

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 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 Wilson, McBride, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu and Mayor Mark responded to the roll call. City Manager/City Clerk Leslie Tigan, City Attorney Steve Gross and Finance Officer Susan Scarlett were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Water Treatment Plant**

Portola resident John Gault reported that he had attended a Board of Supervisors meeting where there was discussion about the accounting for the Water Treatment Plant. He indicated that the County was requesting a third party auditor review the accounting and suggested the City shouldn't take any action on the plant until the audit was complete.

Portola resident Larry Douglas voiced his concerns with returning to use of Lake Davis water.

**Rebuilding Portola**

Portola resident Jeanne Rowden-Dansby apologized for her comments at the last meeting and noted that the City Clerk was following proper procedures for the mail-in ballot process. She presented staff with comments on the responses to questions provided by City staff to the Rebuild Portola Committee.

**City Web Site**

Portola business owner Ernie Jones explained that he was working with the Chamber to develop a web site for his business and was glad to see the City doing the same since he was not able to find information on the City's web site.

Portola resident Mike Matus commented that the City's web site is much better than it was.

**CITY COMMUNICATIONS**

*LAFCo* – Mr. Larrieu reported that the regular meeting had been cancelled and only the budget committee had met.

*Airport Land Use Commission* – Mr. Weaver reported that the committee may be terminated.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Tigan reported on receipt of reimbursement funds from the Façade Improvement Grant program; a special meeting on March 20 and the cancellation of the March 28 regular meeting; a citizen complaint regarding trash blowing from the burned properties on West Plumas Street; and Pool manager recruitment. She concluded by thanking Ms. Rowden-Dansby for her apology.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- A. Minutes – Adopted the minutes of the special meeting held on February 22, 2012 and the regular meeting held on February 22, 2012.

- B. Claims – Adopted Resolution No. 2118 authorizing payment of claims for the period February 18, 2012 to March 9, 2012.

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| Accounts Payable: | \$ 203,745.09       |
| Payroll:          | \$ <u>26,928.37</u> |
| Total:            | \$ 230,673.46       |

### **PRESENTATION**

- A. Liberty Energy

Liberty Energy representative Rick Madrid presented the City with a reimbursement check for the installation of energy efficient lighting. Mr. Madrid responded to questions from the City Council and public.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Portola Landfill Final Closure

Solid Waste Consultant Tom Valentino provided the City Council with a review of the progress made since 2002 to prepare for final closure of the landfill. He proposed the City Council consider moving forward with the final closure due to State approval of a new cover material. Mr. Valentino introduced Chris Richgels of AgruAmerica to give a presentation on the new closure turf material.

Mr. Richgels provided the City Council and public with a sample and a through review of the Closure Turf product that is now approved by the State to complete the final closure of landfills. He outlined the benefits of this product as compared to traditional closure material including better control of erosion at the site.

Mr. Richgels and Mr. Valentino responded to questions from the City Council and public. The questions included information about product warranty, the ability to install solar or wind devises on the product at a later date, attraction to off road vehicles, susceptibility to fire, deterioration due to weather and the ability for weeds to grow.

Mr. Valentino provided a detailed cost estimate for the closure plan and noted the City would be able to provide temporary labor for the project at a lower cost than contracting it out. He noted that although the project cost is projected to be approximately the same as closure in the traditional method the future maintenance costs for the closure turf product should be significantly less.

Portola resident Randy Mark asked if the City had considered a state loan program. It was explained that the City had taken advantage of the program when the partial closure was completed.

Finance Officer Susan Scarlett explained that if the Council took action to move forward with the closure it is recommended the general fund would provide a loan to the Solid Waste fund for the project and the debt could be repaid to the general fund with the landfill closure fee.

After further discussion it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember McBride to authorize City staff to prepare a revised closure plan and all associated documentation to install the final closure system during the summer months of 2012. All members present voted in favor.

- B. Correspondence from Larry Douglas

Mayor Mark requested to have this item agendized as a closed session item on the next meeting agenda.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Mark recessed the meeting to closed session at 8:40 p.m.

- A. Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9  
Claim of Murphy (York Claim #2011115737)

Councilmember McBride recused himself from the meeting at 8:59 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

- B. Existing Litigation – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9  
City of Portola vs. State of California Department of Fish & Game  
Case No. CV09-00065

Mayor Mark reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:13 p.m.

## **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no action reported.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Larrieu to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. All members present voted in favor. Councilmember McBride was absent.

Leslie Tigan, CMC  
City Clerk