Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Porterville City Council – Vice Mayor McCracken, Council Member Pedro Martinez, Council Member Felipe Martinez, Council Member Ward

Absent: Mayor Hamilton

Roll Call: Porterville Library Board of Trustees – Chair Jose Moreno, Board Member Obdulia Guzman Alvarado, Board Member Ellen Nichols, Board Member Sharon Patterson

Absent: Vice Chair Hector Villicana

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Felipe Martinez

Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. JOINT CITY COUNCIL/LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION

City Manager John Lollis stated the meeting was scheduled at the request of the City Council to engage in dialogue regarding the Boards successes, goals, and effectiveness.

Vice Mayor McCracken indicated that Council Member Pedro Martinez, who had not yet arrived, had requested the meeting, and inquired as to whether the Council had any questions for the Library Board of Trustees.

Chairman Moreno gave a brief presentation, during which he indicated that the Board was proud of the City’s Library; expressed the Board’s interest in providing the community with the best possible new library; and apprised the Council of recent discussions regarding the utilization of space at the current library.

Board Member Nichols commented on the ambiance of the Genealogy Room versus the Community Room.

Council Member Pedro Martinez arrived at 6:11 p.m., and was asked to share his reasons for requesting the meeting. Council Member Pedro Martinez indicated that it was important that the Council and its boards and committees are on the same page; identified the Library as a priority of the Council; spoke of the correlation between reading level and crime; and encouraged an increase in dialogue and interest.
Board Member Patterson commended Council Member Pedro Martinez’s enthusiasm, and praised library staff for being very responsive to the needs of the community. She spoke of an increase in publicity for the library’s programs and activities; limitations of the facility’s current location; long-term means of acquiring funds; and thanked the City Council for their interest.

Chair Moreno indicated that he had visited new library facilities and spoke of amenities that he had found impressive. He expressed his excitement about the Library Planning Committee.

Board Member Patterson spoke of the difficulty in attracting young boys to the library, and the need for a “cool” facility.

Council Member Felipe Martinez inquired about patrons of the library who were not residents of Porterville. A discussion ensued regarding the tracking of non-city residents utilizing the City’s library and the reporting of such information to the County. Staff confirmed that the information was entered into the State’s database, but not reported to the County directly.

Council Member Pedro Martinez stated that there was a need for the County to provide library services to the outlying communities; indicated that he would like to see the Community Room have more of a book store feel with coffee and couches for reading; and commented on the Library Board’s need to be informed of Measure H criteria.

City Manager Lollis spoke briefly about Council direction relative to Measure H, and provided clarification on the expenditure plan.

Council Member Felipe Martinez inquired about electronic materials data on the spreadsheet provided by the Board and Library staff. City Librarian Vikki Cervantes explained that the expenses were low due to the City’s membership with the San Joaquin Valley Library System.

Board Member Patterson asked if the Millennium Fund was allocated by the County at the County Board of Supervisors’ discretion, and mentioned that five hundred thousand had been allocated to the City of Tulare. Council Member Pedro Martinez alluded to the advantages of the City being in charge of its own facility, without interference from the County.

The Council recessed for ten minutes.

Following the break, Council Member Pedro Martinez provided copies of the Measure H Expenditure Plan to those who were in attendance. City Manager Lollis briefly reviewed the expenditure plan’s accounting structure.

Council Member Pedro Martinez brought up the Library Board’s desire to better utilize the Community Room, and City Manager Lollis spoke of the many groups that currently use the room for classes, meetings, etc. Parks & Leisure Service Director Perrine indicated that an investigation was underway regarding the terms of conveyance relative to the Community Room.
It was requested by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the Library Board of Trustees submit two to three recommendations for use of the Community Room to the Council for consideration. Council Member Ward stated that the Council was not bound by traditions, and requested that the Board’s recommendations be correlated with the needs of the community when it is presented to the Council for consideration.

Council Member Pedro Martinez requested that a joint meeting be scheduled annually; spoke in favor of expanding the computer lab; and of the increase in demand of free services in times of economic hardship. He thanked the Board and staff for their time and participation.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
None

**OTHER MATTERS**
- Vikki Cervantes, City Librarian, responded to some comments made by the Council earlier in the meeting.
- Tony Arellano, Library Supervisor, provided some clarification on the issue of reporting.
- Joe Moreno, Chair of Library Board of Trustees, announced that Porterville Public Library was recognized as one of the Honor Boards.
- Council Member Ward suggested use of an e-mail list which would allow mass distribution of newsletters and notices regarding library programs and activities to its patrons.

**ADJOURNMENT**
The Porterville City Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m. to the meeting of April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

The Porterville Library Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:53 p.m. to the meeting of May 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., Municipal Library, Local History Room.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Cameron Hamilton, Mayor