtown Porterville represented on the Committee or be heard with regard to the Committee’s activities. Mr. Eckoff was also cited Item #21, Study Sessions on the Community Development Department Work Program and the City Sign Code, as a subject of interest. He said if it does go to committee, he would definitely like to have Downtown Porterville considered for membership.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items 3, 4, 9, 10, and 13 were removed from the Consent Calendar.

1. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Disposition: Approved.

Document No: MO-01-07012003

2. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY-2003/2004

Disposition: Approved

Document No: MO-02-07012003
5. STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: POPULATION & HOUSING ESTIMATES.
Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a request for State Certification for the City’s January 1, 2003, population of 41,945.
Disposition: Approved
Document No: MO-03-07012003

6. AIRPORT LEASE - LOT 42
Recommendation: That the City approve the Lease Agreement between Leonard J. Alogna and the City of Porterville for Lot 42 at the Municipal Airport.
Disposition: Approved
Document No: MO-04-07012003

7. AIRCRAFT LOAN AGREEMENT
Recommendation: That the Council approve the Loan Agreement.
Disposition: Approved
Document No: MO-05-07012003

8. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO THE LOCAL-STATE MASTER AGREEMENT; PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL NO. 7.
Recommendation: Approve the subject program supplement by passing a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the subject program supplement.
Disposition: Approved
Document No: Resolution No. 93-2003

11. ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 620 WEST PUTNAM, BILL LONG, OWNER.
Recommendation: That the Council adopt the resolution approving the sale.
Disposition: Approved
Document No: Resolution No. 94-2003

12. REVISED RESOLUTIONS FOR SEWER RATE AND TREATMENT PLANT FEE INCREASE.
Recommendation: 1. That the Council rescind Resolution No. 66-2003 and adopt a resolution increasing the new residential and commercial sewer rates; and
2. That the Council rescind Resolution No. 67-2003 and adopt a resolution increasing the treatment plant fees.
Disposition: Approved
ITEMS 3, 4, 9, 10 and 13 REMOVED BY COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PLAYGROUND MATERIAL.

Recommendation: That Council award the contract for playground material for the Sports Complex to Playgrounds By Design, Inc., Pleasanton, California, for $10,069.70, and authorize payment upon satisfactory delivery of the material.

Public Works Director Meacham responded to questions predominantly from Councilman Hamilton: Fibar is preferable to sand because it requires less replacement; it does not dissipate upon contact with the clay base, reduces labor intensive activities, requires less bulk material than sand, and meets State requirements for accessibility. Meacham said the $10,000 was available from an unappropriated carry-over account as recommended by the Finance Department. He said the product was used in a number of cities and schools and was becoming much more sophisticated, i.e., it does not float, is heavier in the wind but does move in high-traffic areas (swings, slides) but anticipated Fibar would require less replacement fill than sand. Council requested this matter be brought back to the Council in 18 months (January, 2005) for review and evaluation.

Disposition: Approved.  
Document No: MO-06-07012003

4. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF THE FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY.

Recommendation: 1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Quad-Knopf; 2. Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents; 3. Authorize a 10% contingency for unforeseen items; 4. Authorize staff to make payments up to the 100% upon satisfactory completion of the work.

Mayor Stadtherr requested explanation of: why money was being spent to develop the facility at a time when the Federal Government is threatening to cut off the State’s road funds for air quality; why was the City working on a project that would increase both emissions and particulate pollution; would there be financial ramifications if the project was not approved.

Parks & Leisure Director Meacham stated the City had a contract with the State for removal of the old track and the addition of the City’s Sports Complex which was a trade-off for the City to build this facility at their request which had also turned the old round-track area into a soccer facility. In reference to the parts-per-million question, he said all vehicles used at the facility were street-legal. Meacham said the State may question the City as to changing the funding for the OHV Park.

Disposition: Approved; Instructions to staff to bring back to Council for review in January 2005  
Document No. MO-07-07012003

9. AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL SPEED ZONES ON PORTER ROAD FROM OLIVE AVENUE TO HENDERSON AVENUE.

Recommendation: Approve the first reading of the proposed Ordinance, read by title only, to amend Chapter 17, Article XV, Section 17-15, Prima Facie Speed Limits, on certain streets;
and direct the City Engineer to make appropriate changes in the posted signs when the ordinance becomes effective.

Disposition: _First Reading Approved, as read by title only_

**Document No. Ordinance No. 1637**

10. **ACCEPTANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS - NEW EXPRESSIONS, PHASE TWO SUBDIVISION (ENNIS HOMES, INC., BRIAN ENNIS).**

Recommendation: 1. Accept public improvements of New Expressions, Phase Two Subdivision for maintenance; 2. Authorize filing of the Notice of Completion and release the payment guarantee 35 days after recording, provided no liens have been filed.

Disposition: _Approved._

**Document No: MO-08-07012003**

13. **STREET CLOSURE FOR BLOCK PARTIES.**

Recommendation: 1. Allow the current request for cul-de-sac street closure for a block party to be held July 4, 2003; 2. All conditions contained in Resolution 85-2003 shall be rescinded on July 5, 2003 at 12:00:01 a.m.

Councilman Irish requested clarification of the following: Does the resolution pertain strictly to cul-de-sacs; how can the alcohol consumption be enforced; music: should be restrained at 9:00 p.m.

Chief Rodriguez responded that the street closure applied only to cul-de-sacs; illegal to consume alcohol on any public street and possibly no enforcement for those in their front yards; noise ordinance has no set time but amplifier permits usually carry 10:00 p.m. restrictions. Sunday through Thursday, noise is limited to 9:00 p.m.; weekends (Friday and Saturday nights) are often extended to 10:00 p.m.

Councilman Irish said that since this was a relatively new procedure, he would suggest erring on the side of caution and set strict guidelines at the onset which could be changed or relaxed as the activity proved itself. He proposed (1) setting a 9:00 p.m. curfew on noise and (2) impose a penalty for violation of any condition associated with cul-de-sac street closure to include a moratorium of such activity for 24 months.

Chief Rodriguez said any such activity on any public right-of-way or street required an Assembly Permit which could be revoked immediately. He recommended the noise curfew be set strictly at 10:00 p.m. Councilman Irish requested the definition of “cul-de-sac” (staff responded it could be longer than 600 feet) and he estimated that this could easily involve 100 persons.

Chief Rodriguez said the provisions of block parties and cul-de-sac street closure has never been formally addressed and as such each request must come before the Council on an individual basis. Mayor Stadtherr asked if the purpose of the proposed resolution was to enable staff to enforce provisions as set forth by the Council of simpler street closures such as cul-de-sac block parties to delegate the routine decisions from council to the Police Chief.

Chief Rodriguez stated the request would expedite the cul-de-sac street closure process and said he was in possession of such request for July 4, 2003, to celebrate the return of a U.S. Serviceman from Iraq.
Councilman Irish said he perceived loopholes in the proposed resolution and wouldn’t want to place City in jeopardy by adopting that particular document; he said he would, however, vote to allow the July 4 street closure request incumbent upon the item coming back to Council with more stringent parameters.

Disposition: Approved.
Document No: Resolution No. 85-2003

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI, THE RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED IN REMOVAL AND LIABILITY AND PENALTIES.

Recommendation That the City Council give the first reading to the ordinance repealing the City’s current graffiti provisions and providing for new provisions addressing the occurrence of graffiti as a nuisance, providing for the removal of graffiti, and providing for the recovery of the costs incurred in the removal.

After a brief staff report from City Manager Longley, Mayor Stadtherr opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and called for proponents of the matter.

Wayne Harris, 583 West Dexter, recommended adding any traffic sign on any street, arterial or not, be added to the list of declared nuisances so they could be repaired as soon as possible.

Dick Eckoff, Downtown Porterville Association, 30 East Oak, conveyed regrets from Donna Silva-Carter, Chamber Director, that she was unable to attend this meeting but stated the Chamber was strongly in favor of proceeding with this ordinance. He said the Downtown Porterville Association was also strongly in favor. He said he was not in favor of property owners being charged for graffiti removal. He also commented on Sec. 18-40, to wit: “I know this is stuff that’s been around for awhile, the Sale of Aerosol Paint and 18-41 Possession of Aerosol Paint Containers and Wide Tip Markers by Minors. It bothers me a little bit that (a) my 17-year-old son could be walking home from a buddy’s house where they’d been spray painting models and be nailed for it, whereas an 18-year-old can be walking down the alley with a spray can in hand can’t be, unless there’s some indication that they could prove that he was spraying something. Also, as a businessman, if I happen to sell markers and paint, that puts me in a position of having to card everybody that walks in wanting those. It just bothers me a bit. I know it’s been the law for some time and I’m probably not going to get anywhere on it, but I just wanted to voice my feelings on that one. So, my main concern is the fact whether or not a property owner can be dinged for this and under what circumstances. Thank you.”

The City Attorney responded that the proposed ordinance’s nuisance provisions for the property owner to be held responsible was gleaned from the previous ordinance and was usual and customary business law. She said if the City was repeatedly unable to get the property owner to remove the graffiti, it could then be declared a nuisance, abate it and recover costs. She said, “It is our intention, with regard to the immediate removal provision, that especially when owners consent, they will not be held responsible, and absolutely blanket consent forms are going to be encouraged because they City would much rather have consent in all of these situations where we like to abate property. That’s actually built into our approval process through this ordinance as well. When there are subdivision approvals or other discretionary approvals, we will put that in our conditions that they go ahead and consent right then and there to the City in advance, consenting, in the event there is graffiti, for the City to go ahead and remove. With regard to 18-40 and 18-41, that’s just parroting California law.”
Cathy Capone, 806 Westfield. Asked if the City could mitigate graffiti that occurs on and under bridges that is visible when walking along the river.

Steve Tree, 2514 West Memory Lane commended the Council for the graffiti policy and suggested that this ordinance be considered for use throughout the City at some point in time. He said he found all graffiti objectionable and perceived that the problem of getting permission slowed down the whole system now. He said, “When you have to find an absentee owner who lives in Los Angeles or San Francisco to get permission, why is that any different than me or any of you that have a business on Olive or Main Street where in 24 hours, it’s gone, no questions asked.” He requested the Council consider using the type of equipment used in Fresno and other cities that upon “shooting” the building, the computer identifies the proper color, the estimated amount of paint needed is entered into the machine, the paint is automatically mixed and applied to the building in a matching color as opposed to the patch-work quilts currently seen around town. He said the paint use for abatement is often as objectionable as the original graffiti.

Councilman Irish directed the Graffiti Task Force to make a list of Mr. Tree’s suggestions for further consideration by the Council.

There was no response to Mayor Stadtherr’s call for opponents to the proposed ordinance. The public hearing was closed for further public comment at 7:58 p.m.

City Manager Longley addressed comments made by Mr. Tree regarding 24-hour eradication. “The reference to 24-hour graffiti removal applying to arterials and public structures, there is actually an alternative here which is 48 hours for other portions of the City, so the standard isn’t as strong as the 24-hour standard, but it’s my understanding that the City Attorney looking at the law felt that it was easier to make the urgency argument for the 24 than the 48. We hear Mr. Tree loud and clear, and this is something, after a period of time, after this has the opportunity to stand the test, to consider revising the entire City to the 24 hour stay.”

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez requested definition of “structural component” with regard to glass windows. The City Attorney said circumstances would have to be taken on a case-by-case basis and etching would fall into that category and that renters and owners would have to decide themselves who is responsible for replacing property that has been virtually destroyed by graffiti or vandalism. She said the property owner would likely not be held responsible until it became a public nuisance.

Councilman West asked if arrests were ever made and Chief Rodriguez stated on occasion the culprits were apprehended, that juveniles went directly to Juvenile Hall but they were shortly cited out. City Attorney Lew said the ordinance would offer civil measures to mitigate offenders and that spokespersons for the Courts verified their intent to punish offenders to the fullest extent of the law. It was the general consensus of the Council that letters be signed by Councilmembers and issued to the Court at hearings recommending strong punishment of offenders.

Disposition Approved the First Reading of Ordinance No. 1638 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Porterville repealing Chapter 18, Article II, “Graffiti,” its entirety and replacing it with the provisions of a new Article II to address the occurrence of graffiti as a nuisance, and to provide for the removal of graffiti, and the recovery of costs incurred in such removal” read by title only.

Document No: Ordinance No. 1638.

Recommendation: That the City Council the resolution ordering the continued maintenance of Landscape & Lighting Maintenance Districts, and confirm the Engineer’s Report and Assessment for fiscal year 2003-2004.

Parks/Leisure Director Meacham presented a brief staff report after which Mayor Stadtherr opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. As there was no response to his call for proponents or opponents the hearing was closed to public input at 8:11 p.m. There was no further Council discussion.

Disposition: Approved
Document No: Resolution No. 86-2003

Mayor Stadtherr recognized Mr. Meacham upon his retirement from 15-1/2 years with the City and the Council, staff and audience responded with a round of applause for Mr. Meacham’s commendable service. Councilman Irish cited Mr. Meacham for being instrumental in establishing the City’s Landscape and Lighting Districts in 1989, the first being the Ben Ennis tract on Westwood, which, Meacham said, was still a lush and outstandingly landscaped area of the City. Council thanked Mr. Meacham for his ability and dedication in the beautification of the City. On behalf of the Porterville Senior Council, Councilman West was highly complimentary of Mr. Meacham stating he had done a tremendous job in leading the seniors in a variety of programs and said he would be sorely missed.

16. “NEW EXPRESSIONS” PHASES TWO THROUGH SIX, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, MODIFICATION NO. 1.

Recommendation
(1) That Council adopt the draft Resolution reaffirming the Negative Declaration originally prepared for “New Expressions” Tentative Subdivision Map; and
(2) That Council adopt the draft Resolution approving “New Expressions” Phases 2 through 6 Tentative Subdivision Map Modification No. 1.

Community Development Director Dunlap presented a detailed staff report which addressed deletion of conditions requiring provision of a sound baffle pedestrian access from two proposed cul-de-sacs to the adjacent jogging trail. Mr. Dunlap said the two access sites created significant design challenges for successful disabled access and still attenuate the sound barrier. He said the applicant requested deletion of Condition #32 and modification of Condition #33 and recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Stadtherr opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m. and called for proponents of the project.

Jim Winton, 150 West Morton, said he represented Ennis Homes and was in favor of the modification because construction of such a disabled access ramp would necessarily extend across the entire side line of the residential lots within the subdivision. He said width requirements of such ramps would have to be modified to meet the slope standards in the flat areas between the ramps and could become a significant improvement involving rails, etc. He said so many complaints had been received from residents regarding a passthrough located on a cul-de-sac along Highway 65 that that area had been fenced off. Mr. Winton said the complaints related to people wandering in and out and behind the houses and it was perceived as a privacy problem and a possible entry and escape route for potential problem.

Cathy Capone, 806 West Westfield, asked if there was Elderberry in the area of the subject location and was assured that there was not.
With no further response from the audience, Mayor Stadtherr closed the public input portion of the hearing and invited Council discussion.

Councilman Irish asked why the condition had initially been placed on the development. Mr. Dunlap said it was originally thought to improve accessibility to the [jogging] trail. Councilman Irish asked and it was affirmed that outsiders could gain access to the interior of the cul-de-sac from the trail to which he said that was enough for him to come to a decision.

Councilman West asked by whose authority the fence had been installed over the original pedestrian pass-through opening. Mr. Dunlap was unable to exact to whom the contractor had obtained permission. He said, however, that the pass-throughs created more nuisance factor than convenience to the residents. Councilman Irish stated that with his experience in security for 30 years, he would safely predict that if the wall was opened up, it would provide more burglars access into the cul-de-sacs because of the location and from a security point, he would oppose the openings. No further discussion ensued and Mayor Stadtherr called for a vote.

Disposition: (1) Proposed by Councilman West, seconded by Councilman Irish, the Council unanimously approved the Resolution reaffirming the Negative Declaration originally prepared for “New Expressions” Tentative Subdivision Map; and (2) Proposed by Councilman Hamilton, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, the Council unanimously approved the Resolution approving “New Expressions” Phases 2 through 6 Tentative Subdivision Map Modification No. 1.

Document No: (1) Resolution No. 87-2003; and (2) Resolution No. 88-2003.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

17. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE NO. 1636.

Recommendation: That Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1636, waive further reading and adopt said ordinance.

City Manager Longley advised the Council of their prerogative to waive the reading of the ordinance in full and adopt by title only.

Disposition: (1) Proposed by Councilman Hamilton, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, the Council unanimously directed City Clerk Longley to read Ordinance No. 1636 by title only, and waived the reading of the Ordinance in full.

(2) Proposed by Hamilton, seconded by West, the Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1636, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Porterville Amending Section 25-29 to Section 25-125 of the Code of the City of Porterville Adopting a Revision of Article IV and Article V to Comply with the Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Part 403 - General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution.

Document No. Ordinance No. 1636.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

18. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY GROUP FOR AIR QUALITY ISSUES
Recommendation: To authorize the Mayor to conduct meetings with the citizens of Porterville to ascertain where their lies in the air quality of Porterville.

City Manager Longley said at the last Council meeting a request was made to place an item on this agenda to consider forming an advisory group regarding air quality. Mr. Longley referred to a proposal prepared by Mayor Stadtherr outlined in attached memorandum.

Mayor Stadtherr requested input from other Council members regarding whether to form such a group, how to make it most effective, group size and method of appointment of members.

Councilman Irish: “What is it that we are going to try to accomplish with this committee or commission? What is the end result we want to achieve?” Mayor Stadtherr answered that the group’s purpose would be to define the concrete steps that would be taken to reduce air pollution and improve air quality in this area and direct their findings to the agency or group that would be most appropriate, i.e., report findings to the Council that are within their power or jurisdiction mitigate, or to the agency best able and authorized to meet suggestions. He said a major problem was that air quality was bigger than any local government but to say the City cannot do anything would not fulfill the duties of the Council as civic leaders.

Councilman Irish asked if there was a time certain by which the committee must be formed and said his first consideration was not add to staff’s burden, someone would have to pay for some of the activities and recommended that expenses be remanded to the Council’s budget.

Councilman West wondered if there could be any solution at all, and said there would be associated costs in development of this committee which would add expense in time and money to staff. He expressed doubt that the project would achieve a positive or measurable result.

Councilman Irish expressed doubt that air pollution could be reduced even with every citizen in the City driving electric cars, using electric lawn mowers, etc., because of the geographical location in a the Valley. He said he was definitely in favor of better air quality and less pollution but did not want to commit 10-12 people to a losing situation. He asked if the Council’s position would be to enact a proclamation aimed at achieving a goal.

Councilman West requested an opinion from the City Attorney regarding legality of the proposal.

City Attorney Julia Lew stated, “You have the discretion to set up a committee for this purpose or to do something via proclamation. This is a very flexible area for the Council and depends on what you come up with. Obviously, your jurisdiction will ultimately be limited in enforcement, depending on what kinds of suggestions or recommendations come out such a committee, but it’s difficult to issue an opinion without knowing what those specific recommendations or opinions would be.”

Councilman Hamilton agreed with the City Attorney and said the Regional Air Quality Board would set legislative and precedence for what local governments would be allowed to do. He cited the Fresno City Council’s attempt to impose regulations on chimney emissions, then reversed their position. He said it was to be commended that the Council was looking at air quality but could not see what a commission could possibly do, other than come back with recommendations; he envisioned that the City would be regulated outside of itself by State and Federal statutes.

City Manager Longley said he understood the Mayor’s proposal to be an endorsement of air quality and the establishment of a committee would permit the Mayor to meet with members of the community to be referred to as a “Blue Ribbon Group” to review options and begin to focus some attention and interest on this
important issue. He said his understanding of the Mayor’s proposal was to obtain endorsement of the Council to invite citizens to meet with him to discuss the issue.

Mayor Stadtherr stated, “I get the feeling that there are a lot of people out there who are looking for some sort of civic leadership on this issue, and I am looking for a way to bring these particular individuals together to either formulate recommendations or, if they agree that there is nothing that can be done, we can agree to that, too, and say ‘this problem is bigger than us.’ But to give them the Council’s blessings to investigate the issue. If they need a small amount of supplies, a meeting room, some postage—not more than $50.00—but just give those expressing interest in this issue a chance to come together. If it looks like they’re heading in a positive direction, we can support formation of the group; but if not, we can say it’s not going to work out and go no further. It would involve no staff time at all.”

It was suggested that community members interested in participating in the air quality matter make contact through the biweekly Council Forum process.

Disposition Proposed by HAMILTON, seconded by WEST, the Council authorized the Mayor to use Council Forum sessions to determine community interest in air quality issues.

Document No: MO-09-07012003

Mayor Stadtherr recessed the Council Meeting for five minutes at 8:40 p.m.

19. PARATRANSIT PLAN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE.

Recommendation: 1. That Council affirm appointment of the six citizens as recommended and 2) name a Councilperson as an additional committee member.

Linda Clark, Administrative Analyst, presented the staff report and said that operation of the Fixed Route (Dial-A-Colt) local transportation service required adoption of a Paratransit Plan in November, 1998, to provide comparable services to disabled persons and that the Paratransit Plan required formation of a 7-member Task Force Committee. Ms. Clark requested that the Council appoint representatives as listed and one Councilperson as an additional member to the Paratransit Task Force Committee:

Janet Giles Sequoia Medical Center
Else Hyder Porterville Developmental Center
Chuck Keen Senior Representative
Leanna Lindstrom Sierra View District Hospital
Joe Moreno Senior Representative
Isabel Olmos Family Healthcare Network

Ms. Clark said Larry Norton, Service Recipient, would be unable to remain on the committee due to personal and professional time constraints and she would bring back another name for appointment in late August/early September. Council suggested Ms. Clark make the appointment of the seventh member at her discretion.

Disposition: West/Hamilton: Council approved six members as presented; authorized Ms. Clark to appoint a qualified seventh member; Mayor Pro Tem Pete Martinez accepted the nomination to serve as Council representative on the Paratransit Task Force.

Document No: MO-10-07012003
20. FILLING VACANCIES ON THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION OF PURPOSE.

Recommendation: 1) Re-Appoint Committee Members Michael Ebaugh and Boyd Leavitt to four (4) year terms, ending July 10, 2007; 2) Appointment Ruben Fuentes to a four (4) year term, ending July 10, 2007; 3) Appointment one (1) city resident to a four (4) year term ending July 10, 2007; 4) Appointment one (1) city resident to fill an existing four (4) year term ending July 10, 2005; 5) Take the Long Range Planning Committee’s comments under advisement and assign additional studies to the Committee where appropriate.

Community Development Director Dunlap presented a staff report and said on July 10, 2001, nine representatives had been appointed to overlapping terms of this committee by the Council. He said there were currently two vacancies and requested the Council act to bring this committee to full membership. There was general discussion regarding purpose and operation of the committee, its effectiveness and problems encountered with time commitment to achieve the proposed activities of the group.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez directed staff to contact persons associated with the schools to serve in one of the vacant positions; Councilman Irish suggested contacting someone from building trades.

Disposition: Approved

Document No: MO-11-07012003

21. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO SCHEDULE STUDY SESSIONS ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WORK PROGRAM AND THE PORTERVILLE SIGN CODE.

Recommendation: That the City Council schedule study session dates for (1) the Community Development Department Work Program and (2) Comprehensive Review of the Porterville Sign Ordinance.

City Manager Longley presented a staff report regarding staff requests.

Disposition: Approved. Council set the Study Session date as August 4, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No response.

OTHER MATTERS

• Councilman Hamilton requested information regarding the frequency of Housing Element Task Force (HETF). Community Development Director Dunlap gave a detailed report of HETF activities. Pete McCracken, 657 Village Green, Chairman of the Housing Element Task Force reported on the committee’s prior meeting.

• Councilman West requested information on County islands inside the City Limits. City Manager Longley said this would be addressed at the August 4 meeting.
Mayor Stadtherr reported that Los Angeles had been implemented a reward program in connection with their graffiti control program. City Manager Longley said staff would issue a memo to Council on the matter after the meeting of the Graffiti Committee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS None.

CLOSED SESSION None.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Stadtherr adjourned the meeting to July 9, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Georgia Hawley, Deputy City Clerk

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Richard M. Stadtherr, Mayor