PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - OCTOBER 11, 2005
CITY HALL - 291 N. MAIN ST.
MIKKABI ROOM - 5:00 P.M.

The Council Meeting was relocated from the Mikkabi Conference Room to the Council Chambers in anticipation of a large public turnout.

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Irish, Council Member Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton, Council Member Stadtherr, Mayor West

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Council Member Stadtherr
Invocation - A Moment of Silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. STATUS REPORT ON THE INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HILLSIDE AREA OF THE COMMUNITY

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and issue the written Status Report on the Interim Urgency Ordinance for the Protection of the Hillside Area of the Community.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and City Attorney Julia Lew presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Irish, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton that the Council approve and issue the written Status Report on the Interim Urgency Ordinance for the Protection of the Hillside Area of the Community. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

2. PARTNERSHIP WITH SMEE BUILDERS TO RECONSTRUCT GIBBONS AVENUE

Recommendation: That the City Council direct the City Engineer to:
1. Prepare construction plans for the reconstruction of Gibbons Avenue (36,000 sq. ft.) from Indiana Street east 1,320 ft.;
2. Enter into a payback agreement with Smee Builders to reimburse all related street reconstruction work associated with Sierra Meadows, Phase 1 work;
3. That the payback agreement stipulate that Smee Builders receive full reimbursement for all street reconstruction work associated with
Sierra Meadows Phase 1 work within 60 days of accepting the work by the City Engineer;

4. If Sierra Meadows, Phase 2, moves forward before the City is ready to construct along Gibbons Avenue and along Jaye Street that front Sierra Meadows, Phase 2, that the City Engineer prepare construction plans for Gibbons Avenue and for Jaye Street at those locations that front Phase 2;

5. Enter into a payback agreement with Smee Builders to reimburse all related street reconstruction work associated with Phase 2 work; and

6. That the payback agreement stipulate that Smee Builders receive full compensation for all street work associated with Sierra Meadows, Phase 2 work within 60 days of accepting the work by the City Engineer.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez presented the staff report.

A discussion ensued as to the potential benefits to both the City and Smee Builders.

Mr. Rodriguez clarified that the proposed funding source for the project involved the reallocation of current funds, which would be replenished by funds from the COP refinance. It was stated that those COP refinance funds would be utilized on a priority basis, with the highest priority being Jaye Street to State Highway 190. Mr. Rodriguez further indicated that the work proposed on Gibbons was a part of the overall strategy to redirect traffic south, particularly large trucks, to lessen the impact at Jaye Street and State Highway 190.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton suggested that staff request the County to abandon the portion of Gibbons Avenue east of Jaye Street that it currently holds.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Martinez that the Council approve staff’s recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 5:17 to the meeting of October 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Patrice Hildreth, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Kelly West, Mayor