PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ADJOURNED MEETING - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
MIKKABI ROOM - CITY HALL
291 N. MAIN ST. - 9:00 A.M.

Roll Call: Council Member Irish, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Irish, Mayor West
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton

Staff Present: John Longley, Julia Lew, Darrel Pyle, Frank Guyton, Silver Rodriguez, Baldo Rodriguez, Jim Perrine, Julie Boyle, Denise Marchant

Media: Aaron Burgess

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Kelly West
Invocation: Moment of Silence

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTER

1. PROJECT UPDATE MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

The City Manager stated that there was a request to review the status of projects and staff had compiled an up to date list which they would go through department by department. If the Council then had any questions, they could then be answered by staff. Mr. Longley asked that the Directors give a summary of the most current projects, starting with Fire and Airport.

• Fire Chief Frank Guyton reviewed his list of eight projects.

• Police Chief Silver Rodriguez reviewed his list of four items.

The Fire Chief and the City Manager addressed Homeland Security issues and the necessity of compatibility between police and fire communications, and the technical requirements.

• Parks and Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine reviewed his list of 26 items.

• Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez reviewed his list of 15 items.

The City Attorney spoke about the issues with the property owner in trying to proceed with Traffic Signal No. 8.

Council Member Stadtherr inquired about farming within the airport boundary.
Council Member Irish asked for an analysis on the pros and cons of getting effluent water from the airport to the current golf course. Staff was directed to prepare the analysis saying what it would take to accomplish that goal.

Council took a recess from 10:05 to 10:10 p.m.

The City Manager spoke regarding the priority listing of the projects which are presented in a project management format with project name, the milestones, and the estimated date of completion. He stated that there was a critical path which guides everything on the project.

• Julie Boyle, Senior Planner, and Denise Marchant, Development Associate, reviewed the list of 29 Community Development Projects.

The City Manager inquired about the queuing of the Riverwalk and Porterville Commercial Center. Ms. Boyle stated that it was queued so that Phase One of Riverwalk went first, and then the Porterville Commercial Center, and then Phase Two and Three of Riverwalk, but now that may not be the case, and in fact the Porterville Commercial Center may be processed first. She stated that being the case, they were looking in the traffic study for a more detailed description of what mitigation measures are specifically associated with Porterville Commercial Center, as opposed to the much greater traffic mitigation for Riverwalk. Council questioned how they separated the traffic impact from each side of Jaye Street, and staff stated that the smaller project, Porterville Commercial Center, created less of a traffic concern than the larger Riverwalk Project, especially Phase One.

The City Attorney clarified that the processing of the applications would not dictate the order of the construction process.

• Darrel Pyle, Deputy City Manager, then reviewed the 12 item list for Finance and the 17 item list for Human Resources.

• Julia Lew, City Attorney, then reviewed her nine item project list, and stated that Council had also received her 17 item list of confidential items.

Mrs. Lew stated that she would add hillside regulations to her list of projects.

OTHER MATTERS

Council Member Stadtherr asked for a synopsis of the two meetings attended by the City Manager.

City Manager stated that he attended two meetings yesterday regarding issues relative to Canyon Springs. One meeting in the morning, where the neighborhood showed up. They discussed their concern regarding the approval of the tentative subdivision map. The Manager asked that those concerns be relayed in writing, and he had not received anything to date. The City Manager spoke regarding the process of the map and improvement drawings. He stated that the same issue carried into the afternoon meeting of the Hillside Committee. He spoke on the moratorium and stated that
a first step on addressing the issue was a field trip to Southern California to look at other hillside development.

Council Irish suggested that if any groups wanted to get together to discuss the hillside issue, the Council should be advised so they were aware of the meetings. He stated that a lot of issues were legal issues.

The City Manager then addressed the City/Joint School Board meeting where two issues were discussed. The Board would like the Council to look closely at the program from Burton and PUHS “Character Counts.” They would like it extended to the entire community and perhaps the City could work toward making Porterville a “Character Counts” kind of community. The City Manager stated that there would be further discussion on the program and would probably be coming to Council on how to implement it.

Jim Perrine, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, stated that the new Community Center was a “Character Counts” facility.

The City Manager stated that they also discussed the coordination between the schools and the City relative to development projects. He spoke about the successful discussions regarding Mathew Street and clarified that they agreed to let bygones be bygones as pertains to the Granite Hills High School development. The City Manager stated that the Committee agreed to keep each informed and improving coordination in terms of notification. He stated that they would receive all PRC agendas and the City would be brought into the schools processes earlier to get the City’s input. The City Manager stated that the City also needed to ask Alta Vista about their plans for growth.

Council Member Irish spoke regarding the CCTV setup at the Transit Center and asked about looking into the feasibility of getting it monitored back to the Police Department. He asked staff to look into that matter.

Council Member Irish spoke regarding new technology and street furniture. He stated that he hoped the City would follow up on that for new development.

Council Member Martinez questioned the runway expansion and how it would effect the Sports Complex.

Frank Guyton spoke regarding the 500 foot safety zones to each side of the runway, and stated that it was past the no build zone, but it was still in the preview so they could make things work at the Sports Complex. He stated that lighting the fields was still a 50/50 proposal depending on whom at the FAA they spoke to, but in their current position, it was a very hard sell. He stated that moving the ball diamonds location on the Complex farther west and south as possible might make it a possibility.
ADJOURNMENT
The Council adjourned to the meeting of October 4, 2005 at 11:12 a.m.

Georgia Hawley, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Kelly West, Mayor