Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Mayor Pro Tem Irish, Council Member Hamilton, Council Member Stadtherr, Mayor Martinez
Absent: Council Member West

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

CLOSED SESSION:
A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   5 - Government Code Section 54956.9(b) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Three Cases.

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Julia Lew reported that the Council had accepted Mr. Lambarena’s counter offer of $82,500 and approved the resolution accepting a Grant Deed in fee for the real property located at APN 261-080-011.

Documentation: Resolution 32-2005
Disposition: Approved.

City Attorney Julia Lew reported that the Council had accepted Mr. Ruiz’s counter-offer of $7,400 and approved the resolution accepting a Grant Deed in fee for the real property located at APN 261-093-007.

Documentation: Resolution 33-2005
Disposition: Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Pro Tem Ron Irish
Invocation - Two individuals participated.

PROCLAMATION
“Adult Literacy Day” - April 2, 2005
• Tony Arellano came forward on behalf of the Literacy Program and received the proclamation.

“Filipino - American Week” - September 24-30, 2005
• Mary Agpaoa, Filipino-American Association member, came forward and received the proclamation.

PRESENTATION
Outstanding Business Honoree - Endurequest
• Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented a slide presentation on award recipient Endurequest highlighting its accomplishments and contributions to the local community.

City Manager’s Featured Projects for March, 2004
Computers - Police Vehicles
• Police Chief Silver Rodriguez introduced and Police Officer Rick Cookse presented a demonstration on new computer technology recently acquired by the Police Department.

HOME - First Time Low Income Homebuyers Program - Receipt of $1.2 Grant

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Carrie Reynolds, 2091 West Della, member of Porterville Leadership Class of 2004, came forward to fulfill a class challenge.
• Mary Agpaoa, member of the Filipino-American Association, thanked Council for the proclamation of Filipino-American Week, and introduced other Association members.
• Russell “Buck” Fletcher, 1662 West Morton Avenue, voiced support for the Council’s handling of the invocation matter.
• Heidi True, 737 West Belleview, spoke against the sidewalk installation currently underway in her neighborhood, requested that the Council improve communication between the City and homeowners, and voiced displeasure with City staff’s response to her concerns.
• Tony Mock, 1407 West Thurman, thanked Council for their diligence with regard to the invocation matter. He then voiced concern with the content of the invocation that evening and requested a copy of the resolution(s) passed on March 1, 2004 regarding invocations.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Items 7, 17 and 18 were removed.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2005

Recommendation: That the Council approve the City Council Minutes of February 15, 2005
2. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2004/2005 FISCAL YEAR

Recommendation: That the Council approve the budget adjustments increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations in the General Fund by $2,000 to account for donation received from Breakfast Rotary for Centennial Park; and by $176,494 to account for grant award of the Fire Act Grant 2004 for breathing apparatus and authorize staff to modify the revenue and expenditure estimates.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES - JAYE STREET/TULE RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Council:
1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Imbsen & Associates, for design services to rehabilitate and widen the Jaye Street/Tule River Bridge;
2. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the second or third ranked firms if staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract with Imbsen & Associates;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all contract documents; and
4. Authorize staff to make payments up to 100% upon satisfactory completion of the work.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 261-080-037 - ALEJANDRO AND TERESA BENAVIDEZ - DATE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Council:
1. Authorize staff to begin escrow, with the City paying escrow fees;
2. Authorize staff to make payment to Alejandro and Teresa Benavidez, owners of property, in the amount of $12,900, after completion of escrow;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents; and
4. Authorize staff to record all documents with the County Recorder.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 261-080-038 - JOE LAMBARENA - DATE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize staff to begin escrow, with the City paying escrow fees;
2. Authorize staff to make payment to Joe Lambarena, owner of property, in the amount of $9,200, after completion of escrow;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents; and
4. Authorize staff to record all documents with the County Recorder.

Documentation: Resolution 35-2005
Disposition: Approved.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 261-080-039 - MARIO A. LAMBARENA AND CRISTAL R. LAMBARENA-MILLON - DATE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize staff to begin escrow, with the City paying escrow fees;
2. Authorize staff to make payment to Mario A. Lambarena and Cristal R. Lambarena-Millon, owners of property, in the amount of $7,200, after completion of escrow;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents; and
4. Authorize staff to record all documents with the County Recorder.

Documentation: Resolution 36-2005
Disposition: Approved.

8. WORKFORCE HOUSING INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize the application submittal to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Workforce Housing Incentive Grant Program;
2. Approve the draft resolution authorizing the execution of the standard agreement and any other documents necessary to secure a Workforce Housing Incentive Grant from the State of California; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign the application, the standard agreement and all other participation documents, and the Community Development Director to sign all drawdown requests and other administrative documents required for the Workforce Housing Incentive Grant Program.

Documentation: Resolution 37-2005
Disposition: Approved.

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 1-2005 - RESOLUTION OF DENIAL TO UPGRADE AN EXISTING TYPE 20, BEER AND WINE OFF-SALE LICENSE TO A TYPE 21, BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS OFF-SALE LICENSE AND LETTER OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY FOR AN EXISTING MINI-MART LOCATED AT 809 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE (MOUNIB DAKHIL)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the resolution containing findings for denial of Conditional Use Permit 1-2005.

Documentation: Resolution 38-2005
Disposition: Approved.
10. SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Declare April 23, 2005, City of Porterville’s “Spring Clean Up Day”;
2. Encourage all residents to clean up their properties and take advantage of this special opportunity offered by the City; and
3. Authorize the City to accept trash, litter and yard prunings brought to its Corporation Yard for free disposal on April 23, 2005.

Documentation: M.O. 04-031505
Disposition: Approved.

11. LIGHTED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the changes to the Plan, Project Manual and Estimate of Probable Cost; and
2. Authorize staff to readvertise for bids on the project.

Documentation: M.O. 05-031505
Disposition: Approved.

12. INTENT TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CONCRETE IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BY THE CITY - GRANITE HILLS STREETS PROJECT, PHASE TWO, AND MILO STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Set a Public Hearing for April 19, 2005, according to the Mitigation Fee Act, for the establishment of the concrete reimbursement fee; and
2. Authorize staff to notify all affected property owners of the Public Hearing, via certified mail, including the concrete reimbursement amount.

Documentation: M.O. 06-031505
Disposition: Approved.

13. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - CITY OF PORTERVILLE PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES DEPT. “SPRING EGG HUNT,” VETERANS PARK, MARCH 25, 2005

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement submitted by the City of Porterville Parks & Leisure Services Department, subject to the stated requirements contained in Exhibit “A.”

Documentation: M.O. 07-031505
Disposition: Approved.
14. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - PORTERVILLE BREAKFAST ROTARY CANCER RUN, MAY 7, 2005

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement submitted by the City of Porterville Parks & Leisure Services Department, subject to the stated requirements contained in Exhibit “A.”

Documentation: M.O. 08-031505
Disposition: Approved.

15. AIRPORT LEASE - LOT 34E

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the assigning of the Lease Agreement between the City of Porterville and Charles F. Hutchins and Marilyn J. Hutchins to Glenn Ricketson.

Documentation: M.O. 09-031505
Disposition: Approved.

16. REQUEST APPROVAL OF LAND LEASE AT PORTERVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT - DONALD M. MATTHEWS AND MARJORIE E. MATTHEWS, LOT 46E

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the Lease for Lot 46E at the Porterville Municipal Airport to Donald M. Matthews and Marjorie E. Matthews; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Documentation: M.O. 10-031505
Disposition: Approved.

19. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - CITY MANAGER

Recommendation: That the Council review and approve the Employment Agreement.

Documentation: M.O. 11-031505
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Stadtherr, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Irish that the Council approve Items 1 through 6, 8 through 16, and 19.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

7. SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITY FOR REQUESTED CONSTRUCTION WARRANTY FOR THE ST. JAMES PLACE PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Council:
1. Approve the substitution of a Letter of Credit for the $50,000 Certificate of Deposit for the warranty security for the St. James Place Project; and
2. Approve that the City, utilizing Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds, pay for the cost of the Letter of Credit of approximately $1,250, but not to exceed $3,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Irish recused himself noting a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Stadtherr that the Council deny the City pay for the cost of the Letter of Credit.

M.O. 12-031505

AYES: Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Irish

ABSENT: West

Disposition: Denied.

17. PROPOSED REVISION OF TAXICAB/VEHICLE FOR HIRE ORDINANCE - SET PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Offer directions or suggestions for the draft ordinance; and
2. Set the date of April 5, 2005 as the date for the public hearing required to establish the ordinance, set the administrative fee, and to receive input from interested persons.

In response to Council Member Hamilton’s question, a discussion on the proposed provisions regarding the parking of taxicab vehicles in residential areas ensued. It was explained that because a taxicab company with a fleet of cars was now operating in Porterville, language restricting such activity had been added for consideration. Staff noted that several complaints of multiple taxicabs being parked in residential areas had been received.

Council Member Hamilton confirmed with staff that all of the taxicab and limousine companies would be contacted and informed of the proposed changes to the Ordinance and advised of the date of the public hearing.

Council Member Stadtherr voiced concern with restricting the ability of single cab owners/operators to park at their residences, to which staff responded that the language could be adjusted to accommodate such situations.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Irish’s question, staff confirmed that the Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) regulated limousines and that the Council could adopt an ordinance that required limousine companies to adhere to PUC regulations. It was also confirmed that staff would meet with the limousine companies prior to the public hearing.

In response to Council Member Stadtherr’s concern with the use of the term “automobile,” staff clarified that the term “automobile” applied to all vehicles, not simply cars.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Stadtherr that the Council set the date of April 5, 2005 as the date for the public
M.O. 13-031505 hearing required to establish the ordinance, set the administrative fee, and to receive input from interested persons.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

Disposition: Approved.

18. ALTERNATIVE STAFFING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: That the Council approve the resolution providing for the reorganization of staffing within the Police Department and approve the proposed job description.

In response to Council Member Hamilton’s question, City Manager John Longley explained that staff recommended that one Records Clerk position and one Clerical Assistant II position be removed from the staffing chart, and the new position of Property and Evidence Technician substituted in. He explained that if in the future a desire arose to restore those positions, the normal budgetary process would apply.

At the Council’s request, Police Chief Silver Rodriguez came forward and clarified that while those positions were still needed in his department, a decision had been made to maximize current staffing to reassign a sworn officer from the evidence room back to policing duties. He explained that in order to accommodate reduced staffing in the records department, the hours for operation had been cut back.

A discussion then ensued regarding the disposition of the two clerical positions.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Irish that the Council approve the resolution providing for the reorganization of staffing within the Police Department and approve the proposed job description.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

Disposition: Approved.

SECOND READING

20. ORDINANCE 1665, ZONE CHANGE 7-2004 (ENNIS)

Recommendation: That the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance 1665, waive further reading, and adopt said Ordinance.

Mayor Martinez recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and the staff report.
COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Stadtherr that the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance 1665, waive further reading, and adopt said Ordinance, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 7-2004 BEING A CHANGE OF ZONE FROM R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (FOUR FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A DESIGN REVIEW OVERLAY AND R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A DESIGN REVIEW OVERLAY FOR THE VACANT 21.05± ACRE SITE LOCATED GENERALLY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HENDERSON AVENUE AND NEWCOMB STREET.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Martinez
ABSENT: West

Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

21. APPROVAL TO MARKET BUILDING LOCATED AT 301 NORTH HOCKETT STREET

Recommendation: That the Council authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for sale by sealed bid the building located at 301 North Hockett Street for relocation by buyer.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report.

In response to a question posed by Council Member Stadtherr as to whether the building could be utilized for training purposes by the Fire Department, Fire Chief Frank Guyton explained that on forcible entry training would be appropriate, and not live fire training, due to safety concerns.

A discussion ensued regarding the likelihood of being able to sell the structure with the requirement of having to demolish or relocate the building within six months. It was stated that moving the structure would be extremely costly.

- Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, came forward and commented that somebody might be interested in relocating the structure and the City should pursue that option.

In response to Mayor Martinez’s question, City Manager John Longley indicated that the building was defined as an historical property in the community. Staff added that the structure was likely built in the early 1900s.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Stadtherr that the Council authorize the Purchasing Department to advertise for sale by sealed bid the building located at 301 North Hockett Street for relocation by buyer.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
22. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION

Recommendation: That the Council appoint, at their discretion, two of the interested individuals as Commissions to serve the remaining two vacancies with terms ending in October 2007, and a third person to the remaining vacancy which will expire in October of 2005.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Parks and Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine presented the staff report.

The Council noted that two of the interested individuals were in attendance and invited them to come forward and address the Council.

• Daniel Hoffman, 1740 West Henderson Avenue, introduced himself to the Council and requested that he be considered for appointment to the Commission.
• Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, came forward and voiced his interest in being appointed to the vacancy with the term ending in 2005.

Mayor Martinez indicated the Mr. George Luna had volunteered to serve on the Commission at his request. He offered information, particularly noting Mr. Luna’s work with at-risk children, and commented that he believed Mr. Luna would contribute positively to the Commission. He then noted that all of the individuals who had submitted statements of interest had something to contribute to the Commission.

Council Member Stadtherr acknowledged those individuals who had taken the time to write a letter of interest to the Council.

Council Member Hamilton confirmed with staff that the Redevelopment Advisory Committee had two vacancies and that its members were required to either live or work in the Redevelopment Area. After some discussion, staff advised that none of the individuals who had evinced an interest in serving on the Parks and Leisure Services Committee resided within the Redevelopment Area, however, it was mentioned that Mr. John Hardin was believed to work in the Redevelopment Area.

In response to a question from Council, Mr. Perrine indicated that all of the Library Board’s positions were filled.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Irish that the Council appoint Grace Munoz-Rios to serve on the Parks and Leisure Services Commission to fill the vacant position with a term ending in October 2007.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

M.O. 16-031505

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Irish, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council appoint Greg Shelton to serve on the Parks and Leisure Services Commission to fill the vacant position with a term ending in October 2005.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

M.O. 17-031505

MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Martinez that the Council appoint George Luna to serve on the Parks and Leisure Services Commission to fill the vacant position with a term ending in October 2007.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Martinez
NOES: Stadtherr
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

The Council thanked Mr. Daniel Hoffman for his interest in serving on the Commission and urged him to reassert his interest in the future. It was then mentioned that Mr. John Hardin might work within the Redevelopment Area, after which the Council directed staff to contact Mr. Hardin to confirm his employment within the Area and to determine if he had an interest in serving on the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. The Council additionally directed staff to prepare thank-you letters for Council’s signature to be sent to all of those individuals who had provided statements of interest.

Disposition: Approved.

23. CONSIDERATION OF ADVERTISING PROGRAM BEING ESTABLISHED FOR CITY TRANSIT BUSES

Recommendation: To be determined by Council.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Deputy City Manager Darrel Pyle presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Irish’s question, staff explained that a policy could be set which would determine what types of advertising would be solicited.

City Attorney Julia Lew pointed out that the draft policy included in the staff report explicitly excluded political ads, however, Ms. Lew contended that the item did raise interesting Constitutional issues.

A discussion then ensued as to the different types of advertising that could be utilized on the sides of the buses, and the differing costs, implementation, and potential income associated with each.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Irish, SECONDED by Council Member Hamilton that the Council proceed with obtaining information on a possible program, and return to Council with specific program for review and consideration.
AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: West  

Disposition: Direction provided to Council.  

The Council recessed for ten minutes.  

24. ANNUAL REPORT ON SENIOR COUNCIL UTILITY STIPEND  

Recommendation: That the Council receive and file the annual report.  

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Parks and Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine presented the staff report.  

Mr. Longley updated that report, indicating that the total amount of utility expense was actually $7,256, with $2,182 representing City water, refuse and sewer; $309 for telephone; $4,171 for electrical power; and $593 for natural gas.  

Council Member Hamilton requested a copy of the utility expense breakdown, to which Mr. Longley responded that he would provide a copy to each of the Council Members.  

Disposition: No action requested.  

25. REVIEW OF DRAFT TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY INDEPENDENCE (AUTONOMY) STUDY  

Recommendation: That the Council provide direction to the staff and the TCAG Board Member regarding the consideration of an autonomous TCAG and LAFCO.  

City Manager John Longley presented the item and the staff report.  

Council Member Hamilton commented that according to George Finney, Executive Secretary of TCAG Administration, TCAG staff supported the move to autonomy. He pointed out that most Metropolitan Planning Organizations (“MPOs”) in California were autonomous. He then voiced support bringing the item back to the Council once more information regarding the benefits and detriments was available.  

A discussion ensued as to those MPOs in California that were autonomous, with the nearest to Tulare County being the Kern Council of Governments (“KCOG”) and the Council of Fresno County Governments (“COFCG”).  

The Council directed staff to bring the item back when more information had been received.  

In response to Council Member Hamilton’s question, Mr. Longley explained the likely process by which TCAG would formally move toward autonomy, if so approved. He contended the process would conceivably be lengthy, particularly if Kings County had been invited to join, as was briefly mentioned at the last TCAG meeting.  

Disposition: Direction provided to staff.
The Council adjourned to a Joint Meeting of the Porterville City Council and Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

PORTERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA

Roll Call:  Vice-Chairperson Irish, Agency Member Hamilton, Agency Member Stadtherr, Chairperson Martinez
Absent:  Agency Member West

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED MATTER

PRA-1 RATIFICATION OF SUBORDINATION AGREEMENTS FOR ST. JAMES PLACE

Recommendation:  1. That the City Council:
    Approve the ratification of the documents needed from the City to effect subordination of the City loan to the Bank of the Sierra for the St. James Place Project; and

                      2. That the Redevelopment Agency:
    Approve the ratification of the documents needed from the City to effect subordination of the City loan to the Bank of the Sierra for the St. James Place Project.

Vice Chairman Irish noted a conflict of interest, recused himself from the discussion, and left the Council Chambers.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report.

At Council Member Hamilton’s request, Mr. Dunlap elaborated that the ambiguity was primarily due to the fact that the original authority had been granted for the original amount of $200,000, and that loan amount had increased to $440,000. He pointed out that although the City was still required by the HOME Program to subordinate, the original authority was ambiguous and therefore staff was seeking ratification of same.

COUNCIL ACTION:  MOVED by Council Member and Agency Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member and Agency Member Stadtherr that the Council approve the ratification of the documents needed from the City to effect subordination of the City loan to the Bank of the Sierra for the St. James Place Project, and that the Redevelopment Agency approve the ratification of the documents needed from the Redevelopment Agency to effect subordination of the Agency loan to the Bank of the Sierra for the St. James Place Project.

AYES:  Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES:  None
The Joint Meeting of the Porterville Redevelopment Agency and the Porterville City Council adjourned to a meeting of the Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

PRA-2 PAYMENT FOR SECURITY FOR REQUIRED CONSTRUCTION WARRANTY FOR THE ST. JAMES PLACE PROJECT

Recommendation: That the Redevelopment Agency approve the expenditure of Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds for the cost of the Letter of Credit for the St. James Place Project of approximately $1,250, but not to exceed $3,000.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and indicated that in order to be consistent with the action taken by the City Council earlier that evening, the staff recommendation was to deny the expenditure.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Agency Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Agency Member Stadtherr that the Redevelopment Agency deny the expenditure of Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds for the cost of the Letter of Credit for the St. James Place Project.

AYES: Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Irish
ABSENT: West

Disposition: Denied.

Chairperson Irish returned to the Council Chambers.

PRA-3 USE OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FIRST TIME LOW INCOME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM LOAN

Recommendation: That the Redevelopment Agency authorize the use of the program income funds generated by the sale or refinancing of homes assisted with Redevelopment TFHB funds for Redevelopment homebuyer assistance in the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Agency Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Agency Member Stadtherr that the Redevelopment Agency authorize the use of program income funds generated by the sale or refinancing of homes assisted with Redevelopment TFHB funds for Redevelopment Homebuyer assistance in the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision.

AYES: Irish, Hamilton, Stadtherr, Martinez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: West

The Porterville Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 9:02 p.m. to a meeting of the Porterville City Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

• Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, thanked the Council for his appointment to the Parks and Leisure Services Commission.

OTHER MATTERS

• Mayor Pro Tem Irish requested that Mr. Dunlap thank Linda Wammack for her preparation of the presentation on Endurequest. He then commended the Parks & Leisure Services Department staff, most notably Jeannie Greenwood, for its well-prepared Newsletter.

• Council Member Stadtherr commented on several matters:
  1. He informed everyone of the Lion’s Club “Brewfest” taking place at the park next to the Veteran’s Building that weekend;
  2. He mentioned that the Great Valley Center was sponsoring a Solar Conference at Cal State Fresno on April 1, 2005 and referenced individuals to www.valleyair.org/solar for further information.
  3. He advised of an upcoming vote on the Reduction in Motor Vehicle Emissions Program by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to take place on March 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. He advised that the outcome could affect the City’s ability to seek grant funds for bicycle paths and that he would inform the Council of the outcome.

• Council Member Hamilton requested that staff investigate the possibility of converting the City-owned property adjacent to the Zalud House to a parking lot.

• Mayor Martinez commented on several matters:
  1. He noted Mr. Dan Hogan’s interest in the Zalud House and suggested he be invited to participate on its Committee.
  2. He offered congratulations to City employees Russell Martinez and Shannon Skiles, who were named 2004 Police Officer of the Year and 2004 Firefighter of the Year, respectively, at the Exchange Club’s Annual Banquet.
  3. Mayor Martinez indicated that he had been appointed as an alternate to LAFCO.
  4. He informed Council that he had been elected President at a recent meeting of the Sister Cities Association and that he would first determine what the position entailed before accepting the position.
  5. He stated that he had received several complaints from Catholics who were offended by Council Member Stadtherr’s editorial piece, and questioned if it had possibly contained a typographical error.

• Council Member Hamilton noted that Bakersfield had recently adopted a Sister City in Mexico and suggested that the City contact Bakersfield to discuss logistics in transporting the ambulance(s).

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to the meeting of March 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Patrice Hildreth, Deputy City Clerk
Pedro R. Martinez, Mayor