

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 10, 2018, 6:00 PM**

Called to Order at 5:59 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Martha A. Flores.

Invocation -- a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Felipe Martinez, Porterville, thanked Council Member Cameron Hamilton for his years of service to the community; encouraged him to stay active in the community; and congratulated Council Member Elect Daniel Peñaloza on his taking office.
- Virginia Gurrola, Porterville, addressed Council Member Hamilton stating that despite differences in their political philosophies they shared a common interest in the betterment of the community; wished him the very best moving forward; and thanked him for his many years of service. She then congratulated Councilmember Elect Peñaloza; thanked staff for their work; and wished everyone a blessed Christmas.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIAL CANVASS OF VOTES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the draft resolution accepting the Certified Canvass of the November 6, 2018 Municipal General Election from the Tulare County Registrar of Voters.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Administrative Services Director Patrice Hildreth presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Flores that the City Council approve the draft resolution accepting the Certified Canvass of the November 6, 2018 Municipal General Election from the Tulare County Registrar of Voters. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 01-121018

Disposition: Approved

2. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBER CAMERON J. HAMILTON

City Manager Lollis recognized Council Member Hamilton as the longest serving member of City Council to date; and members of the Council in turn addressed Council Member Hamilton.

Council Member Martha Flores stated that she had known Council Member Hamilton prior to serving on the Council; spoke of their shared interest in the community and service on Tulare County Association of Governments. She thanked him for his friendship and support.

Council Member Reyes spoke of his and Council Member Hamilton's shared interest in racing, healthy debates and disagreements while serving on the Council; and voiced appreciation for his being resolute, calm and reassuring.

Vice Mayor Ward stated that it had been a pleasure serving with Council Member Hamilton, and spoke of his depth of knowledge in City operations and affairs. He thanked him for his diligence to that regard, his mentorship, and his ability to move beyond disagreements for the betterment of the community.

Mayor Stowe spoke of Council Member Hamilton's many years of service, their friendship, and of his

Council Member Hamilton stated that the best thing he did while serving on the Council was appointing John Lollis as City Manager and that he was leaving the City in good hands. Council Member Hamilton thanked staff, and advised Council Member Elect to listen to them staff because they were amazing.

3. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS; AND SEATING OF NEW CITY COUNCIL

Tulare County Superior Court Judge Glade Roper administered the oath of office to Council Member Milt Stowe, District 2, and Council Member Elect Daniel Peñaloza, District 1.

Council Member Peñaloza thanked Council Member Hamilton for his passion and commitment to the community during his service on the Council. He then thanked his mother, spoke of his moving to Porterville, and expressed his gratitude to those who supported him during his campaign. He stated that he looked forward to working with community members, fellow council members, and staff; and added that any challenge can be overcome when people come together in love.

4. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

City Manager Lollis introduced the item. Mayor Stowe opened up nominations for mayor, and nominated Vice Mayor Ward. Council Member Flores stated that she would like consideration and nominated herself. Nominations were closed.

City Attorney Lew advised that ballots had been prepared should the Council wish to utilize the McCracken Method. At the Mayor's request, the Deputy City Clerk distributed and collected ballots, which were read aloud by the City Attorney as follows:

- Vice Mayor Ward voted for Vice Mayor Ward
- Council Member Reyes voted for Council Member Flores
- Council Member Peñaloza voted for Council Member Flores
- Council Member Flores voted for Council Member Flores
- Mayor Stowe voted for Vice Mayor Ward

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Stowe, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ward that the City Council appoint Council Member Flores to serve as mayor. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 02-121018

Disposition: Approved

Mayor Flores opened up nominations for vice mayor. Vice Mayor Ward nominated Council Member Stowe. Council Member Stowe nominated Vice Mayor Ward. Nominations were closed and ballots were again distributed, collected, and read aloud as follows:

- Vice Mayor Ward voted for Council Member Stowe
- Council Member Reyes voted for Vice Mayor Ward
- Mayor Flores voted for Vice Mayor Ward
- Council Member Peñaloza voted for Vice Mayor Ward
- Council Member Stowe voted for Vice Mayor Ward

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Stowe, SECONDED by Council Member Reyes that the City Council appoint Vice Mayor Ward to serve as vice mayor.

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

Documentation: M.O. 03-121018

Disposition: Approved

5. COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and suggested that the Council consider the appointment of an elected to serve as alternate on the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation.

At the Vice Mayor's suggestion, Mayor Flores requested that council members communicate their interest in serving on the various boards and committees. The following interests were communicated:

- Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Board – Flores; Stowe (alternate)

- Tulare County Economic Development Corporation – Peñaloza
- Tulare County Taskforce on Homelessness – Flores
- Porterville Area Airport Development Corporation (PAADA) – Stowe; Reyes
- Ad Hoc Committee – Proposition 64 Regulation of Marijuana – Reyes; Peñaloza
- Ad Hoc Committee – Provision of Local Water Services – Ward; Peñaloza
- Tule River Improvement JPA – Peñaloza

With regard to Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) vacancy left by Council Member Hamilton, the City Manager stated that a call for nominations would be issued to the cities at a future date.

- Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA – Reyes; Peñaloza (alternate)
- Joint City/School Committee – Stowe; Ward

With regard to Council of Cities, Vice Mayor Ward indicated that he was rarely able to attend the meetings due to his schedule. Council Member Stowe indicated he could continue to serve.

- Council of Cities - Flores; Stowe

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Stowe that the City Council approve the appointments as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 04-121018

Disposition: Approved

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 6:52 p.m. to the meeting of December 18, 2018.


Luisa Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Martha A. Flores, Mayor