

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 3, 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, Mayor Martha A. Flores

Absent: Vice Mayor Kellie Carrillo

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Ed McKervey, Porterville, reiterated his belief that the new council should select the new City Manager.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

- 1 - Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APN: 253-160-064, 253-160-065, 253-160-069, 253-160-070, 261-125-018, 261-125-019 and 261-125-020. Agency Negotiators: Patrice Hildreth and Jason Ridenour. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and James Gregory Shelton. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.
- 2 - Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Rick Sullins. Agency Claimed Against: City of Porterville.
- 3 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Pouncey v. Silva et al., Fresno Superior Court Case No. 24CCG03764.
- 4 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: Cox v. City of Porterville, United States District Court, Eastern District, Case No. 1:24-CV-00878-KES-SAB.
- 5 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to Litigation: Three (3) cases in which facts are not yet known to potential plaintiff.
- 6 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of litigation: One (1) case.
- 7 - Government Code Section 54957 - Public Employment: City Manager.

**6:35 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION
TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE YOUTH ARENA SOCCER UNIFORMS

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the purchase of the 2025 Arena Soccer uniforms from ProTime Sports at the price of \$19.45 for youth sizes and \$20.45 for adult sizes for a total estimated cost of \$8,630.75.

Documentation: M.O. 03-120324

Disposition: Approved.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE NINE (9) 35-FOOT CNG TRANSIT BUSES FROM NEW FLYER

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of nine (9) 35-foot CNG transit buses from New Flyer under the CalACT/Basin Transit Purchasing Cooperative, RFP #23-01, for a total amount not to exceed \$7,490,000; and
2. Authorize the Transportation Department to coordinate with New Flyer on delivery schedules, warranty provisions, and any training requirements to ensure successful integration into the transit fleet.

Documentation: M.O. 04-120324

Disposition: Approved.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONSULTANT CONTRACTS - BUTTERFIELD STAGE CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING & STAKING AND MATERIALS TESTING

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Engineering and Project Management Director to execute the Consultant Service Agreement for construction surveying & staking services for the Butterfield Stage Corridor Project in the amount of \$175,000 with 4 Creeks, Inc.;
2. Authorize the Engineering and Project Management Director to execute the Consultant Service Agreement for materials testing and quality control services for the Butterfield Stage Corridor Project in the amount of \$189,000 with RMA GeoScience;
3. Authorize contingencies for both contracts to cover unforeseen circumstances on the project as long as the amounts stay within the previously authorized budget amount for construction management, quality control, and inspection services (\$1,901,383); and

- (SVMC) for coordinated transportation services within the Porterville Urbanized Area; and
2. Authorize the Mayor or City Manager to execute the MOU and any subsequent amendments necessary to implement these transportation services, subject to final review by the City Attorney.

Documentation: M.O. 08-120324

Disposition: Approved.

8. AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF THE TULARE-KINGS COUNTY REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the continuation of the City's participation and support of the Tulare-Kings County Regional Hazardous Materials Team (RHM Team) and authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029.

Documentation: M.O. 09-120324

Disposition: Approved.

10. 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.

Documentation: M.O. 11-120324

Disposition: Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) 5-YEAR PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 3

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed 5-Year Plan Amendment No. 3 for reallocation of funds; and
2. Adopt the draft resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) 5-Year Plan and authorizing its transmittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

13. CONSIDERATION OF A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" BANNER
PURCHASE FOR MAIN STREET

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction on the purchase of a "Merry Christmas" banner for Main Street.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and Parks and Leisure Services Director Donnie Moore presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Mayor Martha A. Flores, SECONDED by Council Member Raymond Beltran that the City Council approve the purchase of a "Merry Christmas" banner.

AYES: Meister, Beltran, Weyhrauch, Flores
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Carrillo

Documentation: M.O. 12-120324
Disposition: Approved.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE'S POSITION PAY PLANS FOR 2020-
2024

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the draft resolution approving and ratifying the City of Porterville's Position Pay Plans for 2020-2024.

City Manager Hildreth introduced the item and Administrative Services Director Yuliana Andrade presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Greg Meister, SECONDED by Council Member Donald Weyhrauch that the City Council adopt the resolution approving and ratifying the City of Portervilles's Positon Pay Plans for 2024-2024.

AYES: Meister, Beltran, Weyhrauch, Flores
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Carrillo

Documentation: Resolution No. 88-2024
Disposition: Approved.

- Council Member Beltran noted his attendance at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Porterville Chamber Awards. He also wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.
- Council Member Weyhrauch reported that he attended the Veterans Day Parade. He congratulated Council Member Elect Ed McKervey on his victory, expressed gratitude to the City Staff, and delivered a speech reflecting on his experiences and appreciation for serving the community as a Council Member.
- Council Member Meister expressed his honor in serving alongside Council Member Weyhrauch. He thanked the City staff for their excellent work in maintaining the city, acknowledged Deputy Fire Chief Shannon Skiles on his retirement, and welcomed back Fire Chief Bryan Cogburn. Additionally, he recognized the staff for their participation in a recent Town Hall meeting.
- Mayor Flores expressed her pleasure in serving with Council Member Weyhrauch and welcomed Fire Chief Cogburn back. She also spoke of her attendance at the Porterville Chamber Awards and highlighted upcoming events, including the Christmas Parade and the State of the City Address.
- City Manager Hildreth expressed gratitude to Council Member Weyhrauch for his service, welcomed back Fire Chief Cogburn, and praised Deputy Fire Chief Skiles for stepping up as Acting Fire Chief.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m. to the meeting of December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.



Fernando Gabriel-Moraga,
Acting Chief Deputy City Clerk

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Greg Meister, Mayor