

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 10, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Reyes, Council Member Hamilton, Council Member Flores, Vice Mayor Ward, Mayor Stowe

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case concerning correspondence dated August 28, 2017, from the Law Offices of Melo and Sarsfield regarding a notice of violation of the California Voting Rights Act.

**6:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION
TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Lew reported that no reportable action had taken place during closed session.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Ellen Nichols, Porterville, spoke about the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BY-DISTRICT ELECTION BOUNDARIES FOR THE PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL; AND CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT FOR DEMOGRAPHIC AND DISTRICTING CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input for criteria in the drafting of district boundary maps; and
2. Consider and approve the proposed agreement submitted by National Demographics Corporation in the amount of \$23,500 to be paid with Council Special Purposes Reserve funds; and
3. Authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute same.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Council Member Hamilton congratulated Mayor Stowe on becoming a grandfather again.

JOINT MEETING SCHEDULED MATTERS

2. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE LIBRARY FACILITY NEEDS

Commissioner Bailey began his report with a presentation on behalf of the Library and Literacy Commission which addressed the history and the current and future needs of the library. The Commission proposed the creation of a Library Foundation with the Brown Estate donation; Mayor Stowe agreed that a foundation would be essential to the future of the library. The Council and Commission spoke of the parking issues that the current library presents and the possibility of the Centennial Plaza building becoming a library. The Commission asked that the Council collaborate with them and provide them with direction and ideas.

The Council and Commission discussed the needs and wants of the community. Vice Mayor Ward discussed the technology trends that he feels might affect libraries in the future; Commissioner May assured him that libraries and printed materials would still be relevant in 10 years. The Council expressed their understanding of the needs of the community, but explained that a new library facility could not be built because of the lack of funds. Council asked the Commission to do the necessary research and present it to Council along with concrete plan for the future of the Library. The Mayor emphasized the need to propose a realistic plan the residents would be proud of and get behind.

The Council and the Commission considered the idea of a multi-use building that could possibly be built in the future. City Manager Lollis spoke of possible funding sources, the City's 10-year capital plan, and the need to solve the problem with the elevator shaft in the current library facility. The Council and the Commission discussed the needs that were not being met by the current library building and the potential growth perspective of the community. The Library and Literacy Commission asked for the Library to be put on the City's 10-year capital plan, unfunded. The Commission and City Manager Lollis discussed possible grants and/or bonds that the Library could possibly pursue.

The Council and Commission considered the possibility of internal development by constructing a multi-use facility on land that the City already owns or by repurposing existing City facilities. The Council encouraged the Commission to garner community support in order to back their proposed initiatives and a Library Foundation. City Manager Lollis cautioned the Council and the Library and Literacy Commission about what the next 5 years could bring to communities and libraries as a result of the changes to the California Public Employees' Retirement System.