

COUNCIL AGENDA: September 17, 2013

**SUBJECT:** COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – Request for the City Council to Consider Adopting a Resolution of Recognition for the Donation of a Siren to be Installed at Fire Station #1

**SOURCE:** City Manager

**COMMENT:** Vice Mayor McCracken has requested that the City Council consider adopting a Resolution of Recognition of the efforts of the Exchange Club of Porterville and American Legion Post #20 in donating the funds for the purchase and installation of a siren at Fire Station #1, to be used as a signal for the Moment of Silence at the Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month during the Annual Veteran's Day Parade.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Vice Mayor McCracken moves to set a Scheduled Matter on the Agenda of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of October 1, 2013, to consider the adoption of a Resolution of Recognition authorizing the preparation and installation of a plaque commemorating the efforts and donation of the Exchange Club of Porterville and the American Legion Post #20 of a siren at Fire Station #1, funded from the Council's Special Purposes Fund.

**ATTACHMENT:** Draft Resolution

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Item No. 9

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Porterville City Council

WHEREAS, The City of Porterville held a parade on November 11, 1918 in celebration of Armistice Day ending World War I, and

WHEREAS, The City of Porterville annually remembers this historic occasion annually with a parade and a moment of silence at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month as tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and

WHEREAS, until 1996 the moment of silence was announced by sounding the warning siren at Fire Station Number One, and

WHEREAS, the solemnity of the annual remembrance of the War to End All Wars has suffered since 1996 when the siren became inoperative, and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of the City of Porterville recognized the need for the siren as an integral component of the remembrance, and

WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of the City of Porterville, with the assistance of American Legion Post 20, has raised the funds necessary to purchase and install a replacement siren, and

WHEREAS, The Exchange Club of the City of Porterville together with the American Legion Post 20 has offered a donation of Three Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$3,000.00) to the City of Porterville for the purchase and installation of a siren at Fire Station Number One to be used to announce the moment of silence and for other City emergencies as necessary, and

WHEREAS, The City of Porterville has accepted the unsolicited donation and agrees to purchase and install the siren at Fire Station #1, and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to recognize the efforts of the Exchange Club of Porterville and American Legion Post 20 in perpetuity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City of Porterville thank the Exchange Club of Porterville and American Legion Post 20 for the unsolicited donation, and be it further resolved

That the donation be memorialized by means of a brass plaque, commissioned at the expense of the City of Porterville, containing:

- The names of both the Exchange Club of Porterville and the American Legion Post 20, and
- The name of the President of the Exchange Club of Porterville and the name of the Commander of American Legion Post 20, and

- The date of installation, and
- The inscription “In remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice”, and
- The names of Pete Lara, President of the Exchange Club of the City of Porterville and David Nena, Commander, American Legion Post 20

And that said plaque shall be installed on Fire Station Number One where the public is able to view it.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF October, 2013

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Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor

ATTEST:  
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk