

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 1, 2013, 5:30 P.M.**

Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Shelton (arrived late), Vice Mayor Ward, Mayor Hamilton

Absent: Council Member Gurrola

Adjourned to a Joint Meeting of the Porterville City Council and Successor Agency to the Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
PORTERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA
291 N. MAIN STREET, PORTERVILLE, CA**

Roll Call: Agency Member McCracken, Agency Member Shelton, Vice Chairperson Ward, Chairperson Hamilton

Absent: Agency Member Gurrola

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: County of Tulare v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Addition of the 2010 Amendment to Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Project Area No. 1, as Adopted by Ordinance 1765 on June 15, 2010, by the City of Porterville, et al., Tulare County Superior Court Case No. 249877.

During Closed Session, the Joint Council/Successor Agency Meeting adjourned to a Meeting of the Porterville City Council.

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

B. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of Porterville v. County of Tulare et al., Tulare County Superior Court No. 249043.

2- Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APN: 261-020-010. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis and Baldo Rodriguez. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Lynda Mourton. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

3- Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Premier Properties. Agency claimed against: City of Porterville.

4- Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Myers Funeral Home.

Agency claimed against: City of Porterville.

5- Government Code Section 54956.95 – Liability Claim: Claimant: Larry Eberhardt.
Agency claimed against: City of Porterville.

6- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Allstate Insurance Company v. City of Porterville, Tulare County Superior Court Case No. PCL158272.

7- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation: One Case.

6:30 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

REPORT ON ANY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Lew reported the following action:

B-3: COUNCIL ACTION: On a MOTION by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton, the Council rejected the claim filed by Premier Properties.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 01-100113

Disposition: Claim rejected.

B-4: COUNCIL ACTION: On a MOTION by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton, the Council rejected the claim filed by Myers Funeral Home. The motion carried 3/1, with Vice Mayor Ward voting no, and Council Member Gurrola absent.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Hamilton
NOES: Ward
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 02-100113

Disposition: Claim rejected.

B-5: COUNCIL ACTION: On a MOTION by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton, the Council rejected the claim filed by Mr. Larry Eberhardt.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 01-100113

Disposition: Claim rejected.

Mayor Hamilton informed everyone of Council Member Gurrola's absence due to the hospitalization of her mother and requested they hold a place in their hearts for her.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Hamilton
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

PROCLAMATIONS

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2013

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month – Fernando Rios

AB 1234 REPORTS

1. Consolidated Waste Management Authority (CWMA) – September 26, 2013
Council Member McCracken reported on the recent meeting and discussion on Sharps Program, and marijuana as a biofuel.
2. Tulare County Economic Development Corporation – September 25, 2013
Mayor Hamilton reported on certified sites, their success in the Southern US, and the obstacles in California due to CEQA.
3. Joint City/School Committee – September 30, 2013
Vice Mayor Ward reported on discussion about extending WIFI to various areas for the benefit of students. Council Member Shelton added that the issue of traffic at Summit Charter Lombardi was also discussed.
4. League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 18 – 20, 2013
 - a. Council Member McCracken reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento, noting sessions on PEPR and Caltrans in the Central Valley.
 - b. Vice Mayor Ward spoke of his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento, noting sessions on the Arts, "Top Ten Ways Cities Waste Money."
 - c. Mayor Hamilton reported on his attendance in Sacramento at the League's Conference, noting that it was better than the last one he had attended.

REPORTS

- I. City Commission and Committee Meetings:
 1. Parks & Leisure Services Commission: No report was provided.
 2. Library & Literacy Commission
Chairperson Esther Figueroa advised that the Commission's report would be provided at the second meeting in October.
 3. Arts Commission: No report was provided.
 4. Youth Commission: No report was provided.

5. Transactions and Use Tax (“Measure H”) Oversight Committee: No report was provided.
6. Charter Review Committee: No report was provided.

II. Staff Informational Items:

1. Building Permit Activity - August 2013: No verbal report.
2. Collection Events for October: No verbal report.
3. SAFER Grant Annual Report: No verbal report.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- John Coffee, requested that Mayor Hamilton, Vice Mayor Ward and Council Member Shelton resign immediately, indicating they do not represent a majority.
- Connie Wilson, spoke of discrimination against LGBT and against the actions taken by the Council.
- Brock Neeley, read California Government Code Section 11135, regarding anti-discrimination, and stated that the Council had already violated it in July and warned that it should not do that again.
- Tony Valverde, voiced concern with duck excrement at Murry Park noting that it posed a health hazard.
- Donna Campbell, spoke regarding the proposed animal shelter, of meetings with City staff and Mayor Hamilton, and inquired what would be needed to get the project moving.
- Jennifer Biagio, introduced herself and requested that the Council consider her appointment to the Library and Literacy Commission.
- Nikki Edwards, spoke in favor of the proposed item concerning a citizens’ advisory committee for the animal shelter, and requested that the Council move the project along.
- Christina Harris, voiced support for the Council’s action in rescinding the LGBT Proclamation, and spoke against the proposed “Coming Out Day” Proclamation.
- Barry Caplan, invited everyone to attend the Art Walk, and read a statement from Skylar Cooper, a Springville resident who could not attend, regarding the LGBT proclamation matter.
- Teri Irish, inquired as to why the three-minute timer was not being utilized. Mayor Hamilton advised that he did not enforce that rule.
- Russell “Buck” Fletcher, commented on how it was fine in the world despite the shut-down of the federal government.
- David Harris, spoke against the proposed “Coming Out Day,” and requested that the Council deny the request.
- Teresa Carpenter, spoke in favor of the proposed “Coming Out Day” Proclamation; and spoke in favor of a directly-elected Mayor.
- Jeff Zeles, came forward on behalf of Relay for Life and invited everyone to attend and support the event on Saturday, with opening ceremonies at 8:00 a.m. at Summit Charter Collegiate Academy.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Nos. 1, 4, and 10 through 14 were removed for further discussion

2. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – MATHEW STREET SHOULDER STABILIZATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Approve Staff’s recommended Plans and Project Manual;
2. Authorize Staff to advertise for bids on the project; and
3. Authorize the appropriation of an additional \$20,888 in CMAQ funds to match the Construction E-76 issued by Caltrans/FHWA.

Documentation: M.O. 04-100113
Disposition: Approved.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT – MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES FOR THE JAYE STREET AND MONTGOMERY AVENUE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Technicon Engineering Services at an anticipated fee not to exceed \$40,000 for materials testing services for the Jaye Street and Montgomery Avenue Roundabout Project;
2. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with the 2nd ranked firm, Nolte Vertical 5, if staff is unable to negotiate an acceptable contract with Technicon Engineering Services;
3. Authorize the Mayor to sign all contract documents; Authorize progress payments that concur with construction progress up until proper closeout of the work and not to exceed 100% of the contract fee; and Authorize a 10% contingency to cover unforeseen changes to the scope of work required.

Documentation: M.O. 05-100113
Disposition: Approved.

5. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO THE LOCAL AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENT – MATHEW STREET SHOULDER STABILIZATION PROJECT

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the subject program supplement by passing a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the subject program supplement; and
2. Direct staff to return the signed program supplement to CalTrans.

Documentation: Resolution 58-2013

Disposition: Approved.

6. APPROVAL OF THE 2013 CITY OF PORTERVILLE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TITLE VI REPORT UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the 2013 Title VI Program Update and authorize City staff to submit the program to the FTA for approval on behalf of the City.

Documentation: M.O. 06-100113

Disposition: Approved.

7. APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BETWEEN TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the attached First Amendment to Agreement for Transit Services;
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Amended Transit Services Agreement for transit services; and
3. Authorize staff to forward the executed Amended Agreement for Transit Services to TCAG.

Documentation: None.

Disposition: Item pulled at the request of TCAG.

8. CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY CARGO CONTAINER REQUEST

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the request for a temporary structure permit as outlined above and subject to the site plan and conditions of approval.

Documentation: M.O. 07-100113

Disposition: Approved.

9. APPROVAL FOR COMMUNITY CIVIC EVENT – VETERANS’ HOMECOMING COMMITTEE – VETERAN’S DAY PARADE – NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Community Civic Event Application and Agreement from the Veterans’ Homecoming Committee, subject to the Restrictions and Requirements contained in the Application, Agreement, Exhibit A and Exhibit B of the Community Civic Event Application.

Documentation: M.O. 08-100113

Disposition: Approved.

16. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CREATING A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF ALL ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Recommendation: Mayor Hamilton makes the motion that the City council authorize a Scheduled Matter on the next Council Agenda to consider creating a Citizen Advisory Committee for the oversight of all Animal Control facilities and operations.

Documentation: M.O. 09-100113

Disposition: Approved.

15. REVIEW OF LOCAL EMERGENCY STATUS

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive the status report and review of the designated local emergency; and
2. Pursuant to the requirements of Article 14, Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, determine that a need exists to continue said local emergency designation.

AYES: McCracken, Ward, Hamilton

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Shelton

ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 10-100113

Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Shelton that the Council approve Item Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15 and 16; noting Council Member Shelton’s abstention from Item No. 15.

AYES: McCracken, Ward, Hamilton, Shelton

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gurrola

The Council recessed for ten minutes at 7:20 p.m.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

17. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY AND LITERACY COMMISSION

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint three individuals to fill the three seats with

three-year terms to expire in October 2016.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Shelton that the City Council appoint Jennifer Biagio, Tamara Bishop, and Catherine May to fill the three seats with terms to expire in October 2016.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 11-100113

Disposition: Approved.

18. PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NATIONAL GUARD, AND LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AND TULARE COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND COMMUNITY FAIR, INC.

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the removal of all additions and/or alterations to the leased property, and to approve the in-kind contribution and assistance of City forces.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item. Council Member Shelton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Lollis presented the staff report.

Council discussed the estimated amount of staff time required to assist in the demolition and whether the Fair should pay a contractor to perform the project.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the City Council authorize the removal of all additions and/or alterations to the leased property, and approve the in-kind contribution and assistance of City forces.

AYES: McCracken, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Shelton
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 12-100113

Disposition: Approved.

19. CONSIDERATION OF PROCESS FOR APPROVING PROCLAMATIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the proclamation approval process and give direction to staff to codify same in Section IV – Council Requests from the Public, Paragraph F – Proclamation Approval Process.

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

Vice Mayor Ward proposed the following language for the Council to consider regarding the proclamation approval process:

All proclamations must be submitted at least 72 hours before noon on the Thursday before the next Council meeting to be considered for approval by the City Council. All received proclamations are to be scanned and emailed to all Council Members within one business day of being received. Each Council Member will have until noon on the Thursday before the next Council meeting to contact the City Manager's Office to sponsor submitted proclamations. Proclamations received with two sponsors will be placed on the next Council agenda as a Consent Calendar item. Those not receiving any sponsors will be disregarded.

A discussion ensued regarding the number of sponsors to be required prior to Council consideration of proclamations. City Attorney Lew advised that the number of sponsors should not exceed three members of the Council, in adherence to the Brown Act.

The Council discussed the timing of proclamation approvals and presentations, with City Attorney Lew noting that the proposed language would potentially allow for the approval and presentation of proclamations to occur within the same Council meeting.

Council Member McCracken voiced his opposition to voting on proclamations for approval.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Shelton, that the City Council adopt the following process for the approval of proclamations: *All proclamations must be submitted at least 72 hours before noon on the Thursday before the next Council meeting to be considered for approval by the City Council. All received proclamations are to be scanned and emailed to all Council Members within one business day of being received. Each Council Member will have until noon on the Thursday before the next Council meeting to contact the City Manager's Office to sponsor submitted proclamations. Proclamations receiving one sponsor will be placed on the next Council agenda as a Consent Calendar item. Those not receiving a sponsor will be disregarded. If multiple sponsors are received, the first Council Member to respond will be deemed the proclamation's sponsor.*

AYES: Ward, Shelton, Hamilton

NOES: McCracken
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 13-100113
Disposition: Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION)

1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A POWERVAULT TL2000 TAPE LIBRARY

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the purchase of the Dell PowerVault TL2000 Tape Library appliance from Dell at a cost of \$7,178.46.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council's request. Council Member Shelton requested clarification from Finance Director Maria Bemis with regard to what was being archived and for how long.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Shelton, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ward that the City Council approve the purchase of the Dell PowerVault TL2000 Tape Library appliance from Dell at a cost of \$7,178.46.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 14-100113
Disposition: Approved.

4. DE-OBLIGATION OF MEASURE 'R' ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDED PROJECTS

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the de-obligation of Measure R "Alternative Transportation" Funds for the Westwood Street CMAQ Shoulder Stabilization Project and the Tule River Parkway, Phase IV Project;
2. Approve the De-Obligation Resolutions; and
3. Direct the City Clerk to transmit the signed Resolutions to the "Authority".

City Manger Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council's request. Council Member Shelton requested clarification regarding the de-obligation. City Manager Lollis explained that the City had obligated all of its funds in an attempt to make a case for additional funding, but a formula was subsequently established.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the City Council approve the de-obligation of Measure R “Alternative Transportation” Funds for the Westwood Street CMAQ Shoulder Stabilization Project and the Tule River Parkway, Phase IV Project; approve the De-Obligation Resolutions; and direct the City Clerk to transmit the signed Resolutions to the “Authority”.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: Resolutions 59-2013 and 60-2013.
Disposition: Approved.

10. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE DONATION OF A SIREN TO BE INSTALLED AT FIRE STATION #1

Recommendation: That the City Council consider adopting 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.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request. Council Member McCracken requested that the resolution be modified to strike the fourth bullet point naming the President of the Exchange Club and Commander of the American Legion, as requested by both organizations.

Vice Mayor Ward and Council Member Shelton commented on the cost of the proposed plaque.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member McCracken, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the City Council adopt the draft 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, as amended to strike the fourth bullet point naming the President of the Exchange Club and the Commander of the American Legion.

AYES: McCracken, Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: Resolution 61-2013
Disposition: Approved.

11. APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION REQUEST – TEEN READ WEEK

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 13-19, 2013, as “Teen Read Week.”

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request. Council Member McCracken indicated that he had pulled Items 11 through 14 so that the Council could consider the proclamation process (Item No. 19) prior to the requests.

Council Member Shelton noted that some of the requests were time sensitive, and staff responded that some of the requests were not to have the proclamation read at a meeting of the Council.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Shelton, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ward that the City Council approve of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 13-19, 2013, as “Teen Read Week.”

AYES: Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: McCracken
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 15-100113
Disposition: Approved.

12. APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PORTERVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 5-6, 2013, as “Relay for Life Days.”

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request. Council Member Shelton noted that cancer affects everybody.

Council Member McCracken indicated that he did not approve of the process and would therefore be abstaining. At the request of Vice Mayor Ward, City Attorney Lew clarified that the abstention would affirm the motion in absence of a conflict of interest.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Shelton, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Ward that the City Council approve the proposed Proclamation declaring October 5-6, 2013, as “Relay for Life Days.”

AYES: Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: McCracken
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 16-100113
Disposition: Approved.

13. APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION REQUEST – FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 21-27, 2013, as “Friends of the Libraries Week.”

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request. Council Member Shelton noted that Friends of the Library volunteers work tirelessly and support everybody.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Shelton, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the City Council approve the proposed Proclamation declaring October 21-27, 2013, as “Friends of the Libraries Week.”

AYES: Shelton, Ward, Hamilton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: McCracken
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 17-100113
Disposition: Approved.

14. APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION REQUEST – COMING OUT DAY

Recommendation: That the City Council consider the approval of the proposed Proclamation declaring October 11, 2013, as “Coming Out Day.”

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and the staff report was waived at the Council’s request. Council Member Shelton commented that “Coming Out Day” was not for everybody, and suggested that the Council modify the language to be all-inclusive.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Ward, SECONDED by Mayor Hamilton that the City Council reject the proposed Proclamation declaring October 11, 2013, as “Coming Out Day.”

AYES: Shelton, Ward, Hamilton

NOES: McCracken
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Gurrola

Documentation: M.O. 18-100113
Disposition: Request denied.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Barry Caplan, voiced concern with Council Member Shelton changing his vote on Item 14 from no to yes after it was displayed; and suggested that the action was discriminatory. He also spoke of the LGBT community's many contributions in the area of the arts.
- Anne Marie Wagstaff, spoke against the Council's rejection of the "Coming Out Day" Proclamation, and spoke of bigotry and discrimination in the community.
- Brock Neeley, spoke of bigotry against LGBTs, and of suicide.
- John Coffee, noted that the new microphones were not working properly.
- Connie Wilson, spoke in favor of embracing the LGBT community, and requested that the Council support the LGBT community for the children.
- Teresa Carpenter, voiced concern with the Council's action rejecting the "Coming Out Day" proclamation, and spoke of the impact such an action has.
- Russell "Buck" Fletcher, suggested that the Council's action this evening on the "Coming Out Day" was historical, and that history would not look favorably upon it.
- Carlos Gomez, spoke against the rejection of the "Coming Out Day" proclamation; stated that LGBT members of the community did not feel safe; and suggested that the members of the Council placed more value on the lives of dogs than Porterville's LGBT residents.

OTHER MATTERS

- Council Member Shelton, spoke of the grand opening of the Courthouse scheduled for next week; requested that an item be added to consider the Wall of Fame process and a subcommittee of the Charter Review Committee concerning pensions; and spoke of the upcoming Central California Family Crisis Center event.
- Mayor Hamilton, suggested that the LGBT community was better than what they portrayed themselves to be.
- City Manager Lollis spoke of an upcoming Charter Review Committee meeting on October 9th, and Zalud House Pioneer Days & Rib Cook-Off on Saturday, October 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the meeting of October 15, 2013.

SEAL

Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

Cameron J. Hamilton, Mayor