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

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Greg Shelton
Invocation – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
•  Donnette Carter, Porterville Chamber of Commerce, 93 N. Main, invited the Council to participate in the Educator for a Day event on March 2nd; and elaborated on the Porterville Celebrates Reading Committee’s decision to move the date and location of their event this year.

CLOSED SESSION
Prior to the Council convening in Closed Session, Deputy City Attorney Steve Kabot indicated that the Government Code Section relative to Closed Session Item A-1 identified five possible situations in which there could be a significant exposure to litigation. Of those the one applicable to the Agenda Item was 54956.9(b)(3)(B), in which facts and circumstances could result in litigation against the City and those facts and circumstances were known to a potential plaintiff. He stated that under those circumstances he was required to publically disclose, in general terms, those circumstances for the record. The Deputy City Attorney disclosed that there had been an allegation that an officer of the City made unlawful or tortious statements to a representative of a developer whose project was being considered by the City; and that those comments could give rise to potential litigation. He added that should there be any reportable action taken by the Council during Closed Session, that such action would be reported in open session.

At 6:35 p.m. the Council reconvened in Closed Session.

A.  CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO:
1- GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(B)(2) – BASED ON EXISTING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CITY COUNCIL IS MEETING ONLY TO DECIDE WHETHER A CLOSED SESSION IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(B).
2- GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(B)(1) – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION: ONE CASE.

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:21 p.m.
Deputy City Attorney Kabot reported that the Council determined, in Closed Session, that the facts and circumstances justified proceeding to consider the matter in Closed Session and did so. There was no reportable action taken by the Council with regard to Item A-2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to the meeting of March 6, 2012.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Ronald L. Irish, Mayor