

**PORTOLA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Larrieu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Gault, Mark, Mayor Pro Tem Oels and Mayor Larrieu responded to the roll call. City Manager Leslie Tigan, City Attorney Steve Gross and Finance Officer Susan Scarlett were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. City Council Vacancy

Mayor Larrieu explained that the Council would be revising the wording of question number 7 that had been presented to the candidates prior to the meeting.

The City Council posed the following eight questions to the three City Council candidates present, Larry Douglas, Pat Morton and Mike Rush:

1. Describe your interest in serving on the City Council.
2. What sets you apart from other candidates?
3. What are some of your priorities for the City?
4. What kinds of steps would be necessary to bring back businesses to Portola?
5. How would you work in partnering with the County Supervisors?
6. How do you think funds could be secured to maintain and repair roads?
7. What process do you think the City should use for recruiting the next City Manager?
8. What is your vision of the Fire Department and their relationship with the citizens?

The candidates provided their responses to the questions.

Audience member Ernie Nelson questioned past actions of candidate Mike Rush during an incident with a City snow plow driver and the subsequent restraining order obtained by the City. He then questioned the law suit against the City proposed by candidate Larry Douglass and his bankruptcy that impacted local businesses. Mr. Nelson suggested the City Council should way these past actions and voiced his support of candidate Pat Morton.

Portola resident John Gault voiced his support for candidate Mike Rush.

Portola resident Cal Patterson voiced his support for candidate Pat Morton.

Audience member Julie Rizzo thanked the Council for re-wording the question relating to the City Manager.

Councilmember Mark apologized to City Manager Leslie Tigan for the original wording of the question relating to her position. She thanked all the candidates for their service to the City and noted that there is a lot of talent within the City.

It was then moved by Mayor Larrieu, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Oels to appoint Pat Morton to the vacant City Council seat. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Leslie Tigan, CMC  
City Clerk