Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.
Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Pedro Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Council Member Hernandez
Absent: Mayor Hamilton

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- John Duran, 476 E. Street, voiced his concern that a new courthouse facility would create blight by way of the vacancy of the old site; voiced support for spending funds on Murry Park and other city projects in lieu of the new courthouse; and spoke in support of properly training judges.

SCHEDULED MATTER
1. REVIEW OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

City Manager Longley stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the capital improvement projects planned for FY 2008/2009. He indicated that the following would be presented: debt service review, an explanation of the capital budget process, and a review of the budget.

Community Development Director Brad Dunlap reviewed three primary areas of debt to support capital projects: Redevelopment Agency bond refinancing, Certificates of Participation Program, and the City’s efforts to obtain a CIEDB loan to fund a number of water projects.

In response to questions posed by Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez, Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez briefly spoke of plans for water/sewer, which included east side water projects. A discussion ensued regarding a proposed rate increase, and it was noted that there had not been a rate increase for water/sewer services for twelve years. City Manager Longley stated that staff would put together a summary of the proposal for a water rate increase to be distributed to the Council on Monday.

Community Development Project Manager Susan Duke was introduced to explain the process utilized to develop the Capital Projects Budget, which included the identification of priority projects by the City Council and an extensive review of the 10-Year Plan by staff. The Council reviewed spreadsheets containing projects and funding sources, and Mrs. Duke provided further explanation of color coding.
Following an inquiry made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Public Works Director Rodriguez spoke briefly about well exploration and high nitrate levels on the east side of town. He elaborated on two proposals which entailed drawing water from the Pioneer Ditch and the Friant/Kern Canal. City Manager Longley strongly advised the Council against becoming involved in Friant/Kern water due to state and national politics.

It was requested by the Council that staff provide an overlay to the maps which would identify newly annexed areas of the city by Tuesday. Council Member Pedro Martinez expressed his desire to see a balance between existing city and newly annexed areas where projects were concerned.

Staff elaborated briefly on the Urban Water Management Plan, which was done as part of the General Plan Update and allows for management of water sources and safe yield. Entrepreneurship Analysis, Neighborhood Improvement Project, Main Street Porter Slough Parking Lot, and OHV Quad Track were also singled out by the Council for clarification and/or discussion.

Council Member Pedro Martinez voiced interest in downgrading the Centennial Plaza Sound System Project to a P.A. system, and using remaining funds for the purchase of portable lights. His opinion being that a system for downtown Main Street was too costly. It was directed by the Council that Committee Members McCracken and Pedro Martinez meet with the sound volunteer to discuss the issue and bring back a recommendation for the Council’s consideration.

After some clarification regarding previous Council direction/action, the Council directed staff to start the Murry Park Pavilion Project immediately.

Council Member Hernandez left the meeting at 10:36 a.m. to go to work.

Municipal Ballpark Replacement, New Public Safety Station, Pilot’s Airport Lounge, and the Airport Community Room were briefly discussed; and with regard to Transit projects, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez requested an update on canopies and benches that have been constructed, and a list of those scheduled to be constructed. Public Works Director Rodriguez noted that the schedule was based on ridership.

Deputy City Manager John Lollis spoke regarding IT projects, and City Manager Longley followed with some comments about the Shooting Range project. Police Chief Chuck McMillan indicated that other agencies were considering participating in the range relocation.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member McCracken requested that an item for the school emergency response system fundraiser be added to the agenda for the January 24th City Council meeting. City Manager Longley indicated that review of the civic project by the departments would be a priority.
Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Martinez:
   1) Thanked Chief McMillan for assisting the Hmong community;
   2) Reported on the Mayor’s Conference in Fresno, noting the gravity of Delano’s water situation, and requested a memo updating Council on water conservation compliance;
   3) Announced that he would be attending the Flag Day ceremony; and
   4) Spoke in support of the Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign.

ADJOURNMENT
   The Council adjourned at 11:11 a.m. to the Council Meeting of June 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Felipe A. Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem