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

- Larry Newby, 42 North Kanai Drive, came forward on behalf of the Porterville City Fire Association and requested the Council’s approval of an agreement with the Association that would move more towards salary parity with comparable agencies. Mr. Newby spoke of the history of negotiations and of the consequences of having such a large disparity in salaries and benefits.

- Steve Ross, 893 E. Cleveland, voiced his support for the Porterville Fire Department personnel.

- Edith LaVonne, spoke in favor of supporting the Fire personnel.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:


3- Government Code Section 54956.9(a) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Josten v. City of Porterville.

4- Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of Porterville v. Aceves et al., Tulare County Superior Court Case No. 07-225028.

5- Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Case.

6- Government Code Section 54956.9(c) - Conference with Legal Counsel -Anticipated Litigation – One Case.


8- Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Title: City Manager.

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Julia Lew reported the following action:

COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution 01-2008 The Council unanimously authorized staff to make payment to Jack in the Box Inc. in the amount of $2,349; authorized the Mayor to sign all necessary documents; and authorized staff to record all documents with the County Recorder.

Disposition: Approved

4- Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of Porterville v. Aceves et al., Tulare County Superior Court Case No. 07-225028.

COUNCIL ACTION: M.O. 01-011508 The Council unanimously approved the settlement in the matter of the City of Porterville v. Aceves (Celito Lindo), which was comprised of site plan changes with regard to the neighboring property, and various agreements between the two property owners.

Ms. Lew indicated that there was no monetary requirement for the City in the settlement.

Disposition: Approved

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Pedro Martinez.
Invocation – One individual participated.

PRESENTATIONS
Employee of the Month – Josie Castaneda
City Manager’s Featured Projects
Outstanding Business Presentation – Chamber of Commerce
Edison’s “State of the Utility System” (continued to February 08)
Charter Communications Presentation of Check to the City

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- Robert Davis, 450 W. Morton Avenue, thanked the Council and staff for resolving the issue of illegal signs in Porterville.
- Dick Eckhoff, 197 North Main Street, came forward as Chairman of the City of Hope Auxiliary, and advised every one of auditions to take place on Tuesday, January 22nd for the 46th Annual City of Hope Spectacular to be held at the Buck Shaffer Auditorium on February 23, 2008. He invited all to attend.
- Martha Alcazar Flores, 249 South Indiana Street, thanked the Council and staff for their work in passing the Ordinance on sexual offenders, and spoke of the need for victim services in Porterville. She indicated she would be seeking participation from community members, as well as the City, to resolve the problem.
CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 2 was removed by staff and continued to the next City Council Meeting. Item No. 16 was removed by Council for further discussion.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 26, 2007

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes of December 26, 2007.

Documentation: M.O. 02-011508
Disposition: Approved

3. AWARD CONTRACT – PORTABLE COMBUSTION/EMISSIONS ANALYZER

Recommendation: That Council award the contract for a new portable combustion/ emissions analyzer to Don Wolf & Associates, Inc., of Chatsworth, CA, in the amount of $8,844.03. Further, that Council authorize payment upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment.

Documentation: M.O. 03-011508
Disposition: Approved

4. AWARD CONTRACT – ONE-TON CAB & CHASSIS TRUCK

Recommendation: That Council award the contract for a new one-ton cab & chassis truck to Downtown Ford of Sacramento, CA, in the amount of $19,611.32. Further, that Council authorize payment upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment.

Documentation: M.O. 04-011508
Disposition: Approved

5. AWARD CONTRACTS – PICKUP TRUCKS

Recommendation: That Council award the contracts for four (4) new one-half ton pickup trucks in the amount of $56,712.83 and one (1) new 4x4 pickup truck in the amount of $17,802.42 to Downtown Ford of Sacramento, CA. Further, that Council authorize payment upon satisfactory delivery of the equipment.

Documentation: M.O. 05-011508
Disposition: Approved

6. AWARD OF CONTRACT – OLIVE AVENUE AND HOLCOMB STREET BUS TURNOUT

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Award the Olive Avenue & Holcomb Street Bus Turnout project to V & G Builder’s Inc. in the amount of $29,985.00;
2. Authorize progress payments up to 90% of the contract amount; and
3. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs.

Documentation: M.O. 06-011508
Disposition: Approved

7. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT – ENGINATOR & AIR/FUEL RATION CONTROLLER

Recommendation: That Council accept the project as complete.

Documentation: M.O. 07-011508
Disposition: Approved

8. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT – REMODEL OF FIRE STATION #1 RESTROOM

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Accept the project as complete;
2. Authorize the filing of the Notice of Completion;
3. Authorize the immediate release of the 10% retention provided Gary Interrante Construction transmits certified letters to the City by noon on January 15, 2008 from each supplier/subcontractor stipulating agreement to the immediate release of retained funds and that Gary Interrante Construction provide to the City by noon on January 15, 2008 a letter certifying that every supplier and subcontractor was given a copy and signed the “immediate release of retention” letter; or
4. Authorize the release of the 10% retention thirty-five (35) days after recordation if Gary Interrante Construction fails to provide the necessary documents in the timeline identified above and provided no stop notices have been filed.

Documentation: M.O. 08-011508
Disposition: Approved

9. LEASE AGREEMENT – WIRELESS TOWER AT FIRE STATION #2

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Approve the Land Lease Agreement between the City of Porterville and Verizon Wireless; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents.

Documentation: M.O. 09-011508
Disposition: Approved
10. NEW AIRPORT LEASE – FBO LOT NO.11

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Porterville and R & B Resources, Inc., for FBO Lot 11 at the Porterville Municipal Airport.

Documentation: M.O. 10-011508
Disposition: Approved

11. RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE – RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL PANEL AT SEWER LIFT STATION

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify and approve the expenditure of approximately $2,700 to cover the balance of the existing contract with Blair Electric.

Documentation: M.O. 11-011508
Disposition: Approved

12. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES- AIRPORT RUNWAY GUIDANCE SYSTEM

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the Engineering Services Agreement between the City of Porterville and Tartaglia Engineering for design of the Airport’s Runway Vertical/Visual Guidance System; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Engineering Services Agreement.

Documentation: M.O. 12-011508
Disposition: Approved

13. RATIFICATION OF AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council ratify the submission to the FAA of the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) based on the projects outlined in Section 1 of the staff report.

Documentation: M.O. 13-011508
Disposition: Approved

14. APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND WILDLANDS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY’S HEADGATE MITIGATION SITE

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the Grant Deed to the City of Porterville for the 0.7 acres from Wildlands Inc.;
2. Authorize staff to record all documents with the County Recorder;
3. Approve the Service Agreement with Wildlands Inc. for the construction of the City’s Headgate Mitigation Site in the amount of $137,729.79;
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate documents as necessary to create the Mitigation Site; and
5. Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen construction costs.

Documentation: Resolution 02-2008
Disposition: Approved

15. RIVERWALK MARKETPLACE SIGN PROGRAM

Recommendation: That the City Council by resolution, approve the draft sign program for Riverwalk Marketplace Phase 1.

Documentation: Resolution 03-2008
Disposition: Approved

17. REVIEW AND APPROVE ‘WALL OF FAME’ NOMINATIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council review the ‘Wall of Fame’ nomination and approve the designation of Edward B. “Ted” Cornell.

Documentation: M.O. 14-011508
Disposition: Approved

18. APPROVAL OF SIGN DISCLOSURE REGARDING REAL ESTATE AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS FOR FAIR GROUNDS PROPERTY

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Disclosure Regarding Real Estate Agency Relationships with Melson Realty, Inc. by Vickie Hildreth.

Documentation: M.O. 15-011508
Disposition: Approved

19. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT – PORTERVILLE BREAKFAST ROTARY CANCER RUN, MAY 3, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from Porterville Breakfast Rotary, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in application, agreement and exhibit “A” of the Community Civic Event application form.

Documentation: M.O. 16-011508
Disposition: Approved
20. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS’ TRAVEL TO WASHINTON D.C.

Recommendation: That the City Council, consistent with Council practice, confirm out-of-state travel for Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Council Member Eddie Hernandez, and Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez on February 4-8, 2008.

Documentation: M.O. 17-011508
Disposition: Approved

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member McCracken that the City Council approve Item Nos. 1, 3 through 15, and 17 through 20. The motion carried unanimously.

2. REQUEST TO FILE LATE CLAIM – EL FUTURO CREDIT UNION (CONTENTS PORTION OF CLAIM)

Recommendation: That the City Council deny said Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim related to the contents portion of the claim, and direct the City Clerk to give the Claimant proper notification.

Disposition: Item continued to February 5, 2008 Meeting.

16. MURRY PARK POND WATER QUALITY

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the water quality information along with the Parks & Leisure Services Commission authorized sign wording, and provide to staff any further necessary direction.

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

Council Member Pedro Martinez suggested that sign language be expanded to state water not suitable for drinking or swimming. A discussion ensued regarding the ducks that inhabit the pond and the estimated price for addressing the water quality.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hernandez, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the City Council direct staff to provide options to the Council for addressing cleanliness of the pond. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

Mayor Hamilton and Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez briefly spoke about Item No. 17 and Edward B. “Ted” Cornell’s contributions to the community.
PUBLIC HEARINGS
21. CONTINUED – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 5-2007 – SEAFOOD CAFÉ/EL REVENTON

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the inclusion of conditions No. 11 and No. 13; and
2. Approve Conditional Use Permit Modification No. 1, subject to the revised conditions of approval.

During presentation of this item at the December 4, 2007 meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Mayor Hamilton and Council Member Pedro Martinez noted conflicts of interests, and the need to recuse themselves from participation on the item. In light of the lack of a quorum, the Rule of Necessity was invoked, and it was decided that Council Member Pedro Martinez could participate. Consistent with that previous decision, Mayor Hamilton and Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez recused themselves, and Council Member Pedro Martinez remained to consider the item.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Community Development Director Brad Dunlap presented the staff report. During the report, Mr. Dunlap indicated that there was a lack of clarity in the conditions and requested the item be continued to allow staff the opportunity to clarify Phase I and Phase II conditions.

The hearing was opened to the public at 7:55 p.m.

- Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, stated that he had mixed feelings about the item; voiced concern about the business not being the best neighbor, and the request to extend hours of operation; indicated that he appreciates small businesses; and was against moving forward in light of the pending investigation.

- Luis Farias, 1091 W. Olive Ave., applicant, clarified actual hours of operation.

The hearing was continued to the meeting of February 5, 2008.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council continue the public hearing to the February 5, 2008 Council Meeting to allow for a presentation of conditions of approval relative to phasing.

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

Disposition: Approved

The Council recessed for five minutes.
SCHEDULED MATTERS

22. CITY WIDE STREET LIGHT POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Accept the staff report presented herein; and
2. Direct the Public Works Director to provide an analysis with pertinent comments in a manner consistent with the staff report to support the “City Wide Street Light Policy”.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council accept the staff report; and direct the Public Works Director to provide an analysis with pertinent comments in a manner consistent with the staff report to support the “City Wide Street Light Policy”. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

23. CITY POLICY GOVERNING THE PLACEMENT OF MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Recommendation: That the City Council consider and adopt the proposed resolution adopting a policy governing the placement of memorials and monuments in City parks.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and City Attorney Julia Lew presented the report.

Staff was directed to send thank you letters to special counsel for their assistance.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez that the City Council adopt the proposed resolution adopting a policy governing the placement of memorials and monuments in City parks. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

24. CONSIDERATION OF SETTING PRIORITY PROJECTS

Recommendation: That the City Council review the list of priority projects and specify a list of approximately ten projects among various City departments for the coming year.

City Manager Longley introduced the item and presented the staff report.
A brief discussion ensued with regard to the number of projects per department, and it was noted that the proposed Fire Station was actually a “Public Safety Station”.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the City Council accept the twelve projects named in the staff report as the priority projects for 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

25. CONSIDERATION OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Recommendation: That the City Council define the Legislative priorities for 2008 as:

1. Courthouse development funding;
2. Being proactive with the State Budget and its impact on the City of Porterville;
3. Proposition 84 (or other funding) for the development of a new sports facility; and
4. Legislation permitting JPA between the City and Tribe. At the last meeting of the Council, support was provided for a joint exercise of powers bill through Assemblyman Maze that would allow the Tribe and City and the Tribe and the County to enter into a governmental partnership.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez stated that he would have to recuse himself from the consideration of No. 4 of staff’s recommendation. City Manager Longley noted that the Council had already directed taking separate action regarding No. 4 at a previous meeting, so he would remove that from the recommendation.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council define Legislative priorities for 2008 as Courthouse development funding; being proactive with the State Budget and its impact on the City of Porterville; and Proposition 84 (or other funding) for the development of a new sports facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

Council Member Pedro Martinez requested that funding for educational opportunities be added to the list of Legislative priorities.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member McCracken that the Council include funding for educational opportunities as a Legislative priority for 2008. The motion carried unanimously.
26. CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION WITH CITY MANAGER

Recommendation: That the City Council consider potential modifications to the employment agreement for approval.

City Manager Longley introduced the item and read the agreement into record, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO MODIFIED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND JOHN R. LONGLEY, JR.

WHEREAS, the City of Porterville, hereinafter referred to as “City”, and John R. Longley, Jr., hereinafter referred to as “City Manager,” originally entered into an employment agreement dated January 14, 2002, and a subsequent amendment was executed on August 19, 2003;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2005, the parties entered into a Modified Employment Agreement;

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2007, the parties entered into Amendment No. 1 to Modified Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation process for the City Manager has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Employment Agreement and Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree to an Amendment to his Modified Employment Agreement as City Manager for the City of Porterville, as follows:

Section 1. Compensation
The City Council agrees to increase the City Manager’s salary as follows, consistent with the minimum salary adjustment provisions of Section 1 of the Modified Employment Agreement: 1) Effective August 1, 2007, the City Council agrees to a 4% increase in City Manager’s current salary; and 2) effective October 1, 2008, the City Council agrees to a 5.6% increase in the City Manager’s salary. Said compensation shall be paid at the same times and in the same manner as other employees of the City are paid. All other terms and provisions of Section 1 not inconsistent with the Amendment shall remain in effect.

Section 2. Term of Service
This Agreement is effective until January 13, 2009, and upon the completion of this term of service the City Manager shall retire. During this term the City Council shall appoint a successor City Manager, and the term of the successor shall commence on January 14, 2009. The City Manager, during the term of this Agreement, agrees to fully cooperate with the successor appointed for the term commencing January 14, 2009, in preparing the successor for the transition. The City Manager, during the term of this Agreement, shall cooperate with any appointed successor in the development of the budget for the period through June 30, 2009, and agrees that his duties and responsibilities may be redefined during the term of the Agreement to assist with the transition. All other terms and provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Modified
Employment Agreement dated March 15, 2005, not inconsistent with this Amendment, remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Supplemental Benefits**
The City agrees to continue the annual allocation of $5,000.00 per hear deferred compensation (years credit for prior military service), as set forth in Section 6.c. of the Modified Employment Agreement, through the term of this Agreement. Said deferred compensation shall be allocated to a health savings account, in accordance with applicable law. Additionally, pay out of any accrued vacation hours at the end of the contract term shall be allocated to this account. The City Manager shall also make a monthly contribution from his salary to this account in the amount of $600, commencing January 1, 2008. For the period of January 1, 2009 through January 13, 2009, the City Manager shall receive 3 hours of administrative leave, and 1.5 hours of Civil Air Patrol leave. All other terms and provisions of Section 6 (in the Modified Agreement and Amendment No. 1) not consistent with these modifications shall remain in full force and effect.

All other terms of the Modified Employment Agreement dated March 15, 2005, and Amendment No. 1 to Modified Employment Agreement Between the City of Porterville and John R. Longley, Jr., dated January 16, 2007, not inconsistent with this Amendment, remain in full force and effect.

DATED this 15th date of January, 2008.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the Council approve amendment to Employment Agreement consisting of amendments to compensation; an extension of term of service to 1/13/09; requirement to assist in transition to successor; and miscellaneous supplemental benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

The Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to a Joint Meeting of the City Council and Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA**
January 15, 2008

Roll Call: Agency Member McCracken, Member P. Martinez, Member Hernandez, Vice-Chairman F. Martinez, Chairman Hamilton

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
- Greg Shelton, 888 North Williford Drive, voiced concern with the item, recalling that it was his understanding that the Council had decided not to pursue renewing the Enterprise Zone. A discussion ensued, during which it was stated that the item pertained to
expanding the Redevelopment Area, not renewing the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Shelton then spoke in favor of a program to encourage enterprise on the eastside of Porterville, suggesting that East Porterville suffered from lack of development.

- Dick Eckhoff, address on record, disagreed with the comments made by Mr. Shelton, suggesting instead that many developers were indeed interested in development on the eastside of town.

**SCHEDULED MATTER**

**PRA-1. AUTHORIZATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AMENDMENT & MASTER PLAN**

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the Redevelopment Area Amendment and Master Plan as a project; and
2. Authorize staff to distribute the Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with the project; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents.

That the Porterville Redevelopment Agency:
1. Approve the draft resolution for the loan agreement with the Porterville Civic Development Foundation for a loan not to exceed $200,000 for the Redevelopment Area Amendment and Master Plan project;
2. Authorize staff to distribute the Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with the project; and
3. Authorize the Chairman to sign all documents.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Redevelopment Agency Director Dunlap presented the staff report.

Council/Agency Member McCracken recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice-Chair Felipe Martinez and Mayor/Chair Hamilton noted conflicts of interest. After conferring with the City Attorney it was decided that the Rule of Necessity would be invoked and Mayor/Chair Hamilton would remain to consider the item. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice-Chair Felipe Martinez recused himself.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the City Council approve the Redevelopment Area Amendment and Master Plan as a project; authorize staff to distribute the Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with the project; and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents.

AYES: P. Martinez, Hernandez, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: McCracken, F. Martinez
ASENT: None
Disposition: Approved

**AGENCY ACTION:** MOVED by Agency Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Agency Member Hernandez that the Agency approve the draft resolution for the loan agreement with the Porterville Civic Development Foundation for a loan not to exceed $200,000 for the Redevelopment Area Amendment and Master Plan project; authorize staff to distribute the Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with the project; and authorize the Chairman to sign all documents.

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

Disposition: Approved

The Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to a meeting of the Porterville City Council.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
- Dick Eckhoff, address on record, spoke on various items, including: Item No. 24 – noting the importance of prioritizing parking lots in Downtown Porterville, and inquired as to the status of the Hockett/Mill parking lot reconstruction, to which staff provided an estimated timeline. He then spoke in favor of the Commons Master Plan, noting the importance of planning well in advance for the Courthouse project; Item No. 16 – suggested that not all of the ducks at the pond were wild, and spoke in favor of aerating the pond by some cost effective means; Item No. 23 – voiced concern with the possible content of potential donations, and inquired as to who would determine whether the content was appropriate. He also noted concern with the cost of long term maintenance of a donated monument. Mr. Eckhoff lastly inquired as to the status of the sound system for Centennial Park/Main Street. Mr. Longley advised Mr. Eckhoff that the project was slowly progressing.

**OTHER MATTERS**
- Council Member Hernandez:
  1. Spoke in favor of the Neighborhood Policing Team, commending Chief McMillan and his department for the proactive approach to law enforcement;
  2. Acknowledged the lifetime accomplishments and community contributions of the late Ted Cornell, and thanked the Council for approving the nomination to add Mr. Cornell to the Wall of Fame; and
  3. Spoke of his recent attendance at the Governor’s press conference in Dinuba, noting that the fiscal irresponsibility of the State will likely have local consequences.
• Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez thanked the Council for approving his upcoming travel to Washington D.C. with TCAG. He also briefly mentioned a possible trip to Stockton for a Council of Governments function.

• Council Member McCracken noted that the League of California Cities held planning sessions and suggested that Council Member attendance at one or more of said sessions might be beneficial.

• Council Member Pedro Martinez:
  1. Noted the presence of two youth in the audience and commended them for attending the Meeting. At his request, the individuals identified themselves as Monache High School students; and
  2. Spoke of the upcoming election and suggested that one of the new Council Members volunteer to provide a public service address encouraging people to vote. City Attorney Lew recommended that only those not running for office make such an announcement. It was then clarified that Council Member Martinez was referring to the Presidential Primary in February. Mayor Hamilton noted he would remind citizens to vote during his weekly radio spot. When none of the other Council Members readily volunteered, Council Member Martinez indicated that he would do an announcement.

• Mayor Hamilton:
  1. Indicated that Porterville High School had won the Polly Wilhelmsen Tournament, and that the Council would be recognizing that achievement with a Proclamation; and
  2. Stated that the Council would also be recognizing a gentleman at Sierra Hills who would be turning 100 years old with a Proclamation, and invited his fellow Council Members to attend the upcoming event.

The Council recessed for ten minutes at 9:15 p.m. before reconvening Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION
The Council reconvened Open Session at 10:00 p.m., reporting that no action had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT
The Council adjourned at 10:01 p.m. to the meeting of January 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk
By: Luisa Herrera

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor