

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND TULE RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL  
FIRE STATION NO. 2, 500 N. NEWCOMB STREET  
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018, 6:00 PM**

Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

City Council: Mayor Milt Stowe, Vice Mayor Brian Ward, Council Member Cameron Hamilton, Council Member Monte Reyes, Council Member Martha A. Flores

Tribal Council: Chairman Neil Peyron, Vice Chairman Kenneth McDarment, Secretary Wendi Correa, Treasurer Charles Dabney, Sr., Member Heather Teran, Member Priscilla Santos, Member Zachary Janoko, Member Johnny Nieto

Absent: Tribal Council Member Duane Garfield, Sr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stowe.

Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

1. EMERGENCY ITEM - CONSIDERATION OF RESCHEDULING THE PORTERVILLE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Community Civic Event application and agreement submitted by the Porterville Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Porterville, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the Application and Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Community Civic Event Application;
2. Authorize the temporary suspension of the Fixed Route Transit System from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 29, 2018; and
3. Restrict the closure of parking spaces in front of City Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to those at the north end of City Hall along Main Street.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented a brief staff report.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Flores that the City Council approve the Community Civic Event application and agreement submitted by the Porterville Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Porterville, subject to the Restrictions and

Requirements contained in the Application and Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Community Civic Event Application; authorize the temporary suspension of the Fixed Route Transit System from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 29, 2018; and restrict the closure of parking spaces in front of City Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to those at the north end of City Hall along Main Street.

AYES: Stowe, Ward, Hamilton, Flores  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Reyes  
ABSENT: None

Documentation: M.O. 01-112718  
Disposition: Approved

2. DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO THE PROSPECTIVE RELOCATION OF EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO

Recommendation: None.

City Manager Lollis began by speaking to the collaborative relationship between the City and the Tribal Council and opportunities for continued collaboration, such as potential community fire response, wastewater tertiary treatment, and airport and community promotion and tourism.

Chairman Peyron spoke of reasons for the proposed casino relocation which included economics, housing, water, education and public safety of the Tribe's members.

Raylene Clower, the Tribe's Gaming Commission Executive Director stated that staff was interested in working on the memorandum of understanding (MOU); and the Tribe's Attorney Stephen Hart spoke of the 151 application process which put the land into trust and the 292 application process which allows for gaming on the property. He then spoke of the importance of getting to work on the MOUs and having them done in the next sixty days.

Chairman Peyron communicated the Tribal Council's willingness to mitigate impacts associated with the casino relocation project, and discussion followed regarding the need to evaluate and refine impact costs, and differentiate them from planned improvements that were not a mitigation of the casino's relocation. He also spoke of payments in lieu of taxes. In response to Chairman Peyron's comments, City Manager Lollis identified the improvements to Westwood Street and Highway 190 as an example of a project that was already programmed.

Ms. Clower reported that the Council had directed staff to move forward in working with the City, and Mr. Lollis announced that the Council would be reorganizing in December and members would be appointed to the Porterville Airport Area Development Authority ad hoc committee.

Discussion took place regarding water, tertiary treatment, and other net gain opportunities, and the proposed project which would include a hotel and meeting areas that could accommodate

conference type events. In response to comments, Chairman Peyron expressed his support for a new fire station, which he stated would increase public safety and employment opportunities.

Members of the Council in turn spoke of the City's collaborative approach and the importance of working together for the betterment of the community, which included the reservation and its residents; and expressed appreciation for the Tribal Council's efforts to date.

Members of the Tribal Council thanked the City and the Council for the meeting and for its support of the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to the meeting of December 4, 2018.

  
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Luisa Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Martha A. Flores, Mayor

