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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Eddie Hernandez
Invocation – A moment of silence was observed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
None

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

1. **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TRIP BY MAYOR PRO TEM FELIPE MARTINEZ**

Recommendation: That the Council authorize the expenditure of funds for Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez to travel to Washington D.C., as the representative of the City of Porterville to attend a meeting regarding the Success Dam Remediation Project.

City Manager Longley introduced the item and presented the staff report. Mr. Longley suggested that the item be approved in concept due to the possibility of the meeting being rescheduled.

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

M.O. 01-103007 MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED that the Council authorize, in concept, the expenditure of funds for the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to travel to Washington D.C., to attend a meeting regarding the Success Dam Remediation Project.

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

Disposition: Approved, as amended.

2. **STUDY SESSION ON CASE STUDY FOR THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2006-8)**

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction to staff on the direction of the Draft Hillside Development Ordinance based on the results of the case study.
City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report. He then introduced Mr. Mark Rogers, from TRG Land, to share the results of the case study.

During his presentation, Mr. Rogers reviewed the following case study information: Opportunities and Constraints, General Plan Land Use Projections, Assumptions, Slope Zone Analysis, Land Use Analysis, Earthwork Analysis, Project Land Use Plan, Economic Analysis, and Visual Analysis. He concluded his presentation by inviting questions from the Council.

Council Member Pedro Martinez inquired about lighting standards and how it would appear at night. Mr. Rogers stated that the lighting standards were low, which was great from a planning and offsite perspective, but considered insufficient from a community perspective. He then offered to provide samples of lighting standards for the Council’s review.

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez inquired about the water service to the area addressed in the study and utilization by the Fire Department for fire suppression. Community Development Director Brad Dunlap briefly explained that an adequate water infrastructure would have to be in place prior to any development, which would include compliance with fire flow rating requirements. Mr. Rogers spoke of the benefits of the placement of roadways along wildland interfaces, which included fuel modification and access/circulation.

Council Member Pedro Martinez inquired about the effects of water runoff, and its impact on lower levels. Mr. Rogers explained that they had provided for adequate space to retain the on-site water, and discharge it at a rate equal to or less than the natural occurrence. Community Development Director Dunlap noted that the City’s Storm Drain Master Plan was designed to accommodate one hundred percent runoff.

Mr. Dunlap pointed out the absence of biological and/or archeological studies that were called for in the draft ordinance viewed by Council, which were to be submitted at the time of application. He indicated that staff was modifying the draft ordinance to address the timing of those requirements without compromising the integrity of the ordinance.

Mayor Hamilton asked when the ordinance would be brought before Council. Community Development Director Dunlap stated that the process would parallel the General Plan, and that staff would attempt to adopt them concurrently to ensure consistency. He estimated a January time-frame.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member Pedro Martinez
  1. Thanked Fire Chief Mario Garcia for speaking to Channel 59 in his absence;
  2. Inquired about the return of the City’s firefighters; and
  3. Spoke of a City Council in California that presented a proclamation for a month of prayer and asked the City to research if it would be possible to do the same.
• Council Member Hernandez spoke of his attendance at the meeting with the school districts, and the discussion of joint-use athletic facilities with lit fields and tennis courts.

• Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez
  1. Spoke of pictures in the Porterville Recorder of Fire and Police Departments “Battle of the Badges” Blood Drive;
  2. Thanked the Police Department for their participation in meetings regarding gang abatement; and
  3. Spoke of a list of jobs from the Chamber of Commerce put together to show potential gang members the job opportunities available.

• Mayor Hamilton asked if someone would be able to attend a press conference for the gang task force, and Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez stated that he would be able to attend.

• Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez stated that he had the opportunity to attend a ground breaking ceremony in Visalia, and requested a congratulatory letter be sent to the Camacho family.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to the meeting of November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

SEAL

Patrice Hildreth, Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk
By: Luisa Herrera

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor