

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 5, 2014, 5:30 P.M.**

Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: 8.20 miles/line of railroad between Strathmore, CA milepost 268.60 and Porterville, CA milepost 276.80 in Tulare County. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Union Pacific Railroad. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

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

3- Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: 280 North Fourth Street. Agency Negotiators: John Lollis and Donnie Moore. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and KT/AAA. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

4- Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: 2701 W. Scranton Avenue. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and DT-1 Racing. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

5- Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiators/Property: APNs 246-112-034 and 246-112-050. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis. Negotiating Parties: City of Porterville and Ray Stone Incorporated. Under Negotiation: Terms and Price.

6 - Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Negotiator: John Lollis, Steve Kabot, and Patrice Hildreth. Employee Organizations: Porterville City Employees Association; Management and Confidential Series; Porterville Police Officers Association; Fire Officer Series; Porterville City Firefighters Association; Public Safety Support Unit; and all Unrepresented Management Employees.

7- Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Cases with facts not yet known to potential plaintiffs.

**6:30 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND
REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Julia Lew reported that no reportable action had taken place.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member A. Monte Reyes
Invocation – one individual participated.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Month – Wayne Martin
Police Officer Badge Pinning
Porterville Youth Leadership Academy Graduation
LAFCO – Municipal Service Review

AB 1234 REPORTS

This is the time for all AB 1234 reports required pursuant to Government Code § 53232.3.

1. Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) – July 21, 2014
Council Member Gurrola reported on projects submitted for Active Transportation Program funds, and approval of the Unmet Transit Needs Assessment findings.
2. Joint City/School Committee – July 28, 2014
Mayor Stowe reported on a presentation by Michelle Ragsdale regarding the International Anti-Bullying campaign, and several upcoming school projects.

REPORTS

This is the time for all committee/commission/board reports; subcommittee reports; and staff informational items.

- I. City Commission and Committee Meetings:
 1. Parks & Leisure Services Commission – no report.
 2. Library & Literacy Commission – no report.
 3. Arts Commission – no report.
 4. Youth Commission – no report.
 5. Transactions and Use Tax “Measure H” Oversight Committee – no report.
- II. Staff Informational Reports
 1. Letter of Map Revision Update – “Monache” Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
 2. Water Conservation Plan Update
 3. Library Service Hours – Sundays
 4. Code Enforcement Report, 4th Quarter of FY 2013-2014
 5. Attendance Records for Commissions, Boards and Committees – 4th Quarter Report – FY 2013/14
 6. Report on Charitable Car Washes
 7. Building Permit Activity – May & June 2014

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Heather Billings, Porterville, read letter communicating concerns for safety of children at the City Pool due to lack of supervision and surveillance equipment.

- Linda Hoy, Porterville, thanked Mike Reed for his efforts relative to the Monache flood zone area; indicated that she was working on establishing a neighborhood watch; and requested that the wall behind Wal-Mart be painted.
- Barry Caplan, Porterville, requested that Item 22 be pulled from Consent Calendar; communicated prior interest in revising the City Sister Program and expressed concern regarding the re-naming of the conference rooms currently named for the Sister Cities; and commented on privacy issues relative to the MyPorterville app.
- Johnna Key, Porterville, expressed concern regarding the cost of portable radios (Item No. 2), and suggested that the school try to conserve more water.
- Tony Alverde, Porterville, stated that water pressure in some areas of town was high and caused damage to sprinkler heads, and spoke of billing inaccuracies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item Nos. 2, 5, 7 and 8 were pulled for further discussion. Council Member Ward indicated a conflict relative to Item No. 6 and noted his abstention on said item.

1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2013 AND JANUARY 15, 2014

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes of December 3, 2013, and January 15, 2014.

Documentation: M.O. 01-080514

Disposition: Approved.

3. AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSIT VEHICLE REPAIR

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize:

1. The transit bus repair by E.M. Tharp at a cost not to exceed \$14,947.75; and
2. Payment of said equipment upon satisfactory delivery.

Documentation: M.O. 02-080514

Disposition: Approved.

4. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE AND STREET REPAIR PROJECT (PUTNAM ALLEY BETWEEN D STREET AND HOCKETT STREET, AND SECOND STREET BETWEEN MILL AVENUE AND OAK AVENUE)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Staff's recommended Plans and Project Manual; and
2. Authorize staff to advertise for bids on the project.

Documentation: M.O. 03-080514

Disposition: Approved.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – 5-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE CLEANING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS

Recommendation: That City Council authorize staff to advertise for a 5-year contract for the cleaning of its four (4) anaerobic digesters.

Documentation: M.O. 04-080514

Disposition: Approved.

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT – HOUSING ELEMENT AND FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Award the Housing Element and Five Year Consolidated Plan Update to LeSar Development Consultants; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign contract documents.

Documentation: M.O. 05-080514

Disposition: Approved.

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT – AIRPORT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award the Airport Constant Service Agreement to Tartaglia Engineering of Atascadero, CA; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Consultant Service Agreement.

Documentation: M.O. 06-080514

Disposition: Approved.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT – LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, VARIOUS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to exercise the one-year renewal with Clean Cut Landscape for Landscape Maintenance Groups #1, #4 and #5; and
2. Authorize staff to exercise the one-year renewal with Porterville Sheltered Workshop for Landscape Maintenance Groups #2 and #3.

Documentation: M.O. 07-080514

Disposition: Approved.

12. INTENT TO VACATE EASEMENTS FOR WATER LINE AND STORM DRAINAGE, TEMPORARY EMERGENCY INGRESS AND EGRESS AND TEMPORARY STORAGE OF STORM WATER RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVERVIEW ESTATES, PHASE FIVE SUBDIVISION (SMEE BUILDERS, INC.)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Pass a Resolution of Intent to Vacate:
 - a) An Easement shown on Parcel Map 4239, recorded in Book 43, page 43 of Parcel Maps;
 - b) An Easement dedicated as Parcel 1 to the City of Porterville by Document No.2006-0042459 recorded April 21, 2006, in the Office of the Tulare County Recorder; and
 - c) An Easement dedicated as Parcel 2 to the City of Porterville by Document No. 2006-0042459, in the Office of the Tulare County Recorder.
2. Set the Council Meeting of September 2, 2014, or soon thereafter, as the time and place for a public hearing.

Documentation: Resolution No. 50-2014

Disposition: Approved.

13. SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (STEP) GRANT AWARD

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the STEP Grant Funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$69,080.00.

Documentation: M.O. 08-080514

Disposition: Approved.

14. JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH PORTERVILLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BURTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Joint Funding for School Resource Officers for the period of July 1,2014, through June 30, 2015; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Porterville.

Documentation: M.O. 09-080514

Disposition: Approved.

15. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTER-FUND LOAN AGREEMENT FROM GENERAL FUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF \$2,400,000 FOR A SIX YEAR AND THREE MONTH TERM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 13,119 SQ. FT. BUILDING ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF N. MAIN STREET AND E. THURMAN AVENUE (IDENTIFIED BY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 253-192-006; 253-192-007; 253-192-008; 253-192-009; AND 253-192-010) FROM SMITH COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED, AND AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF ESCROW ON THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the draft Resolution approving an inter-fund loan agreement from General Fund Equipment Replacement (003) to the General Fund (001) of \$2,400,000 for a six year and 3 month term for the purchase of a 13,119 square foot building and property on the southeast corner of N. Main Street and E. Thurman Avenue (identified by assessor parcel numbers 253-192-006; 253-192-007; 253-192-008; 253-192-009; and 253-192-010) from Smith Commercial Properties, Incorporated, and authorizing the closing of escrow on the purchase of the building and property.

Documentation: Resolution No. 51-2014

Disposition: Approved.

16. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN REMOVED.

17. RENEWAL OF AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT – LOT 46D

Recommendation: That City Council approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Porterville and Mr. Kevin Taggard for Lot 46D at the Porterville Municipal Airport.

Documentation: M.O. 10-080514

Disposition: Approved.

18. AUTHORIZATION TO ROLL WEED ABATEMENT BALANCES AND UNPAID UTILITY ACCOUNTS TO THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the County Auditor to place these items on the property tax rolls for collection.

Documentation: Resolution No. 52-2014

Disposition: Approved.

19. INTERIM FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the preliminary interim financial status reports as presented.

Documentation: M.O. 11-080514
Disposition: Approved.

20. QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the quarterly Portfolio Summary.

Documentation: M.O. 12-080514
Disposition: Approved.

21. REVIEW OF LOCAL EMERGENCY STATUS – DECEMBER 21, 2010

Recommendation: That the 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.

Documentation: M.O. 13-080514
Disposition: Approved.

22. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEM – REQUEST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE RENAMING OF THE HAMAMATSU AND LA BARCA CONFERENCE ROOMS IN HONOR OF PAST CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYORS, JAY C. COLEMAN AND PETE V. MCCRACKEN

Recommendation: Mayor Stowe makes the motion that the City Council authorize a Scheduled Matter on the next Council Agenda to consider the renaming of the Hamamatsu and La Barca Conference Rooms in honor of past City Council Members and Mayors, Jay C. Coleman and Pete V. McCracken.

Documentation: M.O. 14-080514
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Gurrola, that the City Council approve Item Nos. 1 through 4, 6, and 9 through 22. The motion carried unanimously, with the aforementioned abstention.

The Council recessed for ten minutes at 7:57 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

23. PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

- Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Adopt the draft resolution to become a member of the California Municipal Finance Authority, and authorize the mayor to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority.
 2. Adopt the draft resolution opting into the Tulare County PACE Program.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Development Associate Jason Ridenour presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened at 8:18 p.m. Seeing no one, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council adopt the draft resolution to become a member of the California Municipal Finance Authority, and authorize the mayor to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority; and adopt the draft resolution opting into the Tulare County PACE Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: Resolution No. 53-2014; Resolution 54-2014
Disposition: Approved.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

24. RATIFICATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET

Recommendation: The City Manager recommends that the City Council consider ratification of the adopted 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget, including any modifications and for the time period designated by Council.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Reyes, that the City Council ratify the adopted 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget.

MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, that the motion be amended to include the \$35,000 allocation to the Porterville Chamber of Commerce for Community Promotion. The amendment carried 4/1, with Council Member Ward voting no.

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

Documentation: Resolution No. 55-2014; Resolution No. 56-2014
Disposition: Budget ratified, as amended.

25. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION LIMIT

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the resolution adopting the appropriation limit of \$55,693,099 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Finance Director Maria Bemis presented the staff report.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Ward, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, that the City Council approve the resolution adopting the appropriation limit of \$55,693,099 for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: Resolution No. 57-2014
Disposition: Approved.

26. COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Recommendation: That the City Council, at its discretion, appoint Council members to fill any existing vacancies, change appointments, and/or revise the list of committees to add and/or eliminate committees as necessary.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council approve the following appointments: Council Member Reyes as representative to the Consolidated Waste Management Authority, Tulare County Economic Development Corporation, and Business Incentive Zone Council; Council Member Ward as alternate representative to the Consolidated Waste Management Authority; and Council Member Gurrola as representative to the SJVAPCD Special City Selection and Citizens Advisory Committees; and remove the representatives for the Chamber Branding Stewardship and Public Safety Building Committees. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 15-080514
Disposition: Approved.

Council Member Reyes proposed the formation of a joint City-County Committee between the City of Porterville and the County of Tulare.

27. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recommendation: If there is interest in Council Member attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, that the City Council designate one City Council Member to serve as a voting delegate, and two City Council Members to serve as alternate voting delegates at the Conference.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council designate Council Member Gurrola to serve as a voting delegate, and Council Member Reyes to serve as alternate voting delegate at the Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 16-080514

Disposition: Approved.

28. WATER ISSUES RELATED TO THE DROUGHT

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Allow future Beckman Area properties currently not connected to the City water system to pay water service, meter and backflow costs (hard costs) as a condition of receiving water from the City, and that water connection (acreage) fees not be considered due to lack of solid information on whether connection fees had or had not been paid by Beckman 30 years ago;
2. Provide direction to the Public Works Director on the length of time the City will continue to offer water via fire hydrant to the properties at 74 E. Vandalia Avenue in the event the property owner chooses to drill a new well and not accept California Department of Public Health's offer to pay water connection fees, water service, meter and backflow costs; and
3. Provide direction, if any, to staff on the matter of water to County residents.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez presented the staff report, identifying four drought-related issues before the Council for consideration, being: 1) ten properties in the Beckman Contamination Area not currently connected to City water; 2) nineteen mobile homes without water located at 74 E. Vandalia Avenue; 3) sixty-five properties within City limits without City water; and 4) numerous properties outside of City limits without water. Mr. Rodriguez noted that the County and State were both aware of the drought situation, but that little had been done to assist the residents thus far.

City Manager Lollis indicated that the City does not have enough water capacity to service all of the areas in need of water, but noted that the State is likely to assist with construction costs for water connections along Vandalia Avenue. The Council discussed, at length, health issues associated with properties without water; legal requirements of property owners to provide tenants with water; concerns regarding child welfare; and possible relief efforts for the situation, including assistance from the Porterville Area Coordinating Council or the utilization of City water trucks to store and distribute water.

Mayor Stowe recognized Mr. Fred Beltran, director of the Porterville Area Coordinating Council, to address the City Council.

- Fred Beltran, updated the Council on the efforts of his organization to help those in need of water, stating that the City's assistance with delivering water to residential tanks would be helpful in the long-run. Mr. Beltran also noted an upcoming meeting to educate residents on water conservation and use during the drought.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council approve a 30-day extension to continue to offer water via fire hydrant to the properties at 74 E. Vandalia Avenue in the event the property owner chooses to drill a new well and not accept California Department of Public Health's offer to pay water connection fees, water service, meter and backflow costs. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 17-080514
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council allow future Beckman Area properties currently not connected to the City water system to pay water service, meter and backflow costs (hard costs) as a condition of receiving water from the City, and that water connection (acreage) fees not be considered due to lack of solid information on whether connection fees had or had not been paid by Beckman 30 years ago. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 18-080514
Disposition: Approved.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Gurrola, that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director to coordinate with the Porterville Area Coordinating Council and the County of Tulare to provide potable water stations, and direct staff to research options for the provision of water to residents on Cloverleaf Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 19-080514
Disposition: Approved, and direction given.

29. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FUELS PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT UNDER CALIFORNIA'S MARKET BASED PROGRAM TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS ("CAP AND TRADE")

Recommendation: That the City Council consider a Resolution requesting the delay of implementation of fuels production and transport under California's market based program to reduce carbon emissions ("Cap and Trade").

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

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Gurrola, that the City Council approve a Resolution requesting the delay of implementation of fuels production and transport under California's market based program to reduce carbon emissions ("Cap and Trade"). The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: Resolution No. 58-2014
Disposition: Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION)

2. REQUEST TO PURCHASE PORTABLE HAND-HELD RADIOS

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the purchase of 30 portable hand-held radios from J's Communications in the amount of \$63,411.30 funded out of the Equipment Replacement Fund.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Chief of Police McMillan addressed the Council's questions regarding the cost of the requested radios.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Ward, SECONDED by Council Member Gurrola, that the City Council authorize the purchase of 30 portable hand-held radios from J's Communications in the amount of \$63,411.30 funded out of the Equipment Replacement Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 20-080514
Disposition: Approved.

5. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – W. NORTH GRAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (NEWCOMB STREET TO PROSPECT STREET)

- Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Approve Staff's recommended Plans and Project Manual;
 2. Approve the appropriation of unused Local Transportation Funds amounting to \$102,050; and
 3. Authorize staff to advertise for bids on the project.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Public Works Director Rodriguez addressed the Council's questions regarding potential cost savings for the project.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Council Member Gurrola, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, that the City Council approve Staff's recommended Plans and Project Manual; approve the appropriation of unused Local Transportation Funds amounting to \$102,050; and authorize staff to advertise for bids on the project. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 21-080514
Disposition: Approved.

7. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – RECLAMATION AREA LEASE

- Recommendation: That the City Council:
1. Review staff's report along with the entire Reclamation Area Lease "Request for Proposal," and add, delete, or otherwise modify if necessary said proposal;
 2. Direct the Public Works Director to update the "Request for Proposal" to include Council's comments;
 3. Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the "Request for Proposals for Reclamation Area Lease;" and
 4. Direct the Public Works Director to present a recommendation for awarding the lease agreement on September 16, 2014.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Council Member Ward inquired about options for extending the lease agreement.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Ward, that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director to advertise the "Request for Proposals for Reclamation Area Lease;" direct the Public Works Director to present a recommendation for awarding the lease agreement on September 16, 2014; and allow for a lease extension amendment to be brought back for Council consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 22-080514
Disposition: Approved.

8. REJECT ALL BIDS – ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT

Recommendation: That City Council:
1. Reject all bids for the Animal Shelter Project.

City Manager Lollis introduced the item, and Public Works Director Rodriguez addressed the Council questions regarding the reasons for rejecting the project bids.

COUNCIL ACTION: MOVED by Vice Mayor Hamilton, SECONDED by Council Member Gurrola, that the City Council reject all bids for the Animal Shelter Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Documentation: M.O. 23-080514
Disposition: Approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Linda Hoy, Porterville, agreed with use of a task force and collection of data regarding provision of water to those in need, and suggested use of the National Guard.

OTHER MATTERS

- Council Member Gurrola, spoke of the importance of educating those in need of water of the process; announced that an informational meeting was to take place on Friday at 6:00 p.m., Plano and Orange for those who speak Spanish; and noted citizen concerns regarding child welfare issues.
- Council Member Ward, inquired about Designated Disaster Relief and facilities in the East Porterville Area with water that could be utilized by those in need; spoke of new school year and thanked the Police Chief for traffic control efforts.
- Council Member Reyes, expressed concerns regarding the creation of another subculture or 2nd class citizens who were without water.
- Vice Mayor Hamilton, lauded City Engineer Mike Reed for his work, and expressed displeasure to Linda Hoy for not publicly apologizing to Mr. Reed for comments she had made at past Council meetings.
- Mayor Stowe, encouraged everyone to watch out for students next week as the school year begins; and spoke of water issues.
- City Manager Lollis, reported that the City had two crews out of county to assist with fires.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m. to the meeting of August 19, 2014.

SEAL

Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

Milt Stowe, Mayor