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

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Richard Stadtherr
Invocation: Moment of Silence

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTER

1. PROJECT UPDATE MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS

The City Manager stated that this would be a review of the status of the current 145 projects and special activities which staff was currently involved with. The City Manager than asked the Directors to summarize from two to six or seven of the most current projects and give their status, starting with Community Development.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton stated that if Council had any questions they would give staff direction.

Brad Dunlap reviewed the following Community Development Projects:
• Hillside Development Ordinance
• GPA/ZC/PM/Development Agreement (Riverwalk) - This project has been scaled down to 400,000 square feet, with no General Plan Amendment or Zone Change. The Project will be back in late June or early July for update.
• General Plan Update
• Subdivision Ordinance Amendment
• CAL Home Grant
• Porterville Hotel - Staff is looking at utilizing the site and cleaning up a blighted site in the community.
• CDBG Annual Action Plan - Staff is still looking for committee member.
• Property Negotiations
• Wireless Ordinance - The draft is prepared and staff is making final adjustments.
• Submittal of Helen Putnam Award - Staff is working on this item.
Council Member Irish stated that on the downtown marketing plan, it would be nice if Council could obtain an exact list of parking downtown compared to retail space.

Mr. Dunlap stated that they could pull up the Omni-Means Study and revisit it. Council asked him to also find the number of parking spaces in the Parking District. Mr. Dunlap stated that staff had identified areas, but no funding was in place. Staff stated that they could also look at Section 108 funding for parking.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton asked about the Business Improvement Area Funding Options.

Mr. Dunlap stated that staff had discussed this with the Downtown Porterville Association and the options discussed were 1) continue doing what they were doing and get the City the audits; 2) have the City take it over and administer it; 3) have the Redevelopment Agency administer the funds; or, 4) have the Chamber of Commerce take it over. Mr. Dunlap stated that it all boils down to the fact that all the available resources are taken to hire office staff to try and find stability. Mr. Dunlap stated that one of the main benefits of having the Redevelopment Advisory Committee administer the funds was that the funds would not be hit for administrative costs, leaving more accessible funds for downtown. He stated that there was a problem with getting timely or complete financial records, and a lot of the activities once done were not being accomplished now. Mr. Dunlap stated that there was a dynamic of the Board going one way and the members going another.

The City Manager stated that there would be a staff report in terms of options when staff does the annual report in April or May.

Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez reviewed the following Public Works items:
- Henderson Avenue
- Percolation Ponds on 40 acres east of Hunsaker Property
- Plano Bridge Widening - Mr. Rodriguez also clarified that there would be a retaining wall on the Max Young property.
- Airport Water Inter-tie
- Core Area Project, Area 2 & 4 - Mr. Rodriguez stated that they would be paring down the concrete work with the amount of money they had available.
- Eastside Water Projects - Mike Reed, City Engineer, reviewed the current eastside water projects, including wells and tanks.

Council Member Irish questioned the width of the sidewalk in front of the Social Security Office and the difference with the sidewalks to the west and east of that development.

Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez stated that he would do some background on that issue.

Council Member Irish stated that they needed continuity on the sidewalks between Porter and Indiana.
Parks and Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine then reviewed the following list of projects:

- Skateboard Park - Bidding until April 11, 2006.
- Golf Course Management - This is on the agenda for March 21, 2006.
- Rails to Trails - Hopefully this will go to bid in April.
- New Landscape Maintenance Districts Reports and Assessments - There are eight new districts set for public hearing on March 21.

Council Member Irish stated that the Wisconsin Manor Landscape Maintenance District was in bad shape and a very poor district.

The City Manager stated that they had looked at abandoning that District because it was not working.

- Heritage Tot Lot - The redesign is underway.

Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton asked about the water slide design, and staff stated that they would have to take the complete design and break out the slide design.

The City Manager reviewed the Administrative Services and Administration lists and spoke on the following projects:

- 2006/07 Budget - Staff has a framework done and they can go over it with Council members individually when they come in.
- Hiring Administrative Services Manager - Staff was close to hiring an applicant, and they were finishing the recruitment process. They would be looking at making an announcement in the next couple of weeks.
- Airport Layout Plan

OTHER MATTERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned to the meeting of March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Georgia Hawley, Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Cameron Hamilton, Mayor Pro Tem