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:

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION
REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
City Attorney Julia Lew reported that no action had been taken during closed session.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Cameron Hamilton
Invocation -- one individual participated

PRESENTATIONS
   Introduction of New City Employees
   City Manager's Featured Projects
   Edison’s State of the Utility System

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Dick Eckhoff, 197 N. Main Street, requested clarification on Item No. 14, expressed concern over the addition of septic systems within the city limits, and stated that he would like to see the fees associated with sewer connection decreased.
• Jerry Waller, 2300 W. Morton Ave., announced that he was running for a seat on City Council, and that he was looking forward to a fair race.
• Brian Ward, 1652 W. Belleview Ave., announced that he was running for a seat on City Council, and win or lose, was looking forward to working towards a better Porterville.
• Richard Laswell, 2020 W. Julieann Ave., announced that he was running for a seat on City Council and spoke briefly about his background in fire and law enforcement.

CONSENT CALENDAR
   Item No. 9 was removed for further discussion. Per Council Member McCracken’s request, Item No. 1 was removed and acted upon separately for abstention.
2. CLAIM – GUSTAVO GOMEZ

Recommendation: That the Council:
   1. Reject said claim;
   2. Refer the matter to the City’s insurance adjustor; and
   3. Direct the City Clerk to give the Claimant proper notification.

Documentation: M.O. 01-031808
Disposition: Approved

3. APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL ELEVATIONS FOR RIVERWALK MARKETPLACE

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed architectural elevations, colors and materials for “El Pollo Loco” located on Building Pad Three.

Documentation: M.O. 02-031808
Disposition: Approved

4. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT ACCESS FROM STATE ROUTE 190 AT THE VELB MITIGATION SITE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
   1. Authorize staff to prepare all necessary documents; and
   2. Authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents as necessary to apply for a permanent access easement to the VELB Mitigation Site (Headgate Property) from State Route 190.

Documentation: Resolution No. 26-2008
Disposition: Approved

5. AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE RESQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to distribute Request For Proposals for On-Call Environmental Services.

Documentation: M.O. 03-031808
Disposition: Approved

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DEFINING LANDING FEE FOR CALFIRE

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the resolution as presented, defining the amount of landing fee since May, 2002.
7. COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
2. Encourage all residents to clean up their properties and take advantage of these special opportunities offered by the City;
3. Authorize the City to accept trash, litter and yard clippings delivered by City residents receiving City refuse service to the Spring and Fall Clean Up Events for free disposal; and
4. Authorize the cost of both events be funded from the Solid Waste Operating budget.

8. RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG “FALCO”

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the sale of “Falco” to Richard Standridge for one dollar ($1.00); and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement and document to sell “Falco” to Richard Standridge.

10. APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURE FOR ‘MUSIC ON MAIN STREET’ EVENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize the Parks & Leisure Services Department to sign Cleveland Avenue from Main Street east to Second Street along with the alley from Thurman to Cleveland for ‘No-Parking’; and
2. To Close the same portions of the street and alley to vehicular traffic from the hours of 5:15 PM to 8:30 PM each Friday evening from April 4, 2008 through June 27, 2008.

11. RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING THE PORTERVILLE 2030 GENERAL PLAN

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the draft resolution as presented.
COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council accept Items 2-8, 10 and 11. The motion carried unanimously.

1a. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2007

Recommendation: That the Council approve the minutes of June 8, 2007 as presented.

Council Member McCracken stated that he was not present for the June 8, 2007 meeting, and therefore would be abstaining.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council approve the minutes of June 8, 2007 as presented.

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

Disposition: Approved

1b. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2007

Recommendation: That the Council approve the minutes of August 7, 2007 as presented.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez that the Council approve the minutes of August 7, 2007 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

9. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT – MARIACHI ACADEMY FOUNDATION – TIME MARCHES ON – TRI TIP DINNER DRIVE THRU

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from the Mariachi Academy Foundation, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the Application, Agreement and Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application.

City Manager John Longley presented the item, and Deputy City Manager John Lollis presented the staff report.

Council Member Hernandez asked if there would be a beer garden, to which Mr. Lollis replied that there would not be.
At Council Member Hernandez’s request, Mr. Roman came forward to speak about the event.

- Robert Roman, 846 N. Main St., clarified that the event was on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He stated that they had raised approximately half of the money needed for the ‘Time Marches On’ Clock and assured that there would be no problems with clean up after the event.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro M.O. 09-031808  
Felipe Martinez that the Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from the Mariachi Academy Foundation, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the Application, Agreement and Exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event Application. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

**SECOND READINGS**

12. ORDINANCE 1737, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, CLAIMS

Recommendation: That the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1737, waive further reading, and adopt said Ordinance.

City Manager Longley presented the item.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council give Second Reading to Ordinance No. 1737, waive further reading, and adopt said ordinance, being AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING SECTION 1-19 OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE PORTERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Longley read by title only.

Disposition: Approved

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

13. HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER COST SHARE SETTLEMENT

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Approve the cost-share settlement and authorize staff to reimburse to Porterville Unified School District $176,428 for costs incurred as part of the Porterville Heritage Community Center/Santa Fe Elementary School project and;
2. Allocate the remaining $68,572 to capital projects at the Heritage Center.
City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Project Manager Linda Wammack presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member McCracken that the Council approve the cost-share settlement and authorize staff to reimburse to Porterville Unified School District $176,428 for costs incurred as part of the Porterville Heritage Community Center/Santa Fe Elementary School project and; allocate the remaining $68,572 to capital projects at the Heritage Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

14. RE-VISITING CITY’S SEWER CONNECTION POLICY

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Take no action at this meeting on Mr. Ramos request for a waiver on the City’s current sewer connection policy;
2. Select one of the three options presented in staff’s report and direct Public Works to implement said direction; and
3. If “Option C” is selected, appoint two Councilmen to serve on the Sewer Connection Policy Development Committee. Direct the Committee to prepare new guidelines and bring back said guidelines to the City Council for full review and discussion on April 15, 2008.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez asked how many people have hooked up to the City’s sewer under the current policy. Mr. Rodriguez answered, that to his knowledge, there had been none.

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez MOVED to accept Option C. The motion was SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez. Council Member McCracken explained that part of Option C entailed the appointment of two Councilmen to serve on the Sewer Connection Policy Development Committee, so the motion was incomplete. Mayor Hamilton recommended the appointment of the members of the Flag Committee.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council take no action at this meeting on Mr. Ramos request for a waiver on the City’s current sewer connection policy; select “Option C” presented in staff’s report and direct Public Works to implement said direction; appoint Council Member McCracken and Council Member Pedro Martinez to serve on the Sewer Connection Policy Development Committee; and direct the Committee to prepare new guidelines and bring back said guidelines to the City Council for full review and discussion on April 15, 2008.

AYES: P. Martinez, F. Martinez, Hernandez, Hamilton
15. CIEDB WATER LOAN – PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Affirm that it is still interested in securing a CIEDB water loan;
2. Affirm that the five projects proposed by staff are the projects Council is interested in constructing; and
3. Direct the Public Works Director to continue meeting with the CIEDB in an effort to secure property purchase costs, design, construction management and construction costs as allowed by CIEDB policy.

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

Mayor Hamilton asked that the reason the Surface Water Treatment Facility was dropped be explained. Mr. Longley clarified that it was due to the issue with the dam and its reconstruction. He added that it was his recommendation that the City go after Tule water as opposed to Friant-Kern water.

Council Member Hernandez asked Mr. Rodriguez for the new loan amount, to which Mr. Rodriguez stated that it would be approximately 7.4 million dollars. Mr. Longley added, for the record, that the strong recommendation was to proceed with the Watershed Characterization Project using the City’s own funds.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council affirm that it is still interested in securing a CIEDB water loan; affirm that the five projects proposed by staff are the projects Council is interested in constructing; and direct the Public Works Director to continue meeting with the CIEDB in an effort to secure property purchase costs, design, construction management and construction costs as allowed by CIEDB policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

16. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL OF CITIES IN THE RETENTION OF LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY OF TULARE’S GENERAL PLAN.

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the commitment of financial support in the amount of $4,516.04 for the Council of Cities in the retention of legal services in connection with the County of Tulare’s General Plan; and
2. Authorize a budget adjustment of the same amount from prior year carryover.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Deputy City Manager Lollis presented the Staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the Council approve the commitment of financial support in the amount of $4,516.04 for the Council of Cities in the retention of legal services in connection with the County of Tulare’s General Plan; and authorize a budget adjustment of the same amount from prior year carryover. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

The Council adjourned at 8:14 p.m. to a Meeting of the Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

PORTERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
March 18, 2008

Roll Call: Member McCracken, Member Pedro Martinez, Vice Chairman Felipe Martinez, Member Hernandez, Chairman Hamilton

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTER
PRA-1. AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE CITY’S AGREEMENT FOR “ON-CALL SERVICES” FOR FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY AND ANALYSIS SERVICES

Recommendation: That the Redevelopment Agency:
1. Authorize staff to utilize the City’s “On-Call Services” Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. for financial feasibility and analysis services for Redevelopment projects;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to approve each “on-call” Redevelopment Project Work Directive; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director to approve payment for Redevelopment “on-call services” from the appropriate Redevelopment project account.

Agency Member McCracken announced that due to a conflict of interest he would be abstaining.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report.
Vice Chair Felipe Martinez asked for clarification, and Mr. Dunlap explained that it would allow the Redevelopment Agency to consult with the same group for the financial analysis for the bond refinance. He added that the services would be contracted and paid back with Redevelopment funds.

**AGENCY ACTION:** MOVED by Vice Chair Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Member Hernandez that the Agency authorize staff to utilize the City’s “On-Call Services” Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. for financial feasibility and analysis services for Redevelopment projects; authorize the Executive Director to approve each “on-call” Redevelopment Project Work Directive; and authorize the Executive Director to approve payment for Redevelopment “on-call services” from the appropriate Redevelopment project account. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

The Redevelopment Agency meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. to a meeting of the Porterville City Council.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
- Greg Shelton, 888 N. Williford Drive, expressed concern with the current Sewer Connection Policy and the fees associated with connecting to the sewer; spoke of the recent lifting of the cease and desist order, and stated that the City should rethink project expenditures.

**OTHER MATTERS**
- Council Member Pedro Martinez wished everyone a Happy Easter, and spoke favorably of the Chamber Auction Event he attended on Saturday, March 15th.
- Council Member Hernandez applauded library staff for the recent eradication of a situation involving a negative element in a Sister City.
- Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez spoke favorably of the “Time Marches On” Committee and the Music on Main Street Events; he also stated that his prayers were with the Mayor and his family.

**ADJOURNMENT**
- The Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m. to the meeting of March 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Porterville Fairgrounds, 300 E. Olive Avenue.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk  

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Cameron Hamilton, Mayor