Called to Order at 5:28 p.m.
Roll Call: Council Member Ward (arrived late), Council Member Shelton (arrived late),
Council Member Hamilton, Vice Mayor McCracken, Mayor Gurrola

The Council did not adjourn to a Joint Meeting of the Porterville City Council and Successor
Agency to the Porterville Redevelopment Agency due to lack of a quorum. The Mayor announced
that those items scheduled for Closed Session were continued to the meeting of December 18, 2012,
and convened Open Session.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
PORTERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES
41 W. THURMAN AVENUE, PORTERVILLE, CA

Roll Call: Agency Members/Chairman

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CLOSED SESSION:
A. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   1- Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated
   Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case concerning a dispute with the
   County of Tulare regarding Project Area Amendment.

Adjourn to a Meeting of the Porterville City Council.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:
B. Closed Session Pursuant to:
   1- Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing
   Litigation: City of Porterville v. County of Tulare et al., Tulare County Superior Court No.
   249043.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Greg Shelton
Invocation – one individual participated.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTER
   1. STATE ROUTE 190 CORRIDOR STUDY
City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and elaborated on the origin and focus of the study which was conducted by Caltrans. Community Development Director Dunlap spoke of the City’s General Plan and Circulation Element, and how State Routes 65 and Highway 190 play a vital role in the circulation system. He then introduced City Engineer Mike Reed who presented a PowerPoint regarding efforts to evaluate a potential alignment plan and related improvements along State Route 190 between Westwood Street and Blue Heron Parkway. The presentation of potential projects along SR 190 was presented in four (4) parts.

- Part 1 – SR 190 potential projects between Westwood Street and SR 65;
- Part 2 – SR 190 potential projects between SR 65 and Hillcrest Street;
- Part 3 – Overall corridor maps defining three potential project alternatives; and
- Part 4 – Recommendations.

Mr. Reed explained that the information provided to the Council was based on a three (3) tiered planning approach, which would allow for flexibility in the implementation of corridor improvements over time. The three tiers were described as follows:

- Near Term Projects - Improvements along SR 190 that need immediate attention and planning;
- Interim Projects - Improvements along SR 190 that mitigate potential failures during the life of the General Plan; and
- Ultimate Projects - Those projects defined by the General Plan that will effectively serve the City well beyond the current 2030 General Plan horizon.

During Mr. Reed’s presentation of projects relative to the Westwood Street/SR 190 Intersection, Council Member Shelton communicated his concerns regarding long-term planning and available funding for the proposed projects. Council Member Ward expressed his reservations with spending significant amounts of money on “Near Term” projects, when it may be financially feasible to complete the “Ultimate” project. Mr. Steve MacDonald, representing Caltrans, and members of staff addressed questions from the Council and members of the public regarding Measure R funding; the proposed use of roundabouts; Newcomb Street access to SR 190; and volume requirements for the three tiers.

Council Member Shelton recused himself from the remainder of the presentation due to a conflict of interest, and did not return. The Council took a five minute recess at 6:43 p.m.

City Engineer Mike Reed then reviewed SR 190 potential projects between SR 65 and Hillcrest Street which included the SR 190 intersections at Jaye Street, Main Street, Plano Street and Hillcrest Street. There was some discussion regarding the three proposed projects for the Main Street Interchange, which were categorized as “Ultimate” and their designation as such. Both Mr. Reed and Mr. MacDonald spoke of changes in Caltrans standards, and how it would affect the addressed intersections, specifically access at Main Street and Plano Street. A discussion then ensued regarding the importance of the Plano Street intersection and staff spoke of scenarios which would allow it to remain an access point; such as construction of an access point at Hillcrest Street and foregoing construction of a Main Street interchange. Concerns were expressed regarding an increase in traffic at Plano and the safety of school children. Staff advised that they would evaluate
the potential effects of moving forward with each available option.

Mr. Reed then presented projects aimed at addressing the SR 190/Hillcrest Street intersection; and briefly reviewed proposed project strip maps for SR 190 Westwood to Hillcrest and Hillcrest to Reservation Road. Mr. Reed and Mr. MacDonald addressed questions from the public regarding the widening of SR 190, the construction of frontage roads and acquisition of property.

Staff recommendations were presented as follows:

- Construct a westbound auxiliary lane from Jaye Street to SR 65. Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost is: $1,200,000;
- Construct an eastbound auxiliary lane from SR 65 to Jaye Street. Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost is: $8,700,000;
- Construct signalized intersections at the Main Street ramp terminals. The eastbound ramp would include dedicated left and right turn lanes. Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost is: $1,200,000;
- Reconstruct Plano Street/SR 190 intersection to accommodate four (4) lanes with dedicated dual left and right turn lanes on all approaches with new traffic signals. Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost is: $7,500,000; and
- Create a new SR 190 access point at the Hillcrest Street alignment. Construction of a four (4) lane roadway from Worth Avenue to Springville Avenue, including a bridge across the Tule River. The actual intersection would be controlled by a roundabout or traffic signal. Preliminary Estimate of Probable Cost is: $25,300,000.

City Engineer Reed spoke of the requested amendment to the Measure R Expenditure Plan, which if approved by the Tulare County Transit Authority Board, would make $108,000,000 available for improvements along SR 190 between SR 99 and Reservation Road.

Following the presentation, staff and Mr. MacDonald addressed questions regarding Riverwalk and the SR 190/Jaye Street intersection; the prioritization of projects; available funding; and access to the State Hospital.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- An unidentified individual came forward to inquire whether the Council had sent condolences to the Tribal Council regarding a recent tragedy at the Tule River Reservation.

**OTHER MATTERS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 8:48 p.m. to the meeting of December 18, 2012.
Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor