



# CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

*"The Pass of the Oaks"*

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 2, 2006 7:30 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK**

### **7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Downstairs Conference Center

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Donn Ragle, Paso Robles.

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers Jim Heggarty Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Chuck Miller, Estrella Warbird Museum, invited the public to upcoming events at the airport. Councilmember Picanco announced the Camp Roberts 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)** - None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. **California Future Farmers of America - Recognition of First Place Award in State Competition, Vine Pruning Competition, February 2006**  
F. Mecham, Mayor

Recognition of Paso Robles High School students taking first place in state competition held in Fresno, February 2006. Haley Clement presented an overview of the vine-pruning contest.

Haley Clement  
Ryan Fellows  
Karli Gates  
Sara Tabbert  
Tom Henderson, Coach

2. **Recognition of Medal Winners -**

**State of California SkillsUSA Competition 2006**

F. Mecham, Mayor

Recognition of Paso Robles High School Regional Occupational Program Medalists in the *State of California 2006 SkillsUSA Competition*: John Stokes announced the receipt of a \$5,000 donation from Specialty Silicone Fabricators towards travel expenses of the group to the upcoming finals, in Washington, DC, in June 2006.

**Health Knowledge Bowl**

Jamie Buchman - Gold  
Rosanne Carter - Gold  
Leah Powell - Gold  
Kelli Vargas - Gold

**First Aid/CPR**

Fionna Harris - Gold

**Job Skill Demonstration A**

John D. Holstine - Gold

**Television/Video Production**

Casey Page - Gold  
David Semenick - Gold

**Pre-School Teaching Assistant**

Mallory Ribera – Gold  
Deysi Sanchez – Bronze

**Residential Wiring**

Christian Albers – Silver

**Electronics Technology**

Will Bedell – Silver  
Brian King – Bronze

**Welding, Shielded metal arc**

Heath Johnston -Silver

**Plumbing**

Jared Stemper – Gold  
Brittany Lanahan – Silver

**Sheet Metal**

Garrett Silva - Gold  
Conrad Searle – Silver

**Culinary Arts**

Monique Smaby – Gold  
Tyler Sinclair – Bronze

**Internetworking**

Ken Steinberger - Silver

**Creed**

Madelyn Stokes - Gold

**Computer Maintenance Technology**

Brandon Van Loon – Bronze

**Welding Combo**

Zak Wages – Gold

**Industrial Motor Control**

Nick Zettle - Silver

**PRHS Vocation Coordinator**

John Stokes

**Instructors**

Randy Canaday  
Bartt Frey  
Todd Olivera

3. **Paso Robles High School Bond Issue – Measure H**

J. App, City Manager

Consider a request from citizens to support passage of a \$20,000,000 bond measure for High School improvements.

The City Manager introduced Kim Gasper who presented a report on the Measure H Bond proposal. Maddison Coons and Nicole Evenson, Paso Robles Middle School students, presented a visual presentation in support of the Measure. Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Marilyn Peterson, Joe Quiroz, President Paso Robles School Board, Dick Willhoit, John Stokes, Angela Hollander. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Mayor Mecham, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-060 endorsing Measure ‘H’, Paso Robles High School Bond.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

The City Council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. with the Mayor and all City Councilmembers present.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. Councilmember Heggarty requested Item 11 be pulled for separate discussion. Andy Mutziger, with the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District, accepted the proclamation designating May 2006 as Bike Month. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

4. Approve City Council minutes of April 18, 2006  
D. Fansler, City Clerk
5. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 61722—61829 (04/14/06) and 61830—62018 (04/21/06)  
M. Compton, Administrative Services Director
6. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:  
Library Board of Trustees meeting of March 9, 2006
7. Proclamation designating May 2006 as “Bike Month” and May 15-19, 2006 as “Bike to Work and School Week.”  
F. Mecham, Mayor
8. Adopt Resolution 06-061 accepting a Grant of Easement, from Clay Running and authorize recordation of Deed for property located along the northern border of APN 009—631-017.  
D. Monn, Public Works Director

9. Adopt Resolution No. 06-062 accepting the Planning Commission report on consistency with the General Plan and Negative Declaration for the purchase of property, 0.068 acres located at 1650 Riverside Avenue, (Gearhart - APN 008-296-008), related to Highway 101/46 East improvements; and adopt Resolution No. 06-063 accepting the deed of purchase and recordation with the County.  
D. Monn, Public Works Director
10. Adopt Resolution No. 06-064 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Hilton, Farnkopf & Hobson in the amount of \$7,500 to review and update the City's sewer and water development impact fees.  
M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 4-10 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, with Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Items Nos. 061807, and Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item No. 061873.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
 NOES:  
 ABSTAIN:  
 ABSENT:

11. Adopt Resolution 06-065 authorizing the Mayor to execute a three-year contract with the County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, Animal Services Division, for animal control services. D. Cassidy, Chief of Police

Councilmember Heggarty requested Chief Cassidy and Captain Solomon to clarify the costs associated with the contract with the County for animal control services. Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 06-065 to execute a three-year contract with the County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, Animal Services Division, for animal control services.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
 NOES: Nemeth  
 ABSTAIN:  
 ABSENT:

**DISCUSSION**

12. **Request to Remove Oak Trees (OTR 05-008 – Cardinale/Morris)**  
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Consider a request for tree removals on a 28,500 square foot R2 zoned site located on the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Oak Street. The site currently consists of three existing parcels oriented in an east/west manner. The applicants have submitted a Lot Line Adjustment 04-0181 requesting to orient the lots in a north/south direction; removal of the trees is requested to provide additional area for development. (CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 21, 2006 and APRIL 4, 2006.)

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was the applicants Dick Morris, Jim Lewis (applicant's arborist), and Joe Cardinale. Carolyn Leach presented her findings and stated that references to Tree A and Tree B were inadvertently reversed. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Following discussion, Council decided to consider action regarding Tree A and Tree B separately.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 06-066 to:

- (1) approve the removal of one (1) 24-inch Blue Oak Tree (Tree A) based on the review of conceptual plot plans submitted by the Applicants indicating that it is necessary to remove Tree A in order to allow reasonable use of the property for the purpose for which it is zoned and require four (4) – 1.5-inch diameter replacement Blue Oak Trees to be planted prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy of any dwelling units on the lot in which Tree A is located; and
- (2) that the permits to remove Tree A shall not be issued until a grading and/or building permit has been issued for the lot in which each tree is located.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES: Heggarty  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth moved to Adopt Resolution No. 06-067 to:

- (1) allow the removal of two (2) Blue Oak trees (Tree B, a 3x14-inch tree, totaling 32-inches and Tree C, 30-inches), based on the trees being diseased beyond correction; and
- (2) that the applicants shall be required to plant five (5) - 1.5-inch diameter replacement Blue Oak trees as a result of the removal of Tree B, to be planted prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy of any dwelling units on the lot in which Tree B is located; and
- (3) that replacement trees are not required for Tree C, since the decline of the tree is not at the fault of the property owners, and would not be impacted by development of the property; and
- (4) that the permit to remove Tree B & C shall not be issued until a grading and/or building permit has been issued by the City for the lot in which each tree is located.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Nemeth, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES: Heggarty and Picanco  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**13. Paso Robles 2006 Economic Strategy**

J. App, City Manager & M. Williamson, Assistant to City Manager

The City Council and Chamber of Commerce commissioned the development of a new economic strategy following receipt of the 2005 Paso Robles Economic Forecast. Mike Gibson, CEO of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce, presented and overview of the report, and Meg Williamson presented key findings of the research.

The City Council recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m. with the Mayor and all City Councilmembers present.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Cynthia Anthony and Dale Gustin. Members of the Task Force, Sandee McLaughlin, Cuesta College, and Larry Werner, North Coast Engineering spoke in support of the report. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt the 2006 Economic Strategy and direct development of initial implementation measures.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**14. Workforce Housing Grant Program – Appropriation of Funds**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Consider budget appropriations for projects to be accomplished with the City's allotment of 2004 Workforce Housing (WFH) Grant Funds of \$241,767 awarded to the City by the State Department of Housing and Community Development on June 30, 2005.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

a. Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-068 to appropriate the City's allotment of Workforce Housing Grant Funds as follows:

- (1) \$167,000 to the 28<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project; and
- (2) \$ 74,800 to installation of LED-Lighted Crosswalks

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**15. Installation of Traffic Signal at 4th and Spring Streets**

D. Monn, Building Official

Consider appropriating funds to allow preparation of constructions plans and specifications to install a traffic signal and associated improvements at 4<sup>th</sup> and Spring Streets, and award a design contract for the signal to Associated Transportation Engineers (ATE).

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-069 appropriating \$20,000 from Gas Tax/TDA funds; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Associated Transportation Engineers in the amount of \$17,550 to prepare construction plans to install a traffic signal at 4<sup>th</sup> and Spring.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**16. Other Post Employment Benefits and GASB 43 & 45 Compliance**

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

Consider approval of an agreement with Keenan & Associates to assist in the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 43 and 45, and a budget appropriation for said assistance. Jennifer Sorensen, Finance Manager, reviewed the regulatory background leading to the need for this agreement.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-XXX authorizing Administrative Services to contract with Keenan & Associates, the sole source provider, to assist with implementation of GASB 43 and 45 standards

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**17. Short Range Transit Plan & Marketing Plan Update**

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

Consider setting a date for workshop presentation of Short Range Transit Plan Update and Marketing Plan Update by the Transit Resource Group.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to set Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00 PM for a SRTP and marketing plan presentation workshop

Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**CITY MANAGER** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION** -

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**18. Planning Commission Recruitment**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Planning Commissioner Eric Mattke resigned from the Planning Commission effective April 12, 2006. Consider options for filling a mid-term Planning Commission vacancy.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to bring the mid-term appointment of Ron Johnson back to the Council after proper notice has been posted.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham  
NOES: Heggarty  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None**

*City Attorney Jon Seitz announced Council's authority to go into closed session to discuss the item listed on the agenda.*

*It was the consensus of Council to adjourn from regular session at 11:23 PM.*

*The City Council thereupon adjourned to Closed Session in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Large Conference Room.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*The City Council returned to Regular Session at 12:35 AM.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

*City Attorney Jon Seitz announced that the Closed Session would be continued to Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM., at the Paso Robles City Hall, Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1000 Spring Street.*

*By unanimous voice vote, Council moved to adjourn from regular session at 12:45 AM.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** to the continued Closed Session, Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Paso Robles City Hall, Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1000 Spring Street.

Submitted:

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Deborah D. Robinson, Interim Deputy City Clerk  
Approved:

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