PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
ADJOURNED MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
291 N. MAIN STREET, PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 10, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

Called to Order at 6:01 p.m.
Roll Call: Vice-Mayor McCracken, Council Member Felipe Martinez, Council Member Ward (arrived late), Mayor Hamilton
Absent: Council Member Pedro Martinez

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. CITY GOALS AND PROJECT PRIORITIES

   Deputy City Manager John Lollis introduced the item, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and identify current and proposed projects as priorities. He indicated that he would be giving a presentation updating the Council on the status of 2008 projects, following which each department director will give a brief presentation specific to their department.

   Deputy City Manager Lollis reported on the status of the following 2008 Priority Projects:

   - The Courthouse Project – Council will continue to receive bi-monthly updates on efforts.
   - The Porterville Hotel Project – Funding had been secured and negotiations were underway.
   - New Library Project – Assessment of newly constructed libraries to kick off in January of 2009.
   - South Jaye Street/Gibbons Project – Funding an issue, but project was still a priority.
   - Comprehensive Zoning Code Update – Committee meeting regularly and would soon brief the Council on efforts.
   - New Public Safety Station – Development of RFP for the designer and appraisals for land acquisition were underway.
   - Technology Assessment Project – Webpage redesign, Paymentus, Online application capabilities, and Council Member Profile pages.
   - Courthouse Commons and Downtown Overlay – Overlay to be brought to Council in the beginning of the upcoming year.

   He then identified the Cease and Desist Order Removal, Effluent Pipeline and Land Leveling Project, and the Jaye Street/Highway 190 Project as Priority Projects that were completed in 2008.
Community Development Director Brad Dunlap reported that the department had spent a significant amount of time working on large scale civic projects, which would continue to future years, such as:

- The Courthouse Project
- Fairgrounds Relocation
- Sports Complex
- Demolition of buildings at the Fairgrounds site

He then reported on the continuance of efforts relative to Downtown, the Zoning Ordinance, Airport and Downtown Overlays, Riverwalk Phase II Environmental Impact Report, Urban Boundaries Amendment, and the Housing Element Update.

He indicated that the Redevelopment Agency was in the midst of a substantial review of the Project Area Amendment, and added that Economic Development would continue their work on a new website and efforts to develop a retail recruitment strategy. He noted that most projects he had mentioned would continue to be worked on by staff into the next Fiscal Year.

Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez spoke briefly about completed projects, some which were referenced on a spreadsheet distributed to the Council, and others which had been recently completed and were not coded as such on the handout. Those completed projects included:

- “D”/Hockett Alley Project
- Traffic Signal #10 Project (Westfield and Newcomb)
- Newcomb Street Trench Patch & Drainage Repair
- Sludge line, Westwood Bridge over Tule River
- Airport Remediation Project

He also provided a status report on the following projects which were under construction:

- Core Area II & IV Project
- Morton Avenue Sewer (Roche School)

Mr. Rodriguez reported on projects he indicated would begin in the very near future, and would be the focus of his department for the next six months:

- Murry Park Restroom Project
- Sewer connection for Fire Station classroom building
- Henderson Avenue Rehabilitation Project
- West to Central Booster Pump Station
- CNG Vehicle Fleet Replacement
- Prospect Street Shoulder Rehabilitation
- Indiana Project
- Martin Hill 3MG Tank (Design)
Parks and Leisure Services Director Jim Perrine identified the following as significant efforts of the Parks and Leisure Services Department:

- Golf Course Improvements
- Filling of Leisure Personnel Positions
- Initiation of Jr. Giants Baseball and Jr. Pirates Track & Field Programs
- Spring Kids Fest
- Installation of the Buck Schaffer Clock

Mr. Perrine then identified efforts planned for 2009 which included:

- Lighted Softball Complex at Heritage Site
- Pursuit of Various Grants
- Coordinating, facilitating, and reporting of Advisory Bodies to the Council
- Santa Fe Depot Lease and Sublease Renewals
- Mobile Computer Technology Lab
- Update of Street Tree Guidelines
- Music on Main Street Events
- Zalud House Expansion and Improvement Program
- Recreation League Field Allocation Agreements
- Evaluation of field lighting options
- Character Development Refinements for Recreational Library Programs
- Seeking potential vendor for operation and maintenance of OHV Park
- Negotiation of Leases for City facilities
- Parks Master Plan
- Lighting and Landscape Maintenance District Management
- Marketing and maintenance to City website relative to Parks and Leisure Services

Fire Chief Mario Garcia presented an update on the status of Fire Department Projects which consisted of the following:

- Fire Station No. 2 Classroom
- Delivery of New Type 3 Fire Engine

Police Chief Chuck McMillan spoke of the following 2008 efforts:

- Recruitment Retention
- Reorganization
- Neighborhood Policing Teams
- Auto Theft Taskforce
- Website Upgrades
- Cold Case Investigation
- Juvenile Diversionary Program and Youth Family Liaison

He then elaborated on the department’s goals for 2009, which included:

- Grants
- Implementation of Animal Control Enforcement
- Blue Sky Aviation Joint Use Helicopter Program

  Following department presentations staff addressed questions from the Council regarding funding sources, including grants, and the use of dots for voting.

  Deputy City Manager Lollis suggested that the Priority Projects be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Council. He then spoke about the state’s budget and the potential impact to the City. The Deputy City Manager also stated for the record that City Manager Longley and the City Council had done a great job positioning the City to weather the storm ahead. He then thanked staff for their commitment to the organization.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m. to the meeting of December 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Cameron Hamilton, Mayor