Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Hamilton (arrived at 9:20 a.m.), Council Member Felipe Martinez, Vice Mayor Ward, Mayor McCracken
Absent: Council Member Pedro Martinez

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Felipe Martinez
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- John Coffee, Porterville resident, commented on the condition of North Grand and the need for repair.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. COUNCIL REVIEW OF 2009 PRIORITY PROJECTS, AND CONSIDERATION OF 2010 PRIORITY PROJECTS AND OBJECTIVES

City Manager Lollis introduced the item. He then updated the Council on progress made on 2009 Priority Projects since the Council last considered the item in December of 2009. He spoke briefly about each of the following:
- Courthouse, Fairgrounds, and Related Projects
- Ball Field Lighting
- New Public Safety Station
- New Library Facility
- Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update
- Jaye Street to Gibbons Avenue Project
- Technology Assessment Project
- Effluent Pipeline and Land-Leveling of Sewer Property
- Jaye Street Widening, Highway 190 to Springville Avenue

City Manager Lollis presented the Council with priorities and objectives which were identified by the departments as most important, and included the following:
- Administrative Services – Technology
- Community Development – The Porterville Hotel
- Finance – Technology Resources
- Fire – Public Safety Station
- Parks & Leisure Services – Heritage Sports Complex
- Police – Range Relocation
- Public Works – Plano Street Bridge
Vice Mayor Ward inquired about funding available for technology, and City Manager Lollis indicated that the City continues to fund technological advances, but most of it occurs on the department level, using the departments’ budgets. He clarified that there was no capital account established for technology from which the City was drawing.

Council Member Felipe Martinez asked if the County had been approached regarding a bridge on the far east side of town. Community Development Director Dunlap indicated that general conversations with the County regarding the future of east Porterville had occurred, but none specific to bridges.

Council Member Felipe Martinez also inquired about the funding for street repair, and the City Manager conveyed staff’s interest in the example of Beverly Street. He spoke of the possibility of partnerships between the City and communities lacking infrastructure, in which the City would provide funding and the citizens would pay the City back, and indicated that staff had been looking into the process. Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez spoke about the pavement management program that staff has implemented as a strategy in prioritization for street maintenance.

Council Member Hamilton asked about a bridge on Newcomb, which to his recollection had been on the radar of past Councils. Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez spoke briefly of Caltrans funding and their criteria for projects.

Mayor Pete V. McCracken opened up the floor for public comments.

- John Coffee, a Porterville resident, requested clarification on what is considered a low-water crossing.

Public Works Director Rodriguez elaborated on the types of low-water crossings, and the type proposed for the city.

Council Member Felipe Martinez raised the issue of business assistance, and requested information on funding available. Community Development Director Brad Dunlap identified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, and Business Assistance Funds as programs available for local businesses. He spoke about capital improvement loans; the reprogramming of funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the old JCPenney’s site; the small business revolving loan program; and elaborated on the use of CDBG entitlement funds.

Council Member Felipe Martinez indicated that he would staff to look into funding which would allow Date Street, between Jaye Street and G Street, to accommodate two-way traffic, and spoke of the need for concrete improvements in the area.

City Manager Lollis advised the Council that they had previously identified lighting of the Skate Park as a priority project for 2010. Council Member Hamilton spoke of the importance of ball fields. A discussion ensued regarding mitigation funds, and Council’s direction to staff to meet with the school districts to discuss the expansion of existing sports fields.

A discussion ensued with regard to the identification of technology as a priority by two
departments, and Vice Mayor Ward requested that technology be more operationally defined. The Council then directed that those priorities identified by the departments be added to the list of Council’s 2010 Priority Projects, and that staff look into comments made by the Council relative to Newcomb, Date, and an east side bridge.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Brock Neely, Porterville resident, requested that the Council consider solar lighting for future lighting projects.
- Eddie Hernandez, 2910 Garden Lane, Burton School District Board Member and Steering Chair for Leadership Porterville, spoke of extending open dialogue regarding development of ball fields; and indicated that the class identified East Porterville and disaster preparedness as a community priority.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member Felipe Martinez:
  1. Indicated that he had received an invitation to attend an upcoming meeting regarding water issues, and proposed a letter campaign to encourage progress of the dam project; and
  2. Requested that staff research funding for tertiary agreements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to the Council Meeting of February 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Pete V. McCracken, Mayor