Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Shelton, Council Member Ward, Vice Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Irish

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Vice Mayor Hamilton
Invocation – a moment of silence is observed.

REPORTS
- Council Member Shelton reported that he had received a call from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District inquiring whether he was interested in serving on an Environmental Justice Action Group committee. He indicated that he was not interested, but passed the offer on to other members of the Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- Barry Caplan, Porterville resident, wished everyone in attendance a Happy New Year; spoke of an article in the Porterville Recorder regarding Council Member resolutions; requested the Council consider reversing its 3-minute time limitation for Oral Communications; and expressed concern regarding possible exposure of the City regarding the cross at Murry Park, citing a recent federal court decision on a similar matter.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. STATUS AND REVIEW OF DESIGNATED LOCAL EMERGENCY

Recommendation: That the City Council:
   1. Receive the status report and review of the designated local emergency;
      and
   2. Pursuant to the requirements of Article 14, Section 8690 of the California Emergency Services Act, determine that a need exists to continue said local emergency designation.

   Deputy City Manager Milt Stowe introduced the item and presented the staff report. The Council then reviewed a map which identified areas of the city that suffered significant flood damage and pictures of those same areas.

   Deputy City Manager Stowe and Public Works Director Rodriguez then updated the Council on the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) visit which took place earlier that day.

   While reviewing photos of damage to Henderson Avenue a discussion ensued regarding warranties on contractor work for City projects. Staff advised that a warranty period of one year was typical, but noted that the warranty period could be extended if the Council so directed.
Council Member Ward expressed his concern regarding quality of work, and stated that it may not be in the best interest of the City to award projects to the lowest acceptable bid.

Deputy City Manager Stowe thanked Battalion Chief Loran Blasdell, Acting Field Services Supervisor Michael Knight, and City staff for their hard work during the emergency. Mayor Irish also recognized City Manager Lollis for his proactive action in declaring a state of local emergency. Council Member Shelton lauded staff who participated in the filling and distribution of sand bags.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council pursuant to the requirements of Article 14, Section 8690 of the California Emergency Services Act, make the determination that a need exists to continue said local emergency designation. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Approved

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

OTHER MATTERS
None

ADJOURNMENT
The Council adjourned at 6:31 p.m. to the meeting of January 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Ronald L. Irish, Mayor