

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Greg Meister, Council Member Raymond Beltran,
Council Member Donald Weyhrauch, Vice Mayor Kellie Carrillo,
Mayor Martha A. Flores

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

- 1 - Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Esmeralda Espinoza.
Agency Claimed Against: City of Porterville.
- 2 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3) – Conference with Legal Counsel –
Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to Litigation: Two (2) cases in which facts are
not yet known to potential plaintiff.
- 3 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel –
Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: Two (2) cases.

**6:39 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION
TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Lew reported action pertaining to A-1, as follows:

A-1. On a MOTION made by Vice Mayor Carrillo, and SECONDED by Council Member Beltran
the City Council unanimously rejected the claim filed by Esmeralda Espinoza.

Documentation: M.O. 01-022024

Disposition: Claim rejected.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Beltran.

Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Greg Meister, Porterville, stated he opposed the council's decision to not approve the medical freedom resolution at their last meeting.
- Kristy Martin, Porterville Chamber of Commerce, provided the council with recent and

upcoming events.

- Josh Flowers, Strathmore, expressed his concern with his local government and his disappointment with council members.

REPORTS

I. City Commission and Committee Meetings

1. Parks & Leisure Services Commission - February 1, 2024

Commissioner Janet Uresti provided an update on the weed abatement, Shamrock Shapeup, the Military Banner program, youth sports, pool party reservations, and the upcoming Wall of Fame Ceremony as well as the Annual Youth Fishing Derby.

2. Library & Literacy Commission - February 13, 2024 – no report was provided.

3. Arts Commission – no report was provided.

4. Animal Control Commission – no report was provided.

5. Youth Commission - February 14, 2024 – no report was provided.

6. Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee (TUTOC) – no report was provided.

II. Staff Informational Reports

1. Water Conservation Phase IV Status Update - January 2024

2. Wall Of Fame

3. Youth Field Usage And Light Fees

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 7 was removed for further discussion at the request of Council Member Meister.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Carrillo, SECONDED by Council Member Weyhrauch that the City Council approve Items Nos. 1-6, 8 and 9. The motion carried unanimously.

1. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Recommendation: That the Council approve the draft Minutes of February 6, 2024.

Documentation: M.O. 02-022024

Disposition: Approved.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE RELIEF VALVES FOR THE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATION

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the purchase of relief valves for the CNG Fueling Station from Surface Pumps Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$19,461 (inclusive of all parts, taxes, freight, and a 10% contingency); and
2. Authorize payment of said repair upon satisfactory receipt of parts.

Documentation: M.O. 03-022024

Disposition: Approved.

3. AUTHORIZATION FOR PRINTER/COPIER REPLACEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the purchase of a copy machine for the Administration Department from California Business Machines utilizing Department budgeted funds in the amount of \$9,500.00, plus the applicable sales tax.

Documentation: M.O. 04-022024

Disposition: Approved.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO REPAIR CITY WELL NO. 7

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Direct the Finance Director to initiate a Purchase Order to S. A. Camp Pump And Drilling for an amount not to exceed \$10,330 (inclusive of all parts, taxes, labor, and contingency) for the repair of City Well No. 7; and
2. Direct the Finance Director to make payment to S.A. Camp Pump And Drilling upon receipt of the invoice approved by the Public Works Director.

Documentation: M.O. 05-022024

Disposition: Approved.

5. INTENT TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING - VACATION OF A PORTION OF COLLEGE AVENUE

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the resolution of intent to abandon a portion of College Avenue; and
2. Set the Council meeting of March 19, 2024, as the time and place for the Public Hearing.

Documentation: Resolution No. 05-2024

Disposition: Approved.

6. PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award Central California Family Crisis Center in the amount of \$34,973.53 for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Operations and \$20,000 for Emergency Shelter & Bridge Housing Operations;
2. Award Family Services of Tulare County in the amount of \$12,894 for Permanent Supportive Housing Operations; and
3. Award Kings View in the amount of \$87,963.98 for Navigation Center Operations and \$18,216.76 for Emergency Shelter & Bridge Housing Operations.

Documentation: M.O. 06-022024

Disposition: Approved.

8. COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENTS

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Declare April 20, 2024, "Spring Clean-Up Day" and October 19, 2024, "Fall Clean-Up Day;"
2. Encourage all residents to clean up their properties and take advantage of these special opportunities offered by the City;
3. Authorize the City to accept trash, litter, and yard clippings delivered by City residents receiving City residential refuse service to the Spring and Fall Clean-Up Events for free disposal; and
4. Authorize the cost of both events be funded from the Solid Waste Operating Budget.

Documentation: M.O. 07-022024

Disposition: Approved.

9. STATUS AND REVIEW OF LOCAL DROUGHT EMERGENCY

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

Documentation: M.O. 08-022024

Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON PORTERVILLE FLAG DAY COMMITTEE

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the appointment of Council Member Greg Meister to serve as a City Representative on the Porterville Flag Day Committee.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and Police Captain Josh Maniss presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Flores, SECONDED by Council Member Weyhrauch that the City Council appoint Council Member Meister to serve on the Porterville Flag Day Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 09-022024

Disposition: Approved.

11. ANIMAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH THE CITIES OF LINDSAY AND WOODLAKE

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the termination of current agreements for animal shelter services between the City of Porterville and the cities of Lindsay and Woodlake, and direct staff to provide written notice to the aforementioned cities consistent with the agreements.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and Police Captain Josh Maniss presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Weyhrauch, SECONDED by Council Member Meister that the City Council terminate the current agreements for animal shelter services between the City of Porterville and the cities of Lindsay and Woodlake. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 10-022024

Disposition: Approved.

12. STATUS AND REVIEW OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL FLOOD 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.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Weyhrauch, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Carrillo that the City Council approve the continuance of the Declaration of Local Flood Emergency. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 11-022024

Disposition: Approved.

7. CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the resolution approving the updated Statement of Investment Policy.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and presented the staff report.

Mayor Flores stated that the investment policy was reviewed by the Internal Audit Committee Meeting and was approved for inclusion on the agenda for Council consideration.

The council's consensus was to postpone this matter to the following meeting in order to allow for a thorough review of the investment policy by the council members, as well as the opportunity for them to meet with staff and provide feedback and ask questions.

Documentation: None.

Disposition: Direction given, item moved to a future meeting.

AB 1234 REPORTS

1. TCAG-California Association of Councils & Government Annual Conference - February 7-9, 2024

Mayor Flores spoke of those in attendance and provided updates on priority projects, the REAP budget, the legislative principles, and several discussion items.

2. Porterville Area Development Authority (PADA) - February 16, 2024

Due to the lack of a quorum during the meeting, a report was not provided.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OTHER MATTERS

- Council Member Beltran stated that he loves this time of year and encourages everyone to go out and enjoy the weather.
- Council Member Weyhrauch thanked the Internal City Audit Committee for their efforts in keeping the city finances in good shape, asked for a task revenue update, inquired if the city was able to share the Chamber Calendar, encouraged everyone to take time off for voting, and asked for an update on Love our Cities.
- Council Member Meister thanked the council for appointing him to the Flag Day Committee, expressed his excitement for the upcoming Wall of Fame ceremony, stated he was unable to attend the Coffee with a Cop, spoke of his father's attendance at the council meeting, spoke of the time he spent with Alexandra Macedo in the Porterville community, and commended Parks

and Leisure on the encampment cleanup efforts.

- Vice Mayor Carrillo thanked staff for the reports of the encampment cleanups, spoke of the great weather we are having, and wished her first grandson a Happy Birthday.
- Mayor Martha A. Flores thanked those for who attended the CDBG Block Grant Community Meeting, spoke of her attendance at the Farm Worker Appreciation Day, and thanked city staff.
- City Manager Hildreth urged everyone to drive safely.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m. to the meeting of March 5, 2024, at 5:30 P.M.



Fernando Gabriel-Moraga,
Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Martha A. Flores, Mayor

