

**MINUTES
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 14, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Called to Order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Monte Reyes, Council Member Martha A. Flores, Council Member Cameron J. Hamilton, Vice Mayor Brian Ward, Mayor Milt Stowe (arrived at 5:44 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Reyes.
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Antonio Salazar spoke in favor of the prioritization of the reconstruction of Union Avenue, and spoke of concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians in the area.
- Ruben Salazar provided a petition of signatures of Union Avenue residents in favor of the reconstruction of Union Avenue between Indiana and Jaye Streets.

SCHEDULED MATTER

1. CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

City Manager Lollis stated that the purpose of the meeting was to identify goals of the Council and departments to be taken into consideration in development of the 2017/2018 Budget.

At the Council's request, Mr. Lollis and Acting Public Works Director Mike Reed spoke of upcoming street projects and variables effecting costs of road projects, such as prevailing wage, replacement of old water main, and required American Disabilities Act improvements. It was suggested that the City consider a charter amendment to address the issue of prevailing wage on projects and allow more work to be completed by City employees.

Discussion ensued regarding: types of road improvement projects; funds available for roads; anticipated work on Plano Avenue, Main Street, and Henderson Avenue; continued work on Lime Street; preliminary work pertaining to Union Avenue; and the PCI rating of arterials and collectors throughout the City that required attention.

Staff spoke of significant challenges associated with the acquisition of right of way on Union Avenue, and estimated the cost of the project to be \$1.5M. Discussion followed regarding the narrow roadway, existing powerlines, pedestrian traffic, flooding, and the potential increase in vehicle traffic following the completion of the Jaye Street Bridge widening project. Acting Public Works Director Reed spoke of a planned sewer annexation project to include Union Avenue, and indicated that it would be beneficial to complete those connections prior to the reconstruction of Union Avenue to avoid having to cut into a new street.

toward a larger rehabilitation project if the Council wished to move forward with a smaller project first.


City Manager Lollis spoke of CalPERS discount rate adjustments, which were to take place over the next five years and would result in an increase cost to the City of approximately 4 million; and added that employee contribution rates would also be increasing substantially.

The Council discussed the need to keep certain projects on the radar as priorities, to explore a charter amendment to address the issue of prevailing wage and a sales tax measure to generate funds for street improvements, etc.

Documentation: None.
Disposition: No action taken.


ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the meeting of March 21, 2017.



Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor