

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, 5:30 PM**

Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Monte Reyes, Council Member Martha A. Flores, Council Member Cameron Hamilton, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Ward

Absent: Mayor Milt Stowe

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APNs: 261-122-004; 261-122-005; 261-122-006; and 261-122007. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Cornerstone Main Partners LP. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

2 - Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: 140 South C Street, Porterville, CA. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Porterville Unified School District. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

3 -Government Code Section 54956.8 -- Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APNs: 252-195-006, 252-195-007, and 252-195-008. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Peters Loyd Funeral Services, Inc. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

4 - Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis and Patrice Hildreth. Employee Organizations: Management & Confidential Series; and all Unrepresented Management Employees.

5 - Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Carmen Rodriguez. Agency claimed against: City of Porterville.

6:37 P.M. RECONVENED OPEN SESSION AND REPORTED ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lew reported on action pertaining to A-5, as follows:

A-5. On a MOTION made by Council Member Cameron Hamilton, and SECONDED by Council Member Martha Flores the City Council unanimously rejected the claim filed by Carmen Rodriguez.

Documentation: M.O. 01-091818

Disposition: Claim rejected.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Cameron Hamilton.
Invocation -- a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month - Carlos Sanchez
Employee Service Awards

AB 1234 REPORTS

1. Tulare County Water Commission Meeting - September 10, 2018
Council Member Flores reported on approval of minutes and receipt of informational items.

2. Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) – September 17, 2018
Council Member Flores reported on approval of Consent Calendar items, a working intern presentation, and provided a Caltrans update.

2. Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board - September 6, 2018
Council Member Hamilton reported on consideration of amendments to JPA and bylaws, to be proposed by an ad hoc committee; and Public Works Director Mike Reed reported on consideration of policy points, creation of a share system, and stakeholder outreach.

3. League of California Cities Annual Conference - September 12-15, 2018
Council Member Hamilton spoke of the presentation of a Helen Putnam Award to the City of Porterville and expressed his disappointment in the awards ceremony; reported on the opening General Session speaker and a session on cannabis; and thanked City Attorney Lew for hosting dinner.

Council Member Reyes echoed Council Member Hamilton's sentiments with regard to the presentation of awards, and reported on sessions pertaining to economic development, municipal finance law, and employment equality.

Vice Mayor Ward stated that he was disappointed to hear comments regarding presentation of the awards; requested that a letter communicating the City's disappointment be sent to the League; and reported on discussions pertaining to homelessness, cannabis, and sessions on youth engagement and annexations.

City Manager Lollis thanked Public Works Director Mike Reed and Deputy Public Works Director Mike Knight for their efforts pertaining to the Helen Putnam Award, and reported on sessions pertaining to cannabis, efficiency in operations, homelessness, and municipal finance.

City Attorney Lew reported on her legislative sessions pertaining to homelessness, civil rights, prevailing wage, and massage businesses.

REPORTS

- I. City Commission and Committee Meetings
 1. Parks & Leisure Services Commission - September 6, 2018
Commissioner Janet Uresti reported on this year's Corporate Games, Music on Main Street, Golf Course Special, Museum Day celebration, and Pioneer Days.
 2. Library & Literacy Commission - September 11, 2018

Ms. Uresti then presented the Library & Literacy Commission's reported in the absence of Commissioner Bailey, who had to leave. The report consisted of information pertaining to Internet, the City 18/19 Budget, and statistics pertaining to program participation and volunteer hours.

3. Arts Commission - August 22, 2018 – no report.
4. Animal Control Commission - September 10, 2018 – no report.
5. Youth Commission – no report.
6. Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee (TUTOC) - August 28, 2018 – no report.

II. Staff Informational Reports

1. Water Conservation Phase III Status Update
2. Report of Commission Vacancies

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Brock Neeley, Porterville, inquired about the Helen Putnam Award, and the City's participation in the dispatch consolidation study.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Cameron Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Martha Flores that the City Council approve Items Nos. 1-8. The motion carried unanimously.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2018, AUGUST 7, 2018 AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Recommendation: That the Council approve the draft Minutes of August 1, 2018, August 7, 2018 and September 4, 2018.

Documentation: M.O. 02-091818

Disposition: Approved.

2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE VAST NETWORK INTERNET SERVICES

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the purchase of Vast Network Fiber Service at a cost of \$14,400 annually for 5 years.

Documentation: M.O. 03-091818

Disposition: Approved.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Police Department to:

1. Purchase seven (7) Motorola radios and five (5) Dell mobile data terminals; and
2. Authorize payment upon receipt of the radios and mobile data terminals.

Documentation: M.O. 04-091818

Disposition: Approved.

4. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE PAY AND BENEFIT PLAN - MANAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIAL SERIES

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt the draft resolution approving the negotiated changes within Management and Confidential Series' MOU; and
2. Direct HR staff to amend all other documentation as may be necessary to document and implement said negotiated changes.

Documentation: Resolution No. 70-201

Disposition: Approved.

5. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - PALABRA DE VICTORIA CHURCH - COMMUNITY OUTREACH - SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from the Palabra de Victoria Church, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the Application and Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Community Civic Event Application.

Documentation: M.O. 05-091818

Disposition: Approved.

6. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FAMILY CRISIS CENTER - 20TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - OCTOBER 11, 2018

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement submitted by the Central California Family Crisis Center, subject to the stated requirements contained in the Application and Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Documentation: M.O. 06-091818

Disposition: Approved.

7. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT - VETERANS HOMECOMING COMMITTEE - VETERANS DAY PARADE - NOVEMBER 12, 2018

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement submitted by the Veterans Homecoming Committee, subject to

the stated requirements contained in the Application and Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Documentation: M.O. 07-091818

Disposition: Approved.

8. STATUS AND REVIEW OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Recommendation: That the City Council receive the report of status and review of the Declaration of Local Emergency and determine the need exists to continue said Declaration.

Documentation: M.O. 08-091818

Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

9. CONSIDERATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN DISPATCH CONSOLIDATION STUDY

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Police Department to participate in the Dispatch Consolidation Study; and
2. Authorize an expenditure up to \$15,000 for the Police Department's contribution to funding for the study.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Police Chief Eric Kroutil presented the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Ward expressed concern regarding all dispatch being at one location; and inquired about a back-up should the location be compromised in some way.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Cameron Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Martha Flores that the City Council approve the Police Department's participation in the Dispatch Consolidation Study and authorize an expenditure up to \$15,000 for the Police Department's contribution to funding for the study. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 09-091818

Disposition: Approved.

10. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE OUTSTANDING PORTERVILLE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2011

Recommendation: That the City Council approve proceeding with the refunding of the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bonds, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all draft resolutions, agreements, and documents as may be required.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented the staff report. Following which, Mr. Ben Levine, Wulff, Hansen & Co., reviewed a Debt Service Savings Analysis slide, an in response to Council comments, clarified that the refunding would not extend the term but lower the debt by four million dollars.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Cameron Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Monte Reyes that the City Council approve proceeding with the refunding of the 2011 Sewer Revenue Bonds, and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign all draft resolutions, agreements, and documents as may be required. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Lollis thanked Deputy City Clerk Luisa Zavala for her assistance with the item and efforts to get out an amended agenda, which had to be taken care of while out of town attending the League of California Cities Conference.

Documentation: Resolution No. 71-2018
Disposition: Approved.

11. CONSIDER REQUESTING THE ARTS COMMISSION TO BEGIN PLANNING THE 1ST ANNUAL PORTERVILLE ARTS EXPO OR FESTIVAL

Recommendation: That the City Council consider requesting the Arts Commission to begin planning the 1st Annual Porterville Arts Expo or Festival.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented the staff report. Mayor Pro Tem Ward elaborated on his idea of an arts expo; and discussion followed during which members of the Council voiced support, identified potential partners, and spoke of the importance of scheduling. The Council then directed the City Manager to further explore the options.

Documentation: None
Disposition: Direction provided

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Brock Neeley, Porterville, suggested the area around the Barn Theater for the proposed arts festival event.

OTHER MATTERS

- Council Member Flores thanked the Council and staff for their support following the passing of her son's paternal grandmother; and spoke of her attendance and participation at Comision Honorifica Mexicana Americana and Family Healthcare Network events.
- Council Member Hamilton spoke of the recent deaths of Porterville Unified School District educators Dr. Joe Santos and Isaac Nunez; and spoke of the upcoming Pioneer Days event.
- Council Member Reyes stated that he would be attending the CSJVRMA Board retreat at Bass Lake.
- Mayor Pro Tem Ward requested that everyone keep Mayor Stowe in their prayers; and spoke of his attendance at the Family Crisis Center's Sunday Social fundraiser.

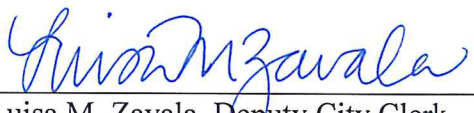
- City Manager Lollis thanked staff for the 9/11 Memorial event; spoke of recognition of Officer Amalia Johnson as Police Officer of the Year by the Latino Peace Officers Association; and announced the City's participation in the Charge Ready Program for Transit.

CLOSED SESSION

None

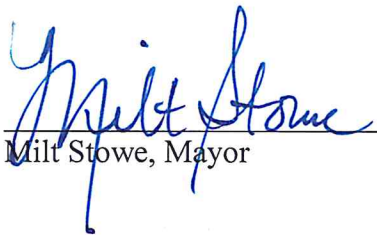
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the meeting of October 1, 2018. 8:02 p.m.



Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor

