Call to Order at 6:07 p.m.
Roll Call: Vice Mayor McCracken, Council Member Pedro Martinez, Mayor Hamilton
Absent: Council Member Felipe Martinez, Council Member Ward

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Nikki Edwards, 13096 Road 208, spoke of community support of an animal shelter in the City of Porterville.

CLOSED SESSION:
A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   4- Government Code 54956.9(b) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Case.

7:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

REPORT ON ANY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
City Attorney Lew reported that no action had been taken during Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Vice Mayor Pete V. McCracken
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENTATIONS
Employee of the Month – Dan Holloway
SJVAPCD – Resolution of Appreciation

Mayor Hamilton recognized and welcomed Mr. Mike Ennis, 5th District Supervisor. He then recognized City Manager John Longley for his service to the City of Porterville and spoke of his upcoming retirement.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
• Dick Eckhoff, 197 N. Main Street, thanked the Council for the downtown Christmas lighting; extended an invitation to the City of Hope auditions; and inquired about the infeasibility of a
business incubator (Item 8) in the City of Porterville.
• Dwight Chaddock, 567 E. Putnam, expressed concern with the volume of vehicle sound systems being too high.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 11 was removed for further discussion.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2008

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Minutes of October 21, 2008.
Documentation: M.O. 01-010609
Disposition: Approved

2. PURCHASE OF SPEED TRAILER

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize the expenditure of approximately $8,000 for the purchase of a speed trailer, and;
2. Authorize the transfer of funds amounting to the cost of the trailer from the Vehicle Impound account to the department’s Capital Outlay account.

Documentation: M.O. 02-010609
Disposition: Approved

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT – TRAFFIC SIGNAL #10 (NEWCOMB STREET AND WESTFIELD AVENUE)

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 all funds upon acceptance of the project, provided no stop notices have been filed.

Documentation: M.O. 03-010609
Disposition: Approved

4. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND CALTRANS

Recommendation: Approve the resolution authorizing the filing and management of the FAA and potentially the Cal Trans airport improvement grants. The grant application which has been presented will be modified in specific respects prior to submission.
5. WESTERN PACIFIC REGION AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DATA SHEETS

Recommendation: Approve the data sheets, and authorize the signature and submission to the FAA and State Division of Aeronautics.

Documentation: M.O. 04-010609
Disposition: Approved

6. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize staff to advertise for Statement of Qualifications; and
2. Direct staff to present the results of the SOQ’s to the City Council for Council’s direction related to the award of a professional services contract.

Documentation: M.O. 05-010609
Disposition: Approved

7. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DEFINING TERMS FOR THE FARMING OF THE FORMER KIT FOX PRESERVE AND DEFINING TERMS FOR THE REPAYMENT OF GENERAL FUND MONIES USED TO REMOVE THE KIT FOX PRESERVE DESIGNATION

Recommendation: Approve the resolution as presented.

Documentation: Resolution 02-2009
Disposition: Approved

8. AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN BASED ON THE ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council authorize staff to initiate the preparation of a strategic plan for pursuing and promoting entrepreneurial activities.

Documentation: M.O. 06-010609
Disposition: Approved
9. RESOLUTION PROTESTING SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY APN 243-330-031-000

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution objecting to the sale of tax-defaulted property APN 243-330-031-000.

Documentation: Resolution 03-2009
Disposition: Approved

10. GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING PUBLIC WARMING AND COOLING CENTERS

Recommendation: Accept the status report and delegate authority to the Mayor to declare a state of local climatic emergency event for purpose of managing City response.

Documentation: M.O. 07-010609
Disposition: Approved

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the City Council approve Items 1 through 10.

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

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT – ON CALL CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the number one (1) rated consultant (California Consulting) and if a contract amount cannot be negotiated, then allow staff to negotiate a contract with the second ranked consultant;
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign said contract for “on call” consulting services for preparation of grant applications; and
3. Authorize staff to make payments, upon satisfactory completion of the contracted work, up to 100%.

City Manager John Longley introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Vice Mayor McCracken that the City Council continue the item to the City Council meeting of January 20, 2009.
SCHEDULED MATTERS

12. APPOINTMENT TO CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE – SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appoint one Council Member to serve as member, and one Council Member to serve as alternate, on the Special City Selection Committee for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Board; and

2. Direct the City Clerk to forward evidence of said appointments to the District no later than January 15, 2009.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Vice Mayor McCracken that the City Council appoint Council Member Pedro Martinez as member, and Council Member Ward to serve as alternate on the Special City Selection Committee for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Board.

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

Disposition: Approved

13. EXTEND ‘WALL OF FAME’ NOMINATION PERIOD

Recommendation: Extend the time period for the City Council to submit nominations and reschedule consideration for the first regular meeting of February 2009.

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Vice Mayor McCracken that the City Council Extend the time period for the City Council to submit nominations and reschedule consideration for the first regular meeting of February 2009.
AYES: McCracken, P. Martinez, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: F. Martinez, Ward

Disposition: Approved

14. FORMATION OF A MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT IN SOUTHEASTERN TULARE COUNTY

Recommendation: That the City Council:
   1. Receive reports from representatives of the Mosquito Abatement Study Group and other interested parties; and
   2. Consider whether to reconsider the previous Council action to the extent of endorsing a survey of area residents. Any support should not imply any financial commitment by the City to conduct the survey.

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

- Marshall Norgaard, Manager of the Tulare Mosquito Abatement District (TMAD), spoke briefly of the questions that would be addressed in the presentation.

- John Avila, Tulare resident and TMAD Technician, presented a description of the services provided by a mosquito abatement district.

- Marshall Norgaard, TMAD Manager, spoke of the costs of services provided.

- Mike Ennis, Tulare County 5th District Supervisor, 691 W. Kanai, spoke in favor of a survey to gauge the voter’s support of formal mosquito control in the area.

- Larry Dwoskin, Director of Environmental Health, Health and Human Services Agency, spoke in favor of the formation of a mosquito abatement district in Southeastern Tulare County, and of previous mosquito abatement efforts made by the County.

Mayor Hamilton indicated that he was not convinced of the need for mosquito control within the city limits, and questioned the proposed survey. He then suggested that the survey be bypassed and the issue taken directly to the ballot for voter consideration.

Vice Mayor McCracken concurred, and added that although he was not in favor of actively pursuing the formation of a district, he was not comfortable opposing it. He requested that the Council rescind the action taken at the November 4, 2008 meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Council rescind the action taken at the November
4. 2008 City Council Meeting (M.O. 11-110408), and reconsider its position.

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

Vice Mayor McCracken then made a motion to request that the Board of Supervisors place the item on the ballot for the consideration of the people in the district, which died for lack of a second.

Disposition: Action of November 4, 2008 rescinded.

The Council recessed for ten minutes.

15. CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE AND PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED STANDARDS WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THE DOWNTOWN AND AIRPORT OVERLAY ZONES

Recommendation: For informational purposes only.

Deputy City Manager Lollis introduced the item. Council requested that the item be continued to the next City Council meeting due to the absence of Council Members Felipe Martinez and Brian Ward.

Disposition: Item continued.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

OTHER MATTERS
• Council Member Pedro Martinez:
  1. Requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to Brandon Weaver, the boys water polo coach at Monache High School who was named Coach of the Year by the Fresno Bee;
  2. Spoke of his participation in a Christmas event in Terra Bella, and thanked others for their participation; and
  3. Requested that the City Council Members take their show on the road and visit areas in the community, including high schools, to receive public input.
• Vice Mayor McCracken wished Porterville High School band director Jim Kusserow luck in his tandem jump during his trip to San Antonio for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.
• Council Member Pedro Martinez lauded John Longley for his success as the City Manager.
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m. to the meeting of January 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor