



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA – NOVEMBER 7, 2017

**SUBJECT:** City Council Minutes of June 12, 2017, September 19, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 24, 2017

**SOURCE:** Administrative Services

**COMMENT:** Staff has prepared the draft Minutes of June 12, 2017, September 19, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 24, 2017, for the Council's review and consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council approve the draft Minutes of June 12, 2017, September 19, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 24, 2017.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Minutes of June 12, 2017
2. Draft Minutes of September 19, 2017
3. Draft Minutes of October 10, 2017
4. Draft Minutes of October 24, 2017

**Appropriated/Funded:**

**Review By:**

Department Director:

Patrice Hildreth, Administrative Services Dir

Final Approver: Patrice Hildreth, Administrative Services Dir

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY HALL, 291 N. MAIN STREET  
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA  
OCTOBER 10, 2017, 5:30 PM**

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Council Member Reyes, Council Member Hamilton, Council Member Flores,  
Vice Mayor Ward, Mayor Stowe

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION:**

A. Closed Session Pursuant to:

1 - Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case concerning correspondence dated August 28, 2017, from the Law Offices of Melo and Sarsfield regarding a notice of violation of the California Voting Rights Act.

**6:00 P.M. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Lew reported that no reportable action had taken place during closed session.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Ellen Nichols, Porterville, spoke about the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BY-DISTRICT ELECTION BOUNDARIES FOR THE PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL; AND CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT FOR DEMOGRAPHIC AND DISTRICTING CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input for criteria in the drafting of district boundary maps; and
2. Consider and approve the proposed agreement submitted by National Demographics Corporation in the amount of \$23,500 to be paid with Council Special Purposes Reserve funds; and
3. Authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute same.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:07 p.m.

- Ellen Nichols spoke of the right to confront accusers and of lack of identification of voters being represented by law offices of Melo and Sarsfield.

- Allan Bailey, Porterville, expressed lament at the less collaborative and more competitive environment of district representation, and appreciation for the City Council and its efforts

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

Administrative Services Director Patrice Hildreth presented a brief staff report pertaining to the agreement with National Demographics Corporation (NDC) for consulting services. In response to questions posed by the Council, staff advised that the City was in a time crunch if it was to adhere to the safe harbor timeline, and added that the Council had authorized NDC's services in the past without solicitation.

COUNCIL ACTION:            MOVED by Council Member A. Monte Reyes, SECONDED by Council Member Martha Flores that the City Council approve the proposed agreement submitted by National Demographics Corporation in the amount of \$23,500 to be paid with Council Special Purposes Reserve funds and authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute same.

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

Documentation:    01-101017  
 Disposition:    Approved.

The City Council adjourned to a joint meeting of the Porterville City Council and Library and Literacy Commission at 6:15 p.m.

**PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND  
 LIBRARY AND LITERACY COMMISSION JOINT MEETING  
 291 NORTH MAIN STREET, PORTERVILLE, CA 93257  
 OCTOBER 10, 2017**

Roll Call:        All Council Members Present  
                   Commissioner Bailey, Commissioner May, Commissioner Figueroa,  
                   Commissioner Bishop, Vice Chair LaVonne, Chair Christenson  
 Absent:         Commissioner Biagio

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- Council Member Hamilton congratulated Mayor Stowe on becoming a grandfather again.



## **JOINT MEETING SCHEDULED MATTERS**

### **2. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE LIBRARY FACILITY NEEDS**

Commissioner Bailey began his report with a presentation on behalf of the Library and Literacy Commission which addressed the history and the current and future needs of the library. The Commission proposed the creation of a Library Foundation with the Brown Estate donation; Mayor Stowe agreed that a foundation would be essential to the future of the library. The Council and Commission spoke of the parking issues that the current library presents and the possibility of the Centennial Plaza building becoming a library. The Commission asked that the Council collaborate with them and provide them with direction and ideas.

The Council and Commission discussed the needs and wants of the community. Vice Mayor Ward discussed the technology trends that he feels might affect libraries in the future; Commissioner May assured him that libraries and printed materials would still be relevant in 10 years. The Council expressed their understanding of the needs of the community, but explained that a new library facility could not be built because of the lack of funds. Council asked the Commission to do the necessary research and present it to Council along with concrete plan for the future of the Library. The Mayor emphasized the need to propose a realistic plan the residents would be proud of and get behind.

The Council and the Commission considered the idea of a multi-use building that could possibly be built in the future. City Manager Lollis spoke of possible funding sources, the City's 10-year capital plan, and the need to solve the problem with the elevator shaft in the current library facility. The Council and the Commission discussed the needs that were not being met by the current library building and the potential growth perspective of the community. The Library and Literacy Commission asked for the Library to be put on the City's 10-year capital plan, unfunded. The Commission and City Manager Lollis discussed possible grants and/or bonds that the Library could possibly pursue.

The Council and Commission considered the possibility of internal development by constructing a multi-use facility on land that the City already owns or by repurposing existing City facilities. The Council encouraged the Commission to garner community support in order to back their proposed initiatives and a Library Foundation. City Manager Lollis cautioned the Council and the Library and Literacy Commission about what the next 5 years could bring to communities and libraries as a result of the changes to the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council and Library and Literacy Commission adjourned to the meetings of October 17, 2017, and November 14, 2017, respectively.