

**ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 13, 2016, 5:30 PM**

Called to Order at 5:33 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 Milt Stowe.

Invocation – the Mayor participated.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Roberto Escudero, Yuliana Andrade, Robert Tree, Anthony Castillo, and Daniel Penaloza introduced themselves as Leadership Porterville Class of 2017 participants.
- Lois Innis encouraged the distribution of reusable bags in Porterville.
- Brock Neeley, Porterville, requested that the Council keep in mind availability when selecting a mayor; and read an excerpt from a June 25, 1978 speech made by Harvey Milk.
- Barry Caplan thanked Mr. Neeley for his comments; spoke of Council Member Gurrola's actions in support of equality; and spoke regarding the selection of a mayor.
- Ann Marie Wagstsaff stated that Council Member Gurrola was an inspiration and example of dedication and commitment to the community, and thanked her for her service.
- Susanna Aguilera-Marrero, Kings-Tulare Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, commended the Council, specifically Council Member Gurrola for her service.
- Donnette Silva Carter, Tulare Chamber of Commerce CEO, spoke of her return to the community and eagerness to work with community partners; and expressed her gratitude to Council Member Gurrola for her service and friendship.
- Maria Gonzalez thanked Council Member Gurrola for her friendship, example and guidance; and stated that it aided in her personal and professional development.
- Tomas Garcia thanked Council Member Gurrola and the entire Council for their service and dedication to East Porterville residents as it pertained to the drought.

Mayor Stowe recognized District Attorney Tim Ward and Judge Glade Roper who were both in attendance.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICIAL CERTIFIED CANVASS OF VOTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CAMERON HAMILTON IN-LIEU OF ELECTION

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the draft resolution accepting the certified canvass of the November 8, 2016 Municipal General Election from the Tulare County Registrar of Voters; and appoint Cameron Hamilton to the one two-year term City Council office in-lieu of election.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Ward that the City Council approve the draft resolution accepting the certified canvass of the November 8, 2016 Municipal Election from the Tulare County Registrar of Voters; and appoint Cameron Hamilton to the one two-year term City Council office in-lieu of election. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: Resolution No. 81-2016

Disposition: Approved.

2. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBER VIRGINIA GURROLA

City Manager Lollis recognized Council Member Gurrola's service the past four years, and spoke of foundations established for future progress.

Mayor Stowe presented Virginia Gurrola with a plaque in recognition of her dedication service to the community of Porterville.

Ms. Gurrola recognized her family in the audience; spoke of the circumstances of her return to City Council; and thanked God, City staff for their hard work, City Manager Lollis for his leadership, and City Attorney Lew for her knowledge and counsel. She spoke of her experience on the Council, moving on and moving forward, and of spending time with her family. She concluded by reading a short poem; and thanking her fellow Council Members.

John Coffee, on behalf of the Tulare County Stonewall Democrats, presented a floral arrangement and expressed continued to Ms. Gurrola in all her future endeavors.

Council Members Ward and Reyes stated that it had been an honor and pleasure serving with Council Member Virginia, and thanked her for her dedication and commitment to the community.

Vice Mayor Hamilton indicated that he had learned a lot from Virginia; spoke of shared life experiences; and stated that she would be missed.

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

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and Judge Glad Roper who would be administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected members.

Oaths were administered and certificates of election presented to Council Members Cameron Hamilton, Brian Ward, Monte Reyes, and Martha Flores.

4. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Stowe welcomed Council Member Flores, and introduced the item. Vice Mayor Hamilton nominated Milt Stowe for Mayor. Without objection, nominations were closed.

Council Member Ward stated that while he was pleased and grateful for Mayor Stowe's service these past two years, he was in support of rotation of Mayor and would therefore not be able to vote in favor.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Flores that the City Council appoint Milt Stowe to serve as mayor.

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

Vice Mayor Hamilton nominated Council Members Reyes, Ward, and Flores to serve as vice mayor. Without objection, nominations were closed. At the direction of the Council, Deputy City Clerk Luisa Zavala distributed ballots to the Council for implementation of the McCracken voting method. They were subsequently collected and the votes were reported as follows:

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

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

Disposition: M.O. 01-121316

Disposition: Mayor Stowe and Vice Mayor Ward appointed.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Manager Lollis introduced the item and presented the staff report. The Council reviewed the list of appointments dated January 20, 2015, for vacancies; and the following individuals were identified for appointment:

- Tulare County Association of Governments – Flores (member)
- Tulare River Improvement JPA – Mike Reed (alternate)
- Joint City/School Committee – Ward (member); Flores (member)

- Internal City Audit Committee – Flores (member)
- Council of Cities –Stowe (member); Ward (member)
- SJVAPCD Special City Selection Committee – Stowe (member); Reyes (alternate)
- SJVAPCD Citizens Advisory Committee – Reyes (member)
- SGMA/GSA – Hamilton (member); Reyes (alternate)

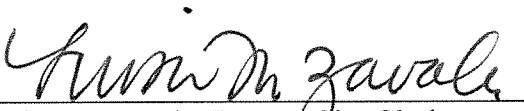
Council Member Flores inquired about the establishment of a healthcare committee, and expressed an interest in serving on such committee should one be established. City Manager Lollis spoke of past instances in which the City met with healthcare professionals to address issues such as West Nile virus, and Mayor Stowe spoke of a stakeholders committee of past.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Hamilton, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ward to approve amending the Appointments of Council Members to Various Committees & Boards dated January 20, 2015, to reflect the aforementioned appointments, and the removal of Consolidated Waste Management Authority, Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee – Provision of Local Water Services from the list. The motion carried unanimously.


Documentation: M.O. 02-121316
Disposition: Approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 6:42 p.m. to the meeting of December 20, 2016.


Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor