



**City of Portola
Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2023 06:00 PM
35 Third Ave Portola 96122
<https://www.cityofportola.com/>**

Mayor Tom Cooley • Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers • Councilmember Pat Morton • Councilmember Stan Peiler • Councilmember Leah Turner

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Tom Cooley.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Mayor Tom Cooley

B. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Tom Cooley, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers, Councilmember Pat Morton, Councilmember Leah Turner

Absent: Councilmember Stan Peiler

Staff Present:

Financial Officer Susan Scarlett (remotely), City Attorney Steve Gross (remotely), Deputy City Clerk Jason Shaw, Interim City Manager Jon Kennedy

2. Public Comments

This section is intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to comment on any subject that does not appear on this agenda. Please note that California law prohibits the City Council from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda, unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the City Council. Any member of the public wishing to address the City Council during "**PUBLIC COMMENT**" shall first secure permission of the presiding officer, stand; may give his/her name and address to the Clerk for the record. Each person addressing the City Council shall be limited to three minutes ordinarily, unless the presiding officer indicates a different amount will be allotted.

3. CITY COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council Communications / Committee Reports

Pat Morton: Attended the Beckwourth Fire department meeting last week. Bill Powers: Working with Firefighters to improve the Nervino Airport. Leah Turner: Nothing to report. Tom Cooley: Attended the Beckwourth Fire department meeting as well as the LAFCo meeting.

B. Staff Communications / Fire Report / Sheriff's Report / Air Quality Report

No Fire Report. No Sheriff's Report. Air Quality reported that the annual woodstove event has returned for this year. The event will be held Saturday, April 22nd on Earth Day at the Veterans Hall in Portola.

C. City Manager Report

Will cover the report in the action items of the agenda.

4. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

No reportable action taken by council in closed session. No public comments.

5. Resolution No 2541 Concerning COVID Remote Meetings

Might be the last meeting under this type of resolution. It needs approval to comply with the COVID state of emergency rules for meetings. The City Council discussed the various ways the Council meetings could be held going forward. Member of the public Chris Spencer left comment asking about how meetings would work going forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Leah Turner. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

6. Future Meetings and the Brown Act

City Attorney Steve Gross gave an overview of the possible changes coming to city council meetings. Councilmember Leah Turner made a motion to conduct hybrid meetings with teleconferencing but it does not guarantee remote participation but shall be offered as a courtesy.

Councilmember Leah Turner motioned to approve. A second was made by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

7. Consent Agenda

A. **Claims**- Adopt Resolution No. 2542 authorizing payment of claims for the period of January 26, 2022 though February 22, 2023

Accounts Payable: \$ 261,981.04

Payroll: \$ 45,619.18

Total: \$ 307,600.22

Payroll Checks 17230 - 17235

AP Run Checks 44595 - 44670

Voided AP Checks: 44443,44460

B. **Minutes** - Approval of Minutes from May 18th, 2022

No public or council comments.

Councilmember Pat Morton motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Leah Turner. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

8. Public Hearing - Resolution 2543

Mayor Tom Cooley opened the public hearing at 7:13 PM. Member of the public Ashlee Sims stated her opposition to the resolution. Member of the public Chris Spencer voiced his support of the resolution. Public hearing was then closed at 7:22 PM.

Councilmember Pat Morton motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Leah Turner. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

9. Budget Goals for 2023 and 2024

Financial Officer Susan Scarlett asked the city council if there was anything they would like to see put into the budget. Bill Powers mentioned a possible city hall transition to the unused County court house. Leah Turner said she wanted to work on getting a dog park put into town.

10. Music in the Park

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers provided an overview of the event which is done every summer in the city. Pat

moved to allocate \$9000.00 towards Music in the Park for 2023.

Councilmember Pat Morton motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Leah Turner. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

11. Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager

A.

Mayor Tom Cooley noted that there were some blank spots that need to be filled in. The City Council then went through the contract and filled in the blanks. Member of the public Ashlee Sims left a comment. The council agreed to a two year contract at an annual salary of \$120,000.

Councilmember Pat Morton motioned to approve. A second was made by Councilmember Leah Turner. The roll call vote:

Aye **Mayor Tom Cooley** Aye **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Powers** Aye **Councilmember Pat Morton** Aye **Councilmember Leah Turner** Absent **Councilmember Stan Peiler**

12. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned by Mayor Tom Cooley at 8:00 PM.