

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers McBride, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu and Mayor Mark responded to the roll call. Councilmember Wilson was absent. City Manager/City Clerk Leslie Tigan, City Attorney Steve Gross, Finance Officer Susan Scarlett and City Engineer Dan Bastian were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Exposure to Litigation

Portola resident Larry Douglas explained that he would be disclosing a scandal to the City that would result in litigation and cost millions of dollars.

Grizzly Lake Community Service District (GLCSD)

Maurice Willis of GLCSD noted that he would like to see City residents and the system at Delleker all come together and work together to make something out of it.

Divided City

Portola resident Ken Tibbedeaux stated that the City is divided and people need to get involved, the City Council should work something out.

Change

Mayor Mark noted that change is good and change is hard.

CITY COMMUNICATIONS

LAFCo – Mr. Larrieu reported that the LAFCo budget had been approved with the City contribution remaining the same.

Integrated Waste Management Board – Ms. Tigan reported that the Board had received a presentation from State officials regarding the new regulation for mandatory commercial recycling.

Finance & Administration Committee – Mr. Larrieu reported that the committee had met as directed to discuss contracts.

Councilmember Weaver commented on dog feces and suggested that dog owners should remember to use pooper scoopers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Tigan reported on the status of the permit for the treatment plant; hiring of a new Pool Manager; recent vandalism in town; the rescheduling of the budget workshop to Thursday May 3 at 3pm; and the acquisition of a new fire truck.

Fire Chief Travis Schaivone reported on the fire truck that the department had acquired for one dollar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Weaver seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu to approve the consent calendar as presented. All members present voted in favor. Councilmember Wilson was absent.

- A. Minutes – Adopted the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 14, 2012 and the special meeting held on March 20, 2012.
- B. Claims – Adopted Resolution No. 2120 authorizing payment of claims for the period March 10, 2012 to April 6, 2012.

Accounts Payable:	\$ 168,158.79
Payroll:	\$ 45,310.61
Total:	\$ 213,469.40

ELECTION RESULTS

- A. Special Recall Election

City Clerk Leslie Tigan reported that the results of the April 10, 2012 Special Recall Election had been certified and presented Resolution No. 2121 for Council consideration. It was moved by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu to adopt Resolution No. 2121. All members present voted in favor. Councilmember Wilson was absent.

Resolution No. 2121

*A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Portola
Reciting the Fact of the Special Recall Election held in the City of Portola on
April 10, 2012 Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law*

- B. City Council Reorganization

The oath of office was administered to incoming Councilmember Phil Oels. Mr. Oels then took his seat at the dais.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Oels, McBride, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu and Mayor Mark responded to the roll call.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Fire Prevention Posters

City Manager Leslie Tigan explained that the City had received a request from the Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District, to allow them to place images of Fire Prevention posters on the City snow removal signs located on Highway 70 at each entrance to town. She explained that the practice is currently used in other towns such as Graeagle and Quincy and recommended the City Council approve the request.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the City Council to authorize the sign placement as requested.

- B. Safe Routes to Schools

City Engineer Dan Bastian explained that the Safe Routes to Schools project which includes sidewalk improvements at Carmichael School had been approved by the State and was ready for the bidding process. He noted that the project would be fully reimbursed with construction being done over the summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu noted that the project had been in the development stages for quite sometime and he was glad to see that funding was finally available to allow it to move forward.

Councilmember McBride asked if the project includes solar lighting.

Councilmember Weaver commented on the need to use local labor.

Mr. Bastian explained that lighting would be solar and that the bidding process would follow state and federal regulations, no local preference could be applied but he reminded everyone that local bidders have a lower cost for mobilization.

It was then moved by Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu, seconded by Councilmember Weaver to adopt the plans and specifications and authorize bidding for the project. All members present voted in favor.

C. Recording of City Council Meetings

City Manager Leslie Tigan explained that the City had received a request from Sierratown Productions to change from broadcasting the City Council meetings on Cable channel 37 to an internet broadcast. She noted that the City currently provides pay to have the broadcast on Channel 37, the Council would need to approve any change.

Bob Nally, Sierratown Productions, explained that he was becoming worried that the Cable company may not continue to occupy their current building and since he has quite a bit of expensive equipment there he would like to move the equipment and broadcast the Council meetings over the internet. He noted cable customers have been dwindling due to the availability of dish services and since the cable company has been discontinuing channels. He again expressed his concerns with the safety of his equipment.

Portola resident Fran Roudebush suggested the broadcasts should be on both cable and the internet.

Portola resident Jeanne Rowden-Dansby suggested having the internet available at hot spots so individuals without internet could view the meetings.

Portola resident Leah Turner explained that dish subscribers were not able to view the cable channel and she would like to see the internet broadcast.

Portola resident Michelle Gault suggested that copies could be sent out to people when requested.

Councilmember Weaver indicated that he is always willing to give out copies when asked.

Ms. Roudebush reminded everyone that many people aren't able to run VCR and DVD players so watching it on TV is the only way for them to see it.

Following further discussion it was moved by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember Oels to approve a discontinuation of broadcast on Channel 37 and commence with broadcast on the internet and commit to resolve the issue of access for the elderly. All members present voted in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mark recessed the meeting to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

- A. Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9
Claim of Gaskins (York Claim #2012121926)

Mayor Mark reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:12 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Steve Gross reported that by unanimous roll call vote the City Council rejected the Claim of Ron Gaskins. The claim is being tendered to Hat Creek Construction and the City anticipates that the claim will be resolved by them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business it was moved by Councilmember Weaver, seconded by Councilmember McBride to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. All members present voted in favor.

Leslie Tigan, CMC
City Clerk