Call to Order at 6:34 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Irish, Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton, Council Member Stadtherr, Mayor Martinez
Absent: Council Member West

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Irish
Invocation - a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
   None

SCHEDULED MATTER
   1. RIVERWALK MARKETPLACE SHOPPING CENTER DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Recommendation: For the Council’s information only and to allow the public to have comments included into the record.

Deputy City Manager/Fire Chief Frank Guyton presented the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report. Mr. Dunlap noted that the Exhibit contained in the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) inaccurately depicted the size of the commercial area in that it showed the boundaries of the project extending beyond the commercial boundary and into the multiple family residential. He presented a corrected Exhibit and proceeded to review the staff report and offered a general overview of the EIR.

Mayor Martinez opened the floor up for questions from the audience.

• Ben Ennis, 643 N. Westwood Street, came forward and commented on the effort of Council Member Stadtherr with regard to roundabouts. He noted their positive attributes and indicated his intention to name the roundabout in Riverwalk Marketplace “Stadtherr Circle.”

Mayor Martinez questioned the position of the bus stop in the proposed development. Mr. Dunlap indicated that the bus stop would likely be located internally and not on Jaye Street as was currently reflected.
Mr. Dunlap then spoke of the plan to incorporate rails to trails access to encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle travel to the center.

In response to concerns raised by Mayor Martinez with regard to potential impacts on child safety due to the increased traffic and street widening, Mr. Dunlap indicated that the proposed development would actually improve the current condition of the area, with the addition of fully-lit sidewalks along Jaye Street and with pedestrian crossings upon the completion of the bridge.

Mayor Martinez invited commentary from the audience, in which nobody partook.

Mr. Dunlap clarified the likely time frame for bringing the item back to the Council for approval, which he estimated to be August 1, 2006. He then elaborated on the process involved.

Council Member Irish commented that he believed that the process to date had taken an exceptionally long time. He requested that staff find out how long the Tulare Lowes took in its development, from application to opening. Mr. Guyton confirmed that a memorandum would be provided to the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m. to the meeting of June 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

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Patrice Hildreth, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Pedro R. Martinez, Mayor