

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
291 NORTH MAIN STREET  
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA  
MAY 14, 2014, 5:30 P.M.**

Called to Order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member McCracken, Council Member Shelton (arrived during Closed Session), Council Member Gurrola, Vice Mayor Ward, Mayor Hamilton

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:**

- A. Closed Session Pursuant to:  
1 - 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.

**6:30 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

**REPORT ON ANY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

It was reported that no reportable action had taken place in Closed Session.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Vice Mayor Brian Ward  
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**SCHEDULED MATTER**

1. PRELIMINARY FY 2014/2015 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Recommendation: That the City Council accept staff's recommendation, and provide direction accordingly.

City Manager John Lollis introduced the item, and presented the staff report which consisted of a review of the City's anticipated capital projects work plan and Fund activities for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year.

Mr. Lollis began by reviewing significant street projects anticipated to progress in the coming fiscal year, which included the following: Jaye Street Bridge Replacement Widening; Jaye Street Roundabout and Montgomery Street Reconstruction; Westwood Street Shoulder Stabilization/Widening – Henderson Avenue to Westfield Avenue; Lime Street Reconstruction, Phase 1 – Henderson Avenue to former railroad ROW; Newcomb Street Shoulder

Stabilization/Widening, Phase 2 – Roby Avenue to Olive Avenue; West North Grand Avenue Reconstruction, Phase 3 – Newcomb Street to Boyles Street; Gibbons Avenue Reconstruction, Phase 1 – Jaye Street to Indiana Street; Downtown Pedestrian Walkway – Oak Avenue; Morton Avenue Shoulder Stabilization – Westwood Street to Highway 65; and Date Avenue Reconstruction – Jaye Street to “H” Street.

In addition, the City Manager spoke of the completion of the Plano Street Bridge Widening Project, micro-surfacing to take place on portions of Date Avenue, Henderson Avenue, Indiana Street, Jaye Street, and Main Street, and continued efforts relative to the implementation of the Highway 190 Corridor Study.

Council was presented with a map displaying PCI Branch Rating for arterial and collectors within the city. The Council acknowledged significant improvement and lauded staff for their efforts.

The City Manager reviewed upcoming water and sewer projects, such as the development of Well Nos. 32 and 33, ongoing Island Annexation Sewer Extension Projects and the installation of water mains. A discussion ensued regarding the life expectancy of water and sewer pipes and funding their replacement.

The Public Safety Station, Animal Shelter, and Fallen Heroes Park were identified as the primary projects funded by General Fund, Measure H and grant funds. City Manager Lollis proposed the hiring of three additional Fire Department personnel once the Public Safety Station was operational, and no additional full-time Police or Parks and Leisure Services personnel were expected to be necessary. The Council discussed the possibility of contracting with a 501(c)3 organization for the operation of the animal shelter to save on costs, and the issue of grant funding relative to the OHV Park.

The City Manager reported a conservative estimate of \$22.5 million in General Fund revenues and estimated expenditures of approximately \$23.6 million for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year. The Council inquired about a decrease in invested assets, which Finance Director Maria Bemis attributed to lower interest rates. The City Manager added that continued efforts to curtail departmental spending of budgeted expenditures would save approximately \$1.16 million.

City Manager Lollis spoke lastly of the Risk Management Budget, and noted multi-year deficits in the Health and Life component due to increased Health and Life Plan expenditures. He communicated staff's recommendation to seek cost savings via Health Plan modifications, and increasing employer, employee and retiree contributions.

Following the City Manager's presentation, the Council discussed losses from the Municipal Golf Course and the Zalud House. Council Member McCracken stated that Resolution 19-2006 had established benchmark cost recovery rates for youth, senior, adult and aquatic recreation programs. Council Member Shelton suggested that the rates established back in 2006 be re-evaluated.

The Council directed staff to provide a breakdown of cost recovery rates for the various recreation programs as part of the proposed budget each year; and see if there was interest amongst any local 501(c)3 to operate the Zalud House.

In response to inquiries by Vice Mayor Ward, the City Manager updated the Council on renovations to the second floor of the library, and spoke of funds appropriated for playground shade structures.

Disposition: Direction given.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None


**OTHER MATTERS**

- Council Member Shelton spoke of the commencement of the Porterville Fair and his attendance at the recent Peace Garden event.
- Vice Mayor Ward recognized Council candidates Larry Harper and Matthew Green for their attendance and spoke of the importance of the City budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Council adjourned at 8:08 p.m. to the meeting of May 20, 2014.

SEAL

  
Luisa M. Zavala, Deputy City Clerk

  
Cameron J. Hamilton, Mayor

