CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 21, 2007, 6:00 P.M.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

CLOSED SESSION:
A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   1. Government Code Section 54956.9(c) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Four Cases.

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
City Attorney Julia Lew reported that no action took place.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Pedro Martinez

Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENTATION
Employee of the Month - Jose Ortiz

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- Scott Scheer, HR Manager, Imperial Ambulance, 22 North Cottage, spoke of proposed changes in ambulance services in Tulare County advocated by Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency (“CCEMS”). He spoke of the detrimental impact such a move would have on Imperial Ambulance, as well as the citizens of the community, and requested the Council oppose said change.
- Dick Eckhoff, 197 North Main Street, requested the opportunity to speak when the Council considered Item 19; and voiced agreement with Mr. Scheer’s comments with regard to opposing the move to a single ambulance provider, as proposed by CCEMS. He requested that the Council voice its opposition on the record.
- Greg Woodard, came forward on behalf of the Home Building Association of Tulare and Kings County, and spoke of a report by the California Home Building Association entitled, “The Housing Bottom Line - Fiscal Impact on New Home Construction on California Governments,” and provided copies of the report to the Council. Mr. Woodard then voiced concern with Item 19, commenting that while he was unfamiliar with the details of the project, all developers understood the project costs prior to commencing work.
- Martha Alcazar Flores, 249 South Indiana Street, thanked the Council and staff for the
streetlights on, and road repairs to, South Indiana Street.

• Rodney Martin, 146 South Villa Street, spoke of the efforts to organize a Boys and Girls Club in Porterville, and of the Club’s positive impact in crime prevention. He spoke of the need to raise $25,000, and noted the $2,500 contribution by the Tule River Indian Tribe. He requested the Council’s consideration in supporting the Club, and invited everyone to a fundraiser dinner to take place on August 22, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 3 was removed at staff’s request for continuance to the next Council Meeting at staff’s request; Item Nos. 6 and 10 were removed for further discussion.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the City Council Minutes of July 10, 2007.

Documentation: Minute Order 01-082107
Disposition: Approved.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – MATHEW STREET AND OLIVE AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve staff’s recommended plans and project manual; and
2. Authorize staff to advertise for bids on the project.

Documentation: M.O. 02-082107
Disposition: Approved.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Accept the project as complete;
2. Authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion; and
3. Authorize the release of the 10% retention thirty-five (35) days after recordation, provided no stop notices have been filed.

Documentation: M.O. 03-082107
Disposition: Approved.

5. REVIEW OF FINAL CONTRACT QUANTITIES FOR RIVERWALK MARKETPLACE – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

Recommendation: That the City Council extend the date for acceptance or rejection of final construction costs by Ennis Commercial Properties LLC for the Riverwalk and Jaye Street Corridor Project to September 4, 2007.

Documentation: M.O. 04-082107
7. RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT – HOW SAFE ARE OUR CITIES

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Review and approve staff’s response to the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations; and
2. Direct the City Manager and Mayor to sign and transmit the City’s response to the Grand Jury.

Documentation: M.O. 05-082107
Disposition: Approved.

8. RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT – HOW ARE TULARE COUNTY SCHOOLS DEALING WITH GANG MEMBERS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Review and approve staff’s response to the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations; and
2. Direct the City Manager and Mayor to sign and transmit the City’s response to each of the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations.

Documentation: M.O. 06-082107
Disposition: Approved.

9. RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Review and approve staff’s response to the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations; and
2. Direct the City Manager and Mayor to sign and transmit the City’s response to each of the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations.

Documentation: M.O. 07-082107
Disposition: Approved.

11. APPROVAL OF FAA GRANT OFFER AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTING AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvements Program Grants, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to sign the one-page grant offer.

Documentation: M.O. 08-082107
Disposition: Approved.

12. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON USE OF CREDIT CARDS
Recommendation: That the City Council approve a four (4) month extension of the moratorium on the use of credit cards effective September 1 through December 31, 2007, with the maximum payment amount that can be charged to credit cards remaining at $250.00 per transaction.

Documentation: M.O. 09-082107
Disposition: Approved.

13. PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Adopt the draft resolution authorizing a change in the Table of Organization and amending the Position Allocation Schedule and Position Pay Plan of the City’s Employee Pay and Benefit Plan;
2. Authorize the establishment of two (2) Battalion Chief classifications at salary range 221 ($5,939 – $7,249), effective August 21, 2007, modify the Classification Plan; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute these and other documents necessary to implement the provisions hereof.

Documentation: Resolution 82-2007
Disposition: Approved.

14. AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFIT PLAN, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FUND AND EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the draft resolution amending the Employee Pay and Benefit Plan for Fiscal Years 2007-08 and 2008-09, the Employee Benefit Trust Fund, and the Employee Retirement System, and authorize the Mayor to execute these and other documents necessary to implement the provisions thereof.

Documentation: Resolution 83-2007
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council approve Item Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 9, and 11 through 14. The motion carried unanimously.

10. APPROVE CONCESSION LICENSE WITH AYSO REGION 315

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Concession License with AYSO Region 315, and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute same.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Parks & Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine presented the staff report.
A discussion ensued as to the delinquent account of PAYSA, during which Council Member Hernandez voiced concern with the organization not paying for services, despite the fact that the City worked with them and waived the concession fee.

Council Member Pedro Martinez confirmed that the agreement contained a due date for payments owed, covered special events, and did not provide for sub-contracting. At the Council Member’s request, representatives from the Youth Services Foundation came forward.

- Jan McHale, President of Youth Services Foundation (“YSF”), spoke in support of the Council’s approval of the concession license with AYSO Region 315. She indicated that YSF was not yet in a position to act, yet noted their desire for concessions in the future. Ms. McHale then invited the Council to attend an event honoring public safety personnel to take place on September 15, 2007. In response to the Council’s questions, she then spoke of advertising efforts of YSF.

- Angelica Velasquez, Vice-President of Youth Services Foundation, also came forward and spoke of the wide range of youths participating in the program, and of YSF concessions. She also advised the Council that revenue and expense information had been provided to the Parks & Leisure Services Department, and spoke of efforts to date to secure participants for concessions for the Spring sessions.

In response to questions posed by Council Member Pedro Martinez, a discussion ensued as to equipment in the concession building, and whether a business license was required for the organizations. It was staff’s belief that while a license was likely required, non-profit organizations were tax exempt, therefore no fee was required. Council Member Martinez requested that staff ensure that the proper procedures were followed. City Manager Longley clarified that the tax exempt status applied to cases in which the organization was a bona fide non-profit.

Council Member Hernandez clarified that he had not wished to cloud the request made by AYSO with his concerns of negligence of another non-profit organization.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council approve the Concession License with M.O. 10-082107 AYSO Region 315, and authorize and direct the Mayor to execute same. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT – REMODEL OF FIRE STATION NO. 1 RESTROOM

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Award the Fire Station No. 1 Bathroom Remodel Project to Vargas Construction Services in the amount of $61,200.00;
2. Authorize progress payments up to 90% of the contract amount; and
3. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs.

This item was removed from the agenda at staff’s request, and continued to the Council Meeting


6. CITY-WIDE STREET LIGHT PLAN

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Accept the City of Porterville Street Light Plan Project Program as described;
2. Direct the Public Works Director to proceed with the necessary field surveys and technical studies to complete the City of Porterville Street Light Plan as described; and
3. Present said “Street Light Plan” to the City Council on or about October 16, 2007 for further Council discussion and direction.

City Manager John Longley requested that staff’s recommendation be modified to direct staff to present the Street Light Plan to the Council in December 2007, rather than on October 16, 2007 as was stated in the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member McCracken that the Council accept the City of Porterville Street Light Plan Project Program as described; direct the Public Works Director to proceed with the necessary field surveys and technical studies to complete the City of Porterville Street Light Plan as described; and direct the Public Works Director to present said Street Light Plan to the City Council in December 2007 for further Council discussion and direction. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved, as amended.

SECOND READINGS

15. ORDINANCE 1723, ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1723, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1723, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance, being AN Ordinance 1723 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. The motion carried unanimously.
The City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

Disposition: Approved.

16. ORDINANCE 1725, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 17-15 - PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS

Recommendation: That the City Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1725, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1725, waive further reading, and adopt said Ordinance, being AN Ordinance 1725 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 17-15, PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS DETERMINED ON CERTAIN STREETS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Manager read the Ordinance by title only.

Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

17. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH AN ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION

Recommendation: That the Council authorize staff to discontinue preparation of the Enterprise Zone application and appropriate the budgeted monies to be used for an amendment to expand the boundaries of the Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 and prepare a Master Plan for the downtown area.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and called on Community Development Director Brad Dunlap for the staff report. At Mr. Dunlap’s request, Development Associate Linda Wammack came forward and presented the staff report.

Council Member McCracken confirmed with the City Attorney that he did not have a conflict with the item that evening.

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez voiced support for staff’s recommendation.

In response to questions posed by Mayor Hamilton, Mr. Dunlap elaborated on the issues affecting the Enterprise Zone application, indicating that the City’s consultant had expressed serious
concern as to the City’s likelihood in receiving the designation. A discussion as to the Master Plan and the potential benefits of moving forward with expanding the Redevelopment Project Area No. 1, particularly with regard to the Courthouse project, ensued.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council authorize staff to discontinue M.O. 12-082107 preparation of the Enterprise Zone application and appropriate the budgeted monies to be used for an amendment to expand the boundaries of the Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 and prepare a Master Plan for the downtown area. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

18. TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES – CASAS BUENA VISTA

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the report as informational only;
2. Encourage the residents of the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision to continue their good efforts associated with the Neighborhood Watch Program; and
3. Encourage the residents of the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision to assist the Police Department in identifying chronic speeders by noting license plate numbers, time, and date that the speeding occurs.

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

In response to questions posed by Council Member Pedro Martinez, Mr. Rodriguez indicated that his preferred choice on a traffic calming devise would be a police presence. Secondly, he stated, he leaned toward installing speed cushions, yet noted that the items were expensive. Mr. Rodriguez suggested that claims to the City for damaged rims might increase. Council Member Martinez voiced support for proceeding with some traffic calming measure in the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision, commenting that the neighborhood was unique.

A discussion ensued in response to Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez inquiry as to whether Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District funds could pay for the traffic calming devises. Parks & Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine indicated that he did not believe the District, as currently established, could fund such devises. He noted, however, that the scope of the District could be revised through a process, with a two-thirds vote of the members. Mr. Longley spoke of the potential for widespread interest. Council Member McCracken commented that he was aware of several neighborhoods without Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Districts who would likely be vocal to the Council regarding the issue.

Council Member Pedro Martinez requested more detailed information from staff with regard to the process and funding options.

Mayor Hamilton suggested that the homeowners in Casas Buena Vista be contacted so as to gain
their input on the subject.

Mr. Longley indicated that a more extensive staff report with options would be brought back to the Council, and that staff would first meet with the property owners in the Casas Buena Vista Subdivision. It was suggested by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that Council Members Martinez and Hernandez also attend the meeting.

Disposition: Direction provided to staff.

The Council recessed for fifteen minutes.

19. BRICKHOUSE LIGHTING RECONSIDERATION

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Require the developer to install one nostalgic style streetlight; or
2. If the Council so chooses to honor the developer’s request to waive the conditioned nostalgic light requirement, approve by resolution a modification to Resolution No. 43-2007 to waive the nostalgic lighting requirement and allow placement of the proposed exterior wall mounted gooseneck lights (thirty-five± lights) to satisfy the lighting requirement, require lighting to be maintained and on from dusk to dawn seven days a week (at owners expense) and; have the developer pay the in-lieu streetlight fee in the amount of $227.

Council Member McCracken noted a statutory conflict of interest, recused himself from the discussion and exited the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez also noted a conflict of interest, recused himself from the discussion and exited the Council Chambers.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and called on Community Development Director Brad Dunlap for the staff report. At Mr. Dunlap’s request, Jose Ortiz came forward and presented the staff report.

Mayor Hamilton opened the floor for public commentary.

• Dick Eckhoff, 197 North Main Street, voiced concern with a lack of uniformity downtown in the event the item was approved. He spoke of an established standard for lighting and the need for conformity.
• Chris Sanders, project designer, came forward and voiced frustration with what he perceived was an anti-business environment in Porterville. He suggested that a great deal of time had been spent by staff to deal with a requirement that he deemed was silly. He then voiced support for the relinquishment of Condition No. 20, indicating that Edison would have to work underground 168 feet for the applicant to meet that condition. He stated that the cost for that would not be feasible at that time. He suggested that the attitude towards new business was not conducive to development, and
indicated that the City of Tulare was much more business-friendly.

• Dave Gonzales, 561 North Cloverleaf, came forward on behalf of the Brickhouse Project partners, and suggested that there should be a certain amount of reasonable feasibility in the requirements imposed by the City. He spoke of his efforts, working with Southern California Edison, in regard to installing the required light. He stated that Edison representatives had informed him that they could not get power to the light, until possibly a year or two. Mr. Gonzales commented that the City was not adhering to the lighting standard with its own project on Oak Street. He then voiced concern with staff’s recommendation to require the installation of the streetlight for safety purposes, despite the fact that it would not be powered for another year or two, or to require that their exterior lighting be maintained and on from dusk to dawn, seven days per week. He then noted that the project actually had 47 lights, and not 35 as was stated in the staff report. Mr. Gonzales suggested that staff’s recommendation was punitive in nature. He proposed that the streetlight installation be postponed until such time as the parking lot was improved, stating that the benefit of the public would be best served.

Council Member Pedro Martinez stated that the staff and Council worked very hard at practicing what it preached, and that the City worked at meeting the standards in the Code just as everyone else was required to do. With regard to Mr. Gonzales’ comment as to Porterville being unfriendly to new businesses, he stated that staff and Council was looking at how they could assist businesses. He then spoke of the difficult task the Council faced in considering requested variances, and the many factors affecting the Council’s decision. Council Member Martinez then requested staff to respond to the concerns raised by Mr. Gonzales.

Mr. Dunlap advised that the City was in fact looking at nostalgic style streetlights for the parking lot at Mill and Hockett, and noted the early phase of planning.

City Engineer Mike Reed came forward and indicated that the Oak Avenue Project also included nostalgic streetlights, and advised that the project was currently out to bid. He stated that Mr. Gonzales’ requirement for a streetlight would actually be a position 50 feet north of a streetlight that the City would be installing with the Oak Avenue Project.

In response to a question posed by Council Member Hernandez, Mr. Dunlap elaborated on staff’s limited input on the streetlight design at the Transit Center, and of staff’s logic with regard to the parking lot immediately adjacent thereto. Council Member Hernandez suggested that perhaps a compromise could be reached, such as requiring the nostalgic lights on the building’s facade. Mr. Dunlap agreed that staff could look at options, however voiced concern with placing a nostalgic light on the building, indicating that it was large and did not work with the design.

• Mr. Gonzales indicated that he and his partners were planning on installing two street trees, and a third with the improvements on Oak Avenue. He then voiced concern with comments made by Mr. Reed regarding the installation of a streetlight 50 feet from where the City would be installing a streetlight. He stated that after much investigation, that proposed location would not be feasible. He reiterated his request to postpone the requirement until such time as the parking lot to the north of his project was redeveloped.
Mayor Hamilton inquired as to why Shortmann’s had never been required to meet the standards of the street dedication improvement policy. A discussion ensued as to when the strategic plans for downtown commenced and the specific requirements with regard to projects funded with redevelopment monies. Mayor Hamilton confirmed with Mr. Gonzales that he and his partners would be willing to place funds in an escrow account to guarantee that the applicants would install the streetlight at the time when the parking lot to the north of their building was improved.

City Attorney Julia Lew advised that an affirmative vote by three Council Members was required to modify the C.U.P.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council approve the deferment of the applicant’s installation of the streetlight, as required in Condition No. 20, until such time as the parking lot to the north of the subject project was improved, and require the applicant to deposit funds for said installation into an escrow account to guarantee the future work.

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

Disposition: Approved, as amended.

The Council recessed for ten minutes.

20. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council review the current appointments, and if deemed appropriate by the Council, make any necessary changes.

City Manager John Longley presented the item and the staff report.

The Council discussed the various committees, and the following changes were proposed:

**Tulare County Association of Governments:**
Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Member
Council Member Pedro Martinez, Alternate

**Subdivision Review Committee:**
Remove the item from the list, as the committee was dissolved.

**Southeastern Tulare County Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee (“STIG”):**
Council Member Eddie Hernandez, Member
Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Member

**Hillside Development Ord. Committee:**
Revisit the necessity of the committee after the study session.
COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council appoint Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez as the Member and Council Member Pedro Martinez as the Alternate to serve on the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG); appoint Council Member Hernandez and Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez as Members to serve on the Southeastern Tulare County Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee (STIG); and to appoint Council Member Pedro Martinez and Council Member Hernandez to serve as Members on the Joint City/School Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

21. CONSIDER PROPERTY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the City Council approve of the implementation of a Property Beautification Award Program as recommended by the Parks & Leisure Services Commission.

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

Mayor Hamilton suggested that the proposed program was too complex. A discussion ensued as to Parks & Leisure Services Commission’s proposal.

Council Member McCracken also suggested that it was not quite the program that he believed Council Member Pedro Martinez had envisioned.

Council Member Pedro Martinez commented that perhaps a non-profit would be interested in administering a property beautification award program.

Council Member Hernandez commented that since the Commission had devised a program, let the Commission run with it.

Council Member Pedro Martinez spoke of homeowners in the community that needed assistance in beautifying their properties. He suggested that a non-profit organization such as Kiwanis could facilitate such work.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council refer the matter to the City’s Internal Audit Committee.

AYES: McCracken, F. Martinez, Hernandez
NOES: P. Martinez, Hamilton
ABSTAIN: None
A request was made to not place the matter on the next Audit Committee Meeting Agenda.

Disposition: Approved to refer the matter to the City’s Internal Audit Committee.

22. APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the interested individuals and appoint one to the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of a term expiring in October 2009.

Mayor Hamilton nominated Sharon Patterson.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council appoint Sharon Patterson to the Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of a term expiring in October 2009.

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

Council Member Pedro Martinez requested that the other applicants be notified of the appointment and thanked for their interest.

Disposition: Sharon Patterson appointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

It was requested that Item Nos. 23 and 24 be presented concurrently.

23. INTERIM FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS AND GRANTS SUMMARY REPORT (ITEMS 23 & 24 APPROVED IN ONE MOTION.)

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the interim financial status reports and grants summary report as presented.

24. QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the quarterly Portfolio Summary in accordance with SB 564 and SB 866.

City Manager John Longley presented the items, and Chief Financial Officer Maria Bemis presented the staff reports.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council accept the interim financial status reports and grants summary report as presented, and accept the quarterly Portfolio
Summary in accordance with SB 564 and SB 866. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, lauded Council’s action with regard to Item 19; and spoke of the Parks & Leisure Services Commission’s efforts with regard to the Property Beautification Award Program. He stated that after first conferring with his fellow Commissioners, he could possible provide copies of a more streamlined draft program for the Audit Committee’s review, if it was interested.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member Hernandez spoke of the positive impact a Boys & Girls Club would provide to Porterville, and requested that an item considering an appropriation to the organization be placed on the next agenda.
- Mayor Pro Temp Felipe Martinez thanked staff, the Porterville Chamber of Commerce and everyone involved in the recent Kiwanis Club event at the Porterville Municipal Golf Course, commenting that the event had been a success and very enjoyable.
- Council Member Pedro Martinez acknowledged the hard work done by all levels of City staff and thanked them for their efforts.
- Mayor Hamilton:
  1. Advised everyone that Porterville Recorder reporter Aaron Burgin’s last day was Wednesday, August 22, 2007;
  2. Spoke of the recent loss of the brother-in-law of Dan Vink of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District. He stated that he had been killed in action while serving in Iraq, and requested that the Council send a bereavement gift to Mr. Vink;
  3. Thanked staff for their hard work, and acknowledged the criticism staff had endured that evening was difficult; and
  4. Advised the Council that Ralph Tyrell of Johnson Controls had requested a meeting with him, and requested input from the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to the meeting of September 4, 2007.

Patrice Hildreth, Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor