Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Ward, Vice Mayor Hamilton, Council Member Shelton, Council Member McCracken, Mayor Irish

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – CONSIDERATION OF RENAMING CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOMS AND AREAS

Recommendation: Mayor Irish motions that the City Council:
1. Rescind Council Resolution 125-2004; and
2. Adopt the draft resolution, “Porterville’s Exceptional People”, and commence the name changes immediately.

Deputy City Manager Milt Stowe indicated that the item had been withdrawn at Mayor Irish’s request.

Disposition: Item withdrawn.

2. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – MODIFICATION TO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET FOR ACCOUNTING OF COUNCIL MEMBER EXPENDITURES

Recommendation: Council Member Shelton motions that the City Council limit each individual Council member budget to $4,000 per fiscal year, and be charged for expenditures not currently charged to individual budgets, including computer maintenance and internet wireless air card service.

The Deputy City Manager introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Council Member Shelton spoke in favor of a cumulative budget for each individual Council Member in the amount of $6,500 per year. In response to an inquiry posed by Vice Mayor Hamilton, Deputy City Attorney Kabot advised that if there were Charter provisions specific to limiting an amount of money to be used for a particular purpose those provisions would still apply. A discussion then ensued regarding the merging of Council member budgets and acceptable uses of
funds. Staff was directed to provide additional information regarding costs of airtime and attendance at the League of California Cities Conference.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Ward, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton that the City Council approve amending the amount to $5,500.

AYES: Ward, Shelton
NOES: McCracken, Hamilton, Irish
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

M.O. 01-041211 MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton that the City Council continue the item to no later than the 1st Budget Study Session; and direct staff to provide additional figures regarding costs of airtime and League of California Cities Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

Disposition: Item continued; and direction given.

Mayor Irish acknowledged representatives from the Tule River Tribal Council were present in the audience. Tribal Council Members Kevin Bonds and Rhoda Hunter introduced themselves and presented a letter to the Mayor. The Mayor also acknowledged Mr. Dan Hackey, Tribal Public Relations Administrator.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – CONSIDERATION OF CO-SPONSORING WITH THE TULE RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL A COMMUNITY FIREWORKS SHOW

Recommendation: Council Member Shelton motions that the City Council approve serving as a Co-Sponsor with the Tule River Tribal Council in the production of a community fireworks show, including the use of a City parks facility and “Freedom Fest”.

The Deputy City Manager introduced the item. The Mayor then recused himself due to a previously disclosed conflict of interest, and exited the Council chambers.

Council Member Shelton spoke in favor of a community fireworks show and “Freedom Fest”, and lauded the tribe for their generosity.

Council Member Ward spoke of the patriotic nature of the community, and voiced support for 4th of July celebration.

- Rhoda Hunter, Tribal Council Member, stated that they were a fairly new Council that wished to establish a working relationship with the City.
- Kevin Bonds, Tribal Council Member, spoke of the importance of honoring veterans and celebrating for the children of the community.
The Council discussed the proposed community event, and Vice Mayor Hamilton made a motion to authorize an amount not to exceed $15,000. Staff noted that the matter was time sensitive due to the need to secure a fireworks vendor, and secure equipment rental for desired attractions.

- Dan Hackey, Tule River Tribe Public Relations, volunteered to sit on a planning committee for the event.
- An unidentified individual spoke in support of an event to lift the community’s spirit.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council approve co-sponsorship with the Tule River Tribal Council in the production of a community fireworks show in an amount not to exceed $15,000 and including the use of a City parks facility.

AYES: Ward, Shelton, Hamilton, McCracken
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Irish
ABSENT: None

Following the vote, Tribal Member Bonds confirmed a $15,000 match from the Tribe.

Disposition: Approved

4. **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – MODIFICATION TO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ITINERANT VENDOR OR ITINERANT MERCHANT**

Recommendation: Council Member Ward motions that the City Council modify the City’s Municipal Code, as it related to itinerant vendors or merchants within the City, so as not to compete with established businesses within the City.

The Deputy City Manager presented the item, and Council Member Ward communicated concerns raised by constituents with whom he had spoken.

Mayor Irish indicated that the issue had been raised in the past and shared ideas for regulation such as limiting the number of permits issued and increasing the permit fees. The Deputy City Attorney advised that regulations needed to be reasonable, and could include limiting the number of permits issued, as well as an increase in permit fees. He then added that he could research how other cities were addressing the issue. Council Member McCracken spoke about the importance of enforcement and sales tax reporting. Council then directed staff to bring back the item with options for consideration.

Disposition: Direction given.

The Council recessed for fifteen minutes.
5. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – CONSIDERATION OF
CREATING CITY LISTSERV PROGRAM

Recommendation: Council Member Ward requests that the City Council approve the implementation of a Listserv function on the City’s website.

Deputy City Manager Stowe presented the item, and Council Member Ward spoke about his interest in creating a City listserv program to keep the public informed.

Council Member McCracken described the difference between a listserv and an e-mail subscription, and identified Constant Contact as a possible option. A discussion ensued regarding staff time and costs involved with the implementation of such a service. Staff was then directed to research the systems and services available which meet the Council’s interest, to be presented at the first meeting in May.

Disposition: Direction given.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – CONSIDERATION OF
CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE

Recommendation: Council Member Shelton requests that the City Council consider the performance of the City Manager.

Deputy City Manager Stowe presented the item. Council Member Shelton requested that the item be continued to the next meeting.

Disposition: Item continued.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- William Oshesky, 339 E. Putnam Avenue, expressed his gratitude regarding the Council’s approval of Item No. 3.
- Curtis Rogers, 21990 Avenue 168, spoke about the Principles of Liberty flier that he provided to the Council; commended the Council for their conduct; and extended an invitation to a Tea Party rally on Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Park.
- Susan Misner, 1894 W. Thurman Avenue, thanked the Council for their decision to sponsor a fireworks show.

OTHER MATTERS
- Council Member Ward spoke of upcoming events which included: a Step-Up meeting on April 13th, a Step-Up Event on May 5th, a Sesquicentennial meeting on April 13th, and Porterville Celebrates Reading on Saturday.
- Council Member Shelton noted the Tea Party Rally on Friday and the Iris Festival on Saturday.
- Vice Mayor Hamilton indicated that there was a Breakfast Rotary Drive-Thru Tri Tip Dinner on Thursday, and reminded the Mayor of the need to appoint a Council Member to the Sesquicentennial Committee.
- Mayor Irish appointed Council Member Ward to the Sesquicentennial Committee; and requested that staff look into means of addressing the issue of large animals at large.
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m. to the meeting of April 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Ronald L. Irish, Mayor