Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Pedro Martinez (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Hamilton

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

CLOSED SESSION:
A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   3- Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: John Hale et al. v. City of Porterville et al.
   4- Government Code Section 54956.9(c) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Three Cases.

The City Manager read the list of items and the Council adjourned at 6:02 p.m. to the La Barca Conference Room where Council Member P. Martinez joined them prior to the discussion on A-1.

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
City Attorney Julia reported that action had been taken in Closed Session to approve a one year lease of industrial Airport property to Southern California Edison at $2,100 per month.

A-1. AUTHORIZATION OF LEASE OF AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY – A PORTION OF APN 302-110-071

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1) Approve the lease of 10-acres of property located within the 74-acres along West Street, adjacent to the Municipal Airport, and
2) Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Documentation: M.O. 01-121906
Disposition: Approved.
Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Pete McCracken
Invocation - One person participated

PROCLAMATION
“Mariachi Academy for the Performing Arts Foundation Day” - December 19, 2007

PRESENTATION
Veteran’s Homecoming Queen and Court Presentation
Katie Lopez, Miss Porterville
Sarah Clifford, Senior Princess
Savanna Murdock, Princess
Danielle Standridge, Princess
Leslie Keele, Princess

City Managers Featured Projects for December 2006
1. Award of HOME Monies
2. Launch of Police Volunteer Program
3. Date Avenue Housing Project

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Mark Hillman, Home Building Design, 263 N. Third Street, asked to speak to Item 15.
• Jim Kusserow, Porterville High School Band Director, spoke regarding their participation in the Tournament of Roses Parade, and gave the Council Programs and pins developed for the High School.
• David McDowell, Sansome Pacific Properties, 500 Washington Street, San Francisco, asked to speak on Item 8.
• Greg Woodard, 1055 West Morton, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of Chamber, asked to speak on Item 8.
• Dick Eckhoff, 197 North Main, spoke on Porterville Panther Band and their being in the Rose Parade and being in the movie “The Elf.” He also requested approval of Item 20.
• Greg Shelton, 888 N. Williford, asked to speak on Item 8.
• Neil Smith, Smith Enterprises, 55 N. Hockett, asked to speak on Item 8.
• Donnette Silva-Carter, Porterville Chamber, spoke on the event being held down the street by the New Porterville Youth Foundation, Porterville PD, Chamber, KTIP, the AR Group, and private industry for local children to see Santa Claus and have their pictures taken. She also spoke on the recruitment video being shot for the Police Department

CONSENT CALENDAR
Items 6 and 8 were removed for further discussion.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes of October 17, 2006.

Documentation: M.O. 02-121906
Disposition: Approved.
2. CLAIM - LEONA WARZEE

Recommendation: That the Council reject said claim; refer the matter to the City's insurance adjustor; and direct the City Clerk to give the Claimant proper notification.

Documentation: M.O. 03-121906
Disposition: Approved.

3. REPLACEMENT OF ICE MAKER AT AIRPORT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the replacement of the ice maker at the airport; and
2. Authorize the expenditure from the Airport Replacement Fund.

Documentation: M.O. 04-121906
Disposition: Approved.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT APN 261-030-046 - SANDRA ANNE CANNELLA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE MAX LEROY YOUNG 1988 - PLANO BRIDGE WIDENING 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 Sandra Anne Cannella in the amount of $7,250.00 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 149-2006
Disposition: Approved.

5. PURCHASE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY BY GRIDLEY MACHINE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the sale of 422.4 square feet of land for a price of $658.95.
2. Authorize a lot line adjustment.
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to execute the above.

Documentation: M.O. 05-121906
Disposition: Approved.

7. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO SCOPE OF WORK OF FRANCHISE COMPLIANCE/RENEWAL CONSULTANT
Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City to expand the fee audit by Communications Support Group, Inc., to include the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, at an additional cost of $10,000, and authorize the execution of any and all documents necessary to affect an amendment to current scope of services, consistent with the terms of the prior agreement.

Documentation: M.O. 06-121906
Disposition: Approved.

9. EXTENSION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT TERM FOR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM USE OF THE SANTA FE DEPOT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the License Agreement; and
2. Direct the preparation of a budget amendment for the $2,400 extension in financial support.

Documentation: M.O. 07-121906
Disposition: Approved.

10. REQUEST TO APPLY FOR OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MINI GRANT

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Authorize the filing of the grant application; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents as pertains to the grant.

Documentation: M.O. 08-121906
Disposition: Approved.

11. AMENDMENT TO THE SEASONAL AND PART-TIME PAY RATES

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the Draft Resolution amending the City’s Employee Pay and Benefit Plan, Seasonal and Part-time Pay Rates for FY 2006-07.

Documentation: Resolution 150-2006
Disposition: Approved.

12. AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFIT PLAN - FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the Draft Resolution amending the Position Allocation Schedule and Position Pay Plan of the City’s Employee Pay and Benefit Plan.

Documentation: Resolution 151-2006
Disposition: Approved.
13. DEPUTY CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT

Recommendation: 1. Authorize the City Manager to retain Peckham and McKenney for a fee of $16,000, plus expenses, to recruit a Deputy City Manager.
   2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all necessary documents related to the recruitment process.

Documentation: M.O. 09-121906
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member P. Martinez that the Council approve Item Nos. 1 through 5, 7 and 9 through 13. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTING PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council:
   1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Provost & Pritchard; and
   2. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

   Council Member Pedro Martinez stated that he wanted to make sure that no conflicts would occur with projects currently in the works.

   The City Manager stated that they would not be working on projects that they had anything to do on the client side. They would not be the decision maker on any project in any event, but would only provide consultant advice to the staff.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Provost & Pritchard, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

8. INTENT TO ABANDON A PORTION OF “C” STREET (SALOME PACIFIC PROPERTIES, INC. - DAVID MCDOWELL)

Recommendation: That City Council:
   1. Consider the resolution of intent to vacate the northern portion of “C” Street between Vine Avenue and Olive Avenue; and
   2. Set the Council meeting of January 16, 2007 as the time and place for a public hearing, if Council consents to the developer’s proposal.

   The City Manager presented the item and Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez gave the staff report. At that time the Director corrected the draft resolution, Section 3, “...Section 8330” to “...Section 8340.” The Director stated that the applicant, Mr. McDowell of Sansome Pacific Properties, had provided documents of support from the adjacent property owners for the abandonment of “C” Street.
It was noted that Mr. McDowell asked that Council be made aware that these consent forms were not a prerequisite of Council’s approval of the resolution to vacate. Mr. McDowell also suggested that the resolution to vacate should be subject to, and effective, upon the final approval of the project and the issuance of a building permit. Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez stated that staff felt this was a reasonable suggestion, and staff may want to place an additional consideration of construction of the project within twelve month period, or a period deemed acceptable by the City Council. The issue of most significance to Public Works was Section 8340(a), which is spelled out in the draft resolution. The key points are 1, the consultant feels should be 8340(c) in that the public entity would retain a right to maintain existing underground or overhead facilities and continue to operate those underground or overhead facilities, and replace in kind, of those underground or overhead facilities. The difference between Section A and Section C was that under Section A the City would be able to put in a larger main, whereas under Section C it could replace what was there. Mr. Rodriguez stated that staff did not see any Pros, as they would be unable to improve any underground facilities if needed. Mr. Rodriguez then presented the remainder of the staff report.

Mayor Hamilton stated that this was not a public hearing, but they had four people ask to speak.

David McDowell stated that affirmation and consent on the project from the neighbors was not a requirement, but was something they did anyway. He stated that as to 8340 A versus C, he was not hung up on it being “C,” what he had a problem with was that 8340 A would allow the City to reserve the right to put in any easement, so what he was asking was that the City work with them in the future, before they publish the resolution, to pare down the list to reasonable utilities that may be needed in the future. He stated that his client was aware that there was a water main up “C” Street, and other utilities may exist there, and they would be open to having them available for updating and improvements—they just didn’t want a railroad. The alignment was an error on their architect and engineer’s part. They would want the alignment so the signalization at the intersection of Second and Olive would line up with the ingress and egress from the site, and whatever details needed to be worked out, they would be happy to work with that. He stated that if there were methods to improve the circulation, that would be fine and they were open to looking at what that might be. Mr. McDowell stated that the point of their request was simply to move the project forward, as they needed to be able to report to the ultimate user that they could procure an abandonment upon the obtaining of a successful, approved site, and pulling building permits. He stated that was why he suggested to staff, and staff agreed that evening, that it would be appropriate to put a contingency in the resolution that said that this would only be effective once a project had been approved, and a building permit had been issued, and they would have up to one year in order to pull the permits and get the site plan details worked out with the City. Only at that time would the abandonment actually take place.

Mayor Hamilton questioned whether the electrical, gas, and water were running down the alleyways, so that it progressed right across “C” Street. Mr. Rodriguez stated that was usually the case, but he was not aware of any other utilities being present except for the water main on “C” Street.

Gregg Woodard, Chamber Economic Development Committee, stated that the Committee’s mission was committed to facilitating planned economic growth and education while preserving and improving the quality of life for the greater Porterville area. He stated that the project as presented was reviewed by the Chamber EDC on December 7, and they discussed the pros and cons, and felt that the pros far outweighed the cons. He stated that this project meets two out of three of the Committee’s
objectives—creation, retention and expansion of new and existing jobs and a business friendly environment. The EDC Committee voted unanimously to give their support to this project.

Gregg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, stated that he didn’t see streets as liabilities. He stated that what bothered him was what was the good reason for getting rid of “C” Street when the proponent could purchase additional parking to the east. But instead the proponent wanted the City to abandon the street and give him the property for free, thereby saving him money. Mr. Shelton stated that it was hard to get around downtown if the streets were closed, and the property couldn’t be regained. He stated that the proponent had alternatives, and the City shouldn’t subsidize him.

Neil Smith stated that when this came to the Chamber EDC he made it clear that he was not supporting that development, but was supporting the concept. He stated that the Council could make the decision that Porterville was business friendly. Mr. Smith stated that parking was always an issue downtown. He stated that the Council needed forward thinking concepts, and they could look at developing Main Street to the south.

Mayor Hamilton clarified that they were just setting the public hearing tonight for the abandonment. He questioned staff about traffic and ingress and egress into the proposed development.

Brad Dunlap, Community Development Director, spoke about the need for infrastructure and the intertie with the downtown area, and access issues. He stated that he needed to review the plan revisions.

Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez stated that the staff has not reviewed the plans and this was just to set a public hearing, although Mr. McDowell had gone to everyone else but the people that needed to look at what he was doing, and that was what he paid the staff for, because they had the knowledge. He stated that it was important that this be done the correct way.

Council Member Hernandez agreed that there were still questions that needed to be answered by staff.

The City Manager stated that the Council was defining an order, and rather than focusing on this as a project, with the abandonment as a part of that, they were focusing on the abandonment before there was a project.

Mr. McDowell stated that this was not a decision to go ahead with the project, and that was why they offered from the onset the contingency that the abandonment would only be successful if and when permits were pulled. That gave them the opportunity to work with the staff on the details. He stated that if they couldn’t get to the point now where they know that, once they were successful with staff in creating a project and a site plan that’s workable, the project would not go forward, or take place at all.

Council Member Hernandez moved the staff recommendation. Mayor Hamilton seconded the motion and asked for discussion.

Mayor Hamilton clarified that the recommendation staff came up with had all the built in abilities to make sure that the project meets all the specifications that staff wishes to have.
The Public Works Director that what made this acceptable to them was an offer from Mr. McDowell that nothing becomes solid until the staff actually had the project before them, and that the conditions such as traffic signals, repair of the parking lot being used by the public not frequenting the other businesses, is worked out.

The City Attorney clarified that the resolution tonight didn’t contain those contingencies, but those items would be included in the actual resolution of abandonment presented at the public hearing, including the effective date and any conditions required for it to become effective.

The Community Development Director stated that, based on the current zoning, they did not have the ability to go in and review these with discretion. He stated that in a project such as this, it was one thing to meet the technical requirements of the Code, and it’s another to produce a project that is based on the need to abandon the street. There needs to be some ability to consider esthetics and optimum layouts, rather than just simply meeting the Code.

The Mayor clarified that they didn’t have the Code, but they had the fact that the proponents needed the abandonment, and that was their card.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Dunlap was saying that there was not much discretion in the review of the project, so there was not much ability to deny a project as long as it meets general guidelines. The real discretion was in the abandonment of the street, which was coming prior to the project.

Mayor Hamilton stated that it was all contingent upon the abandonment, and if the project didn’t meet their specifications, it would not be abandoned. The City Attorney clarified that the Mr. Longley was pointing out that the Council would be in the same position to make a decision on the approval of the resolution of abandonment unless a site plan was provided prior to that approval. She stated that the hearing could be continued until that side plan was provided.

Mr. Dunlap stated that was what Mr. McDowell was trying to get to in the condition of approval, was conditioning it upon the City’s approval of the plan for the development of the property and issuance of a building permit within a year. Secondly, the urgency for Mr. McDowell was that he needed to demonstrate site control to move forward with a tenant, and he needed to establish an intent to abandon. Thirdly, since there was an abandonment requirement, Mr. Dunlap didn’t if there was a way to require the project to come back for City Council approval.

The City Attorney stated that she would have to review if they could put conditions in the abandonment on the actual plan itself in order to get around the zoning. She stated that the Streets and Highways Code provides specific reasons for allowing abandonments. She stated that she could do that before the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez questioned the recommendation from staff which should have been reviewed by all the Directors.

The City Manager stated that the recommendation was pretty much presented as a pro forma deal to get it to the public hearing.
Mr. Lollis stated that this was brought by the staff in response to a request for consideration without a recommendation besides a request for Council consideration.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the Council approve the resolution of intent to vacate, as amended to Section 8340, the northern portion of “C” Street between Vine Avenue and Olive Avenue.

AYES: McCracken, Hernandez, Hamilton
NOES: P. Martinez, F. Martinez
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Approved as amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
14. ENNIS ESTATES TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (ENNIS HOMES)

Recommendation: That the City Council

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report, indicating that the applicant had again requested a continuance of the item.

Council Member McCracken spoke on the continuance of this item and the need to rescind previous action.

The City Attorney stated that a motion and approval of continuance would take care of the matter.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council continue this item to the January 16, 2007 Council meeting.

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AYES: F. Martinez, Hernandez, Hamilton
NOES: P. Martinez, McCracken
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Continued.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
15. RESOLUTION OF AMBIGUITY - DEVELOPER’S REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO CLARIFY AND RECONSIDER STAFF’S INTERPRETATION OF OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX CONSISTING OF 30 UNITS AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WILLOW AVENUE AND E STREET
Recommendation: That the City Council;
1. Review the Project Proponent’s challenge and interpret the current City Code as Council believes it should be interpreted; and
2. Direct Staff to revise and recommend amendment to the current City Ordinance if necessary as it pertains to Open Space in R-2 (three-family), R-3 (multifamily), and R-4 (multifamily) and Professional Office Zones to clarify any ambiguity.
3. Approve Draft Resolution

The City Manager presented the item. At this time Council Member Hernandez stated that he had a conflict as he had dealings with Mr. Pearson. Brad Dunlap, Director of Community Development, then presented the staff report.

Mayor Hamilton clarified that he was not within 300 feet of the project. He then declared a recess from 8:24 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

Mark Hillman, 263 North Third Street, handed out a document with lots for Council to review. He stated that staff was trying to place additional constraints not in the ordinance. Mr. Hillman debated the number of occupants that would be within Mr. Pearson’s 29 unit development. Mr. Hillman then reviewed his document showing five different site plans: A. Morton Avenue (seven units), B. Morton Avenue (six unit), C. Date Avenue, D. Plano Street, and E. Garden and Third, and the use of the building overhang to achieve the footage needed. He stated that he understood that Mr. Dunlap would like to amend the Code, but they had to use what they had now. It’s not intent, it is what the Code says at this time. He stated that he would appreciate the Council looking into this and letting the ordinance go forward as written.

Mr. Pearson stated that the numbers were skewed by Brad.

Mr. Dunlap stated that he didn’t necessarily rebut the statements, just wanted to clarify that a serious issue with housing is overcrowding. He stated that the ordinance was written awkwardly and he admitted that it had not been well enforced. He stated that it was a matter of whether the Council wanted to accept the conditions they currently have, but better enforced to ensure they have a ten-foot dimension, or whether they wanted a conservative approach as outlined here, or go back and amend the Code.

Mr. Hillman stated that the 750 square feet contiguous was a lot of land and would not work on the five examples he discussed. It had never been asked for and, by asking for it, they were asking for it was an outrageous amount of land in the rear one-third of the lot. He stated that it was way too much. Mr. Hillman then read the Code and stated that it read exactly as it was used in his development.

The City Attorney stated that she agreed with staff’s interpretation, and did believe that it could be enforced as staff was recommending.

Council and staff discussed when Mr. Hillman was informed of the interpretation.
Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez stated that the importance to him was when this came to the forefront. He stated that there was a big difference between an ethical issue and law. He stated that Mr. Dunlap was right, the Council was looking at more open space, as previous Councils have done, but intent was one thing and law was another.

Council Member McCracken agreed that they should support the Code, and if it hadn’t been enforced in the past, shame on them, but they should enforce it now as staff recommends. Council further discussed when this issue had been addressed in PRC with Mr. Hillman.

Council Member McCracken made a motion to accept the recommendation as supplied by staff. Council Member P. Martinez seconded the motion.

Mayor Hamilton asked for more time to review this matter.

Council Member McCracken and Council Member P. Martinez withdrew their motion and second.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez that the Council continue this item to the meeting of January 16, 2007

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AYES: McCracken, P. Martinez, F. Martinez, Hamilton

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hernandez

ABSTAIN: None

Disposition: Continued.

17. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT - RIVERWALK DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Review and approve the “Agreement” and authorize the Mayor to execute the “Agreement”;
2. Recognize that the construction costs identified in Exhibit ‘C’ are “Estimates of Probable Cost” and that the City’s share and the Developer’s share of cost shall be determined by the actual construction costs; and
3. Direct the Public Works Director to bring this matter back before Council with actual construction costs for Council review and consideration.

The Public Works Director stated that the applicant, or person of interest, has requested that this item be continued to January 16, 2007.

The Council concurred.

Council Member Hernandez rejoined the Council at this time.
16. ORDINANCE EXTENDING NON-EXCLUSIVE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the proposed ordinance and give first reading to the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Porterville Extending Ordinance No. 1544, as Transferred by Ordinance No. 1582, Being a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable Television System within the City of Porterville.

The City Manager presented the item and Julia Lew, the City Attorney, gave the staff report.

Council Member P. Martinez asked that the City enter into discussions with the Charter Company regarding an educational (PEG) channel for cable access for the Council meetings.

The City Manager stated that he and the City Attorney would meet with the cable company regarding this issue. He stated that they would respond back to Council as soon as possible.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member P. Martinez that the Council approve Ordinance 1710 and give first reading to the ordinance being An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Porterville Extending Ordinance No. 1544, as Transferred by Ordinance No. 1582, Being a Non-Exclusive Franchise to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable Television System within the City of Porterville. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager read the ordinance by title.

Disposition: Order to Print.

18. HERITAGE CENTER “WALL OF FAME” PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Adopt the Heritage Center “Wall of Fame” Placement Procedure; and,
2. Consider the nomination of Mrs. Carmen Martinez-Eoff for placement on the “Wall of Fame.”

The City Manager presented the item and Jim Perrine, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, gave the staff report.

Council discussed the item and the following items were recommended by Council:

• Mrs. Carmen Martinez-Eoff would be considered at the first meeting held in January 2007, along with any other nominees.
• The portrait to be placed on the “Wall of Fame” for five years and not three
• Nominations will be considered at the first regular meeting held in each calendar year.
COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member P. Martinez that Council accept the placement procedure as recommended by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Council Member P. Martinez that the Council amend the procedure to change the duration from thee to five years.

M.O. 13-121906

AYES: P. Martinez, F. Martinez, Hernandez, Hamilton
NOES: McCracken
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Council Member P. Martinez that the Council accept the placement procedure as amended.

M. O. 14-121906 The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved as amended.

19. PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

Recommendation: Provide direction for further development of a Property Improvement Award Program.

The City Manager presented the item and Jim Perrine, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, gave the staff report.

After a brief discussion the Mayor stated that he would come back with something for Council instead of ‘hashing’ it out that evening.

Disposition: Continued.

20. FRANK ‘BUCK’ SHAFFER CLOCK FOR CENTENNIAL PARK

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive the recommendation from the Parks and Leisure Services Commission that a clock not be installed in Centennial Plaza and instead be located in front of City Hall; and
2. Consider staff’s two suggestions for possible locations for a pole mounted clock in or adjacent to Centennial Plaza; and
3. Consider ‘Buck’ Schaffer’s stated desire to have a nostalgic clock located in Centennial Plaza; and
4. Provide direction and appropriate authorizations related to the installation of a clock and/or other memorial.
The City Manager presented the item and Jim Perrine, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, gave the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez stated that Robert Roman, Jim Kusserow, and Alex Gonzales, and other band directors from the local high schools, have formed a committee to get this off the ground. He stated that what they would like from the City was either someone from the staff, perhaps Parks and Leisure Services, in an advisory measure. He stated that they have begun to raise funds for the clock and to place benches in Centennial Park.

After discussion Council concurred the Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez will be the liaison to the Committee, and Mr. Longley and Mr. Perrine will support him staff-wise. Mr. Longley stated that they would come back with a budget.

Disposition: Referred to Committee.

21. SET ADJOURNED MEETINGS

Recommendation: That the City Council select dates and times for the two Adjourned Meetings.

The Council set January 26, 2007, 12:30 p.m., for the Measure R meeting, and set February 16, 2007 at 12:00 noon, for the Meet and Confer meeting.

Disposition: Meetings set.

22. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO MEASURE R CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Consider the appointment of an individual to serve on the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee; or
2. Provide direction to staff in facilitating an application process for individuals to be considered for appointment.

The Deputy City Manager presented the staff report, and clarified that the individual had to be at least 18 years of age and not an elected official or employee of any city, county, or state agency.

Mayor Hamilton put forward the name of Wayne Harris for this appointment,

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez that Council accept the nomination of Wayne Harris for the Measure R Minute Order 15-121906 Citizens Oversight Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

Mayor Hamilton directed staff to contact Mr. Harris about this appointment the next day.
23. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST FOR AN AGENDA ITEM - “DOG FECES ORDINANCE”

Recommendation: As directed by Council.

The City Manager presented the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez stated that he would like it to be mandatory for individuals to carry items to clean up after their dogs in public. He stated that there were ordinances from other cities that they could piggy back off.

Council questioned the enforcability of such an ordinance.

The City Manager stated that the City Attorney could do a list serve and provide information to the Council on disk for their review. Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez stated that he would be willing to look at this in the second quarter of the year.

24. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST FOR AN AGENDA ITEM - “CONSIDERATION OF $2,500 MURAL SPONSORSHIP”

Recommendation: As directed by Council. (If item is approved, please authorize appropriate budget adjustment)

The City Manager presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member P. Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that Council authorize the $2,500 Mural Sponsorship and authorize the budget adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

25. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST FOR AN AGENDA ITEM - “BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR IRIS BULB PLANTINGS”

Recommendation: As directed by Council. (If item is approved, please authorize appropriate budget adjustment)

Council discussed the planting of irises in all the City planters, as Suttons had offered free bulbs for that purpose. Council Member P. Martinez stated that this could be a part of the “Paint the Town” activity.

Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez made a motion, and Council Member McCracken made a second, to accept staff recommendation to adjust the budget by $3,500 for Iris planting, including the Zalud House, if the bulbs are still available.
Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez withdrew his motion after the discussion on the maintenance costs. It was agreed that it was the cost that was the problem.

After further discussion it was agreed that Council Member Hernandez would speak to the Boy Scouts; Mr. Perrine would speak to Suttons, the Garden Club and the horticulture classes at the high school and college regarding the planting.

Disposition: No action.

26. STREET LIGHTING ALONG VILLA STREET - OLIVE AVENUE TO UNION AVENUE

Recommendation: Informational only.

The City Manager presented the item and Mr. Rodriguez gave the staff report.

Disposition: Report Accepted.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Greg Shelton, 888 N. Williford, came forward and spoke regarding Item 19.
• Vidra McElfresh, Chairman of the Mural Committee, 772 E. Henderson, came forward and thanked the Council for their support.
• Dick Eckhoff came forward spoke on various items discussed that evening.

OTHER MATTERS
• Council Member P. Martinez spoke regarding the Sister City Association meeting in the Azusa area. He requested that the City follow up on an invitation to throw in our hat to be the host of the Mexico/California Conference.
• Council Member Hernandez spoke regarding the Wall of Fame and getting more nominations this next year.
• Mayor Pro Tem F. Martinez spoke on civic pride.
• Mayor Hamilton put forth the name of Buck Shaffer for the Wall of Fame.
• Council Member P. Martinez thanked the staff for their work his past year.

ADJOURNMENT
The Council adjourned at 10:50 p.m. to the meeting of January 5, 2007.

Georgia Hawley, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor