PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
291 NORTH MAIN STREET, PORTERVILLE
ADJOURNED MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Pedro Martinez, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Mayor Hamilton (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

City Manager John Longley requested that an item be added to the Agenda, Award Contract Initial Attack Fire Apparatus. He indicated that the award was time sensitive due to a change of plans, and that it was important to consider the item as an urgency item.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Pedro Martinez that the City Council approve the addition of the Award of Contract for the Initial Attack Fire Apparatus as an urgency item to the Agenda.

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

Disposition: Approved

Urgency Item: AWARD OF CONTRACT – INITIAL ATTACK FIRE APPARATUS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Award the contract for the Initial Attack Fire Apparatus to Ross & Bauer America/Central State of Nepal, Idaho in the amount of $158,566.60; and
2. Authorize a prepayment of the Chasse

City Manager Longley introduced the item, and Fire Chief Mario Garcia presented the staff report.

Council Member Pedro Martinez made a motion to accept staff’s recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Council Member Pedro Martinez questioned whether the purchase of the equipment was an appropriate use of Measure H Funds. Chief Garcia stated that the purchase had been included in the 5-Year Plan, but was delayed by bids that were too high the first time bids were received.
Council Member McCracken requested that the motion be amended to include that the purchase be made with Measure H funds. The amendment was accepted by Council Member Pedro Martinez.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Pedro Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the City Council award the contract for the Initial Attack Fire Apparatus to Ross & Bauer America/Central State of Nepal, Idaho in the amount of $158,566.60; and authorize a prepayment of the chasse, as amended to authorize payment with Measure H funds.

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

Disposition: Approved, as amended.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. STUDY SESSION ON MAJOR GENERAL FUND, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND REVOLVING FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS

Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Approve the expanded list of capital projects;
2. Undertake an analysis of the existing Municipal Franchise Fees, Park Impact Fees and Transportation Impact Fees to define available funds prior to issuing new Certificates of Participation;
3. Authorize Willdan Associates to undertake the study;
4. Authorize the allocation of $20,000 in unallocated carryover for the study;
5. Approve the funding strategy for implementation of the projects; and
6. Authorize staff to proceed with scheduling the Redevelopment Agency Bond Refinance for consideration at the meeting of February 19, 2008

City Manager Longley introduced the item and presented the staff report. Community Development Director Brad Dunlap supplemented the City Manager’s presentation with greater specificity regarding the Courthouse, Porterville Hotel, Poplar Road Extension, and Revolving Loan Fund. He added that part of staff’s recommendation included the allocation of unallocated carryover funds for the completion of an analysis of the existing Municipal Franchise Fees, Park Impact Fees and Transportation Impact Fees.

Council Member McCracken inquired about whether it was the City’s responsibility to relocate the fairgrounds, and expressed concern with a gift of public funds. City Manager Longley indicated that the City was in discussion with the Fair Board about how to proceed, and that Staff
would negotiate as the Council instructed. He added that staff was proposing a framework or general approach, which would allow staff to address the priority projects formulated by the Council. A discussion ensued regarding the issue of lighting and obstacles associated with the FAA.

The Council recessed for ten minutes at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor Hamilton asked if an economic analysis had been complete to get an idea of the benefit of the new courthouse and a larger fair to the city. City Manager Longley indicated that the new courthouse would be a significant project and added that the economic impact to the city would be great, but that a study had not yet been conducted. He then amended staff’s recommendation No. 4 to “$50,000” in unallocated carryover for the study.

A discussion took place regarding the costs of various projects and the City’s ability to carry debt. Staff explained that costs associated with projects at this point were projected, and could change as the result of many variables. City Manager Longley added that approval of staff’s recommendation would allow staff the ability to study funding and debt service, and provide more refined information to respond to Council inquiries.

It was moved by Council Member Felipe Martinez, and seconded by Council Member Hernandez that the Council approve staff’s recommendation, as amended to allocate $50,000 in unallocated carryover for the study. Council Member McCracken then made a motion to amend the motion by replacing the Fairgrounds Project $2.5 million with the following projects: Henderson Avenue Reconstruction (Indiana to Jaye), Henderson Avenue Reconstruction (Jaye to Main), Olive Avenue “E” Street to Hwy 65, and Westwood Street past Slough to Westwood – Phase II. The motion died for lack of a second. Council Member McCracken then moved to approve recommendations 1 through 6 separately, which also died for lack of a second.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Felipe Martinez, SECONDED by Council Member Hernandez that the City Council approve the expanded list of capital projects; undertake an analysis of the existing Municipal Franchise Fees, Park Impact Fees and Transportation Impact Fees to define available funds prior to issuing new Certificates of Participation; authorize Willdan Associates to undertake the study; authorize the allocation of $50,000 in unallocated carryover for the study; approve the funding strategy for implementation of the projects; and authorize staff to proceed with scheduling the Redevelopment Agency Bond Refinance for consideration at the meeting of February 19, 2008.

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

Disposition: Approved

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None
OTHER MATTERS
  ▪ Council Member Pedro Martinez spoke about an upcoming rock-a-thon for Alzheimer’s; and requested a letter of congratulations be sent to James Sanders for making it to the Super Bowl.
  ▪ Deputy City Manager John Lollis indicated that staff had extended an invitation to James and his family to attend a Council meeting for recognition, and that they were awaiting a response.
  ▪ Council Member Hernandez reported on his trip to Washington D.C.
  ▪ Council Member Felipe Martinez reported on his trip to Washington D.C.
  ▪ Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez reported on his trip to Washington D.C.; spoke about concern regarding the dam, Hwy 190 and SR 65.

ADJOURNMENT
  The Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to the Council Meeting of February 19, 2008.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Cameron Hamilton, Mayor