ADJOURNED MEETING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Ward, Council Member Shelton, Council Member McCracken, Vice Mayor Hamilton
Absent: Mayor Irish

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None.

SCHEDULED MATTER
1. STUDY SESSION FOR REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Recommendation: Informational item only.

City Manager Lollis indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the City’s membership in the Consolidated Waste Management Authority. He noted that Anne Magana, CWMA Administrator, and Britt Fussel, Assistant Director of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, were in attendance, and available to answer any questions.

Anne Magana then presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Consolidated Waste Management Authority, which covered: the history and structure of the JPA, diversion rates, programs, funding sources, the 2011-2012 Budget, legislation, and reporting. During the presentation the Council inquired about the Household Hazardous Waste Program and the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Program.

Following the presentation Council Member Shelton expressed his concern regarding the accuracy of the C&D tonnage reported for Porterville. He noted that use of the zip code as the basis for reporting was inaccurate because it encompassed a large area, and suggested that a different method be implemented. Council Member Shelton added that the City of Porterville was performing above and beyond in terms of its diversion rate, and he believed the City was paying a disproportionate amount.

The Council discussed the problems associated with use of the zip code to monitor C&D waste, and explored alternative means which would provide more accurate numbers, such as use of the street address or building permits. Mr. Britt Fussel, Tulare County RMA, indicated that currently the gate attendants inquire about where the individuals are from, and added that the County took great care in tracking the waste being generated. There was then brief discussion about the monitoring of landfills by City staff, which occurred prior to the City’s participation in the JPA.
Council Member Ward also commented on the City’s diversion rates, and inquired as to the reasoning behind the population based formula used to calculate each agency’s contribution. He noted that the rate per ton paid by the City of Porterville was higher than other agencies, and proposed that the JPA consider a consumption based formula. Council Member Ward added that in that scenario each agency’s contribution would be dependent on their diversion, and could serve as an incentive. Britt Fussell indicated that the CWMA Board adopted a formula modeled after TCAG’s formula when it was formed, and the formula had remained unchanged since that time.

Council Member Ward identified three options, to be further explored by staff: 1) staying the current course; 2) change to a consumption based contribution formula; and 3) withdrawal from the JPA and working independently. The Council discussed possible action, direction, and the communication of their concerns to the CWMA Board. Council Member McCracken requested formal action from the Council directing the CWMA representatives to report to the CWMA Board.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council direct staff to bring back an item for Council consideration regarding the three scenarios identified: 1) staying the current course; 2) change to a consumption based contribution formula; and 3) working independently from the CWMA; and direct staff to draft a letter, to be signed by the Mayor, requesting that the CWMA consider a new contribution formula based on consumption.

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

Disposition: Direction given.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
None.

Staff requested clarification regarding the direction, which was provided by the Council. Britt Fussel then addressed questions regarding the reporting of the City of Woodlake’s waste.

**ADJOURNMENT**
At 7:52 p.m. to the meeting of September 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.