

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 25, 2016, 5:30 PM**

Called to Order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Reyes, Council Member Ward, Council Member Gurrola, Vice Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Stowe

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Stowe.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Brock Neeley, Porterville, “Yay Cubs!”
- Barry Caplan, Porterville, spoke of his notification of the meeting being received prior to the 24-hour noticing requirement; expressed his dissatisfaction with the order of the items on the agenda; and recommended that the City Council postpone its approval of a letter of support in light of concerns pertaining to security and former Police Chief McMillan.
- Anna Alvarado spoke in opposition of a letter of support; claimed that the Casino did not care about its employees; and stated that she had been injured on the job and was subsequently let go.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE - SCE POLE RELOCATION FOR THE JAYE STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Approve the costs associated with the pole relocation; and
2. Authorize the City Engineer to sign the SCE application and issue a \$20,777.77 payment.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Acting Public Works Director Mike Reed presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council approve the costs associated with the pole relocation; and authorize the City Engineer to sign the SCE application and issue a \$20,777.77 payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 01-102516

Disposition: Approved.

2. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE TULE RIVER TRIBE'S PROPOSED RELOCATION OF EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the draft letter of support, making any edits/modifications it deems appropriate.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the letter as it pertained to the relocation process. City Attorney Lew elaborated on the process, spoke of past practice, and advised of possible modifications to the letter provided by the Tribe.

Council Member Ward expressed his concern regarding the absence of an agreement for the proposed project, and inquired about recent meeting activity between the City and the Tribe. City Attorney Lew provided some history of agreements with the Tribe for previously proposed projects.

- Gary Santos, Tule River Tribal Council Member, recognized Tribal representatives in attendance; spoke of the intent of the letter, the relocation process, efforts made to garner support, and the desire to move forward expeditiously; and stated that he was available for questions.
- Matt Mingrone, General Manager of Eagle Mountain Casino, spoke of the importance of support for the project.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton that the City Council approve the letter of support as presented.

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

Documentation: M.O. 02-102516
Disposition: Approved.

The Council took a five minute recess at 6:04 p.m. and then reconvened in Closed Session.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

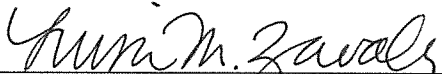
- 1 - Government Code Section 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APN: 240050026. Agency Negotiators: John Lollis and Donnie Moore. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Porterville Masonic Properties, Inc. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.
- 2 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3) - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case 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: One case

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened open session at 7:40 p.m. It was reported that no reportable action had taken place.

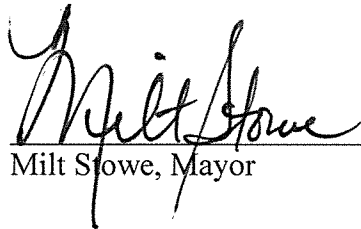
ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the meeting of November 1, 2016.



Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor

