ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
MAY 22, 2012, 5:30 P.M.

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

 City Manager Lollis announced that Vice Mayor Hamilton would be listening to the meeting
 via telephone, but that he would not be participating.

 Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Greg Shelton
 Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
 None

 SCHEDULED MATTERS
 1. TULARE COUNTY AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

 Recommendation: That the City Council:
 1. Approve the resolution to enter into the agreement with Tulare County
    for services of special assessments; and
 2. Authorize the Mayor and City Staff to execute the Tulare County
    Agreement for Special Assessment.

 City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented the staff report. During the staff
 report he noted a change in the agreement from previous agreements which would not require the
 need for additional agreements should a new fee schedule be adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
 Mr. Lollis then spoke briefly about the cost associated with electronic and manual processing of
 assessments, and direct billing.

 The Council expressed concern with the change in the agreement, and Mayor Irish suggested
 that the Council consider the agreement each year, to afford the opportunity to provide ample notice
 should the Council wish to terminate the agreement. To ensure consideration would take place it
 was suggested by Council Member McCracken that the draft resolution be amended to require
 annual consideration of the agreement.

 Council Member McCracken spoke briefly about full cost recovery and updated the Council
 on the last Consolidated Waste Management Authority meeting, during which the County was
 questioned about an increase in projected costs for household hazardous waste.

 The Council took a ten minute recess to allow staff the time to amend the resolution as
 directed.
Following the break, the City Clerk stated that the resolution would be amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Council of the City of Porterville shall annually review the agreement and consider its continuation by the first meeting of February.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council approve the resolution to enter into the agreement with Tulare County for services of special assessments, as amended to include “Whereas, the City Council of the City of Porterville shall annually review the agreement and consider its continuation by the first meeting of February.”; and authorize the Mayor and City Staff to execute the Tulare County Agreement for Special Assessment. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Disposition: Approved.

2. BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROJECT STUDY SESSION – FY 2012-2013

Recommendation: That the City Council accept staff’s presentation, and give direction accordingly.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and shared a Powerpoint presentation which covered Capital Projects, and General Fund and Measure H budgets.

During his presentation about Capital Projects, the City Manager spoke about the location, design, construction and funding for the following:

- Public Facilities – Public Safety Station, Animal Shelter, Law Enforcement Training Facility, Fire Training Facility, Chase Avenue Park, Sports Field Lighting, Hockett Street Parking Lot, and Murry Park Development.
- Water Projects – New Well Development.
- Sewer Projects – Island Annexation Extension.
- Storm Drain Projects – OHV Park Drainage Diversion, and Zalud Park Drainage Upgrade
- Street Projects – Plano Street Bridge Widening, Jaye Street Bridge Widening, CMAQ-Funded Projects, Highway 190 Corridor Study, Garden and Oak Avenue Walkways, W. North Grand Reconstruction, Olive Avenue Reconstruction, Lime Street Reconstruction, and Annual Micro-surfacing.

With regard to the proposed Capital Projects, Council Member Ward inquired about North
Grand improvements as he recalled Council direction from the year before for full reconstruction. The City Manager spoke of staff discussions pertaining to various segments of North Grand and the estimated costs for reconstruction. The segments from Main Street to Highway 65, and Highway 65 to Prospect were identified as the most in need of attention.

Mayor Irish proposed the removal of $50,000 budgeted for the Centennial Park Sound System.

City Manager Lollis then spoke of the General Fund Budget, revenue and expenditure projections and proposed budget-balancing solutions, which included: departmental savings of 5-6% and reorganization of the Fire, Parks and Leisure Services and Community Development Departments. He added that the City was looking into the refinancing of its 2005 Certificates of Participation to reduce the General Fund’s annual debt service obligations, and noted that all budgetary projections were traditionally conservative.

A brief discussion took place regarding an increase in sales tax revenues and uncertainty relative to the State’s impact on the budget.

Council Member McCracken commented on the flexibility of the budget, in that various projects could be postponed to address the deficit if necessary.

The City Manager then presented the Measure H Budget, which proposed an amendment to the staffing expenditure plan via the addition of a non-sworn Public Information Officer in the Fire Department and a Juvenile Delinquency Officer in the Police Department. Also proposed was an additional Information Technology Analyst to exclusively support the increasing technological demands of the Fire and Police Departments, to be funded 50% by Measure H.

While the Council did not argue the value of the positions themselves, they did express concerns regarding the use of Measure H to fund them. A discussion ensued regarding the current number of I.T. staff, and the growing technological demands of public safety and transit. The Council agreed that a third position was justified, but should not be funded by Measure H. City Manager Lollis indicated that Transit had expressed a willingness to fund a third position up to 50%, and staff would explore other funding options.

Council Members Shelton and Ward questioned Parks and Leisure Services Director Milt Stowe about the golf course and the installation of shade structures. Council Member Ward requested that staff explore cheaper shade options in the future.

Disposition: No action.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member Ward lauded staff and previous council’s for being fiscally responsible.
- Council Member Shelton commended staff for their efforts; and spoke of the grand opening of
• Mayor Irish reported that Vice Mayor Hamilton had been re-appointed to LAFCO.

ADJOURNMENT
The Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m. to the meeting of June 5, 2012.

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Luisa Herrera, Deputy City Clerk

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Ronald L. Irish, Mayor