



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 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

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham ; Absent: Jim Heggarty

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mayor Mecham congratulated the Housing Authority of Paso Robles on the groundbreaking for the new Oak Park Senior Housing Project and 28th & Oak

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY) - None

PRESENTATIONS– None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Code Amendment 05-001 – Residential Density Bonuses**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

CONTINUED FROM JULY 18, 2006. Consider a City-initiated amendment to Zoning Chapter 21.16L, which sets forth regulations for granting residential density bonuses and “other incentives” in response to changes in Government Code §65915 effected by Senate Bill 1818 (2004), and Senate Bill 435 (2005).

Ed Gallagher, Housing Programs Manager, summarized the report and proposed ordinance. Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to (1) adopt Resolution No. 06-146 approving a Negative Declaration for Code Amendment 05-001; and (2) introduce for first reading Ordinance No. XXX N.S. amending the Zoning Code Regulations for Residential Density Bonuses, and set August 29, 2006 as the date for adoption of said Ordinance.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

2. Approve City Council Minutes of July 19, 2006 and August 1, 2006
D. Fansler, City Clerk
3. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 63977—64136 (07/28/06) and 64137—64259 (08/04/06)
M. Compton, Administrative Services Director
4. Reschedule September 5, 2006 City Council Meeting to August 29, 2006 due to schedule conflict with League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.
D. Fansler, City Clerk
5. Adopt Resolution No. 06-147 approving a salary adjustment for the City Manager in accordance with the City Manager Employment Contract. Based on the annual review of City Manager's performance recently conducted by the City Council, and in accordance with the terms of the Contract, the annual base salary of the City Manager for the period of September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 shall be \$147,860.
I. Yang, City Attorney
6. Adopt Resolution No. 06-148 appropriating \$10,000 from the Permit Automation Fund to cover the expenditures for the City's permit tracking software. The costs of maintaining and improving the software are supported through developer fees; there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.
D. Monn, Public Works Director
7. Adopt Resolution No. 06-149 appropriating \$25,000 from the Electronic Archiving Fund to cover the cost of the electronic archiving of new industrial, commercial, and multi-family development projects. The cost for this service is supported through developer fees; there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.
D. Monn, Public Works Director
8. Adopt Resolution No. 06-150 appropriating \$10,000 from the Building Education Reserve Fund 114 to cover continuing education costs for City Building Division Personnel. Costs are supported through building permit fees; there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. D. Monn, Public Works Director
9. Adopt Resolution No. 06-151 approving the final design of a governance banner in the City Council Chambers during City Council meetings only. As a result of the Council action on July 5, 2006, the modified design incorporates the City logo and State Seal on either side of the Federal eagle emblem with the patriotic national motto "In God We Trust" displayed above. M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

10. Adopt Resolution No. 06-152 authorizing the recordation of Tract 2469, an 8-lot subdivision with an additional open space lot located on the south side of 24th Street, west of Vine Street, and adopt Resolution No. 06-153 annexing Tract 2469 into the Landscape and Lighting District No. 1. (Applicant: First Press Partners, LLC) The required improvements have been completed and all Planning Commission conditions of approval have been met. Applicants have agreed to annexation into the Landscape and Lighting District.
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director
11. Adopt Resolution No. 06-154 authorizing the use of a private well to serve a single family residence at 3001 Paso Robles Boulevard [Erskine]. CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 1, 2006. The City and applicant will enter into an agreement that any other non-agricultural development entitlements gained on the property in the future shall be served by City water.
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 2 - 11 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Mayor Mecham, with Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 064025, 064035, 064106, 064223 and 064245, and Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 063995, 064056, and 064223.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

DISCUSSION

12. **City Gateway Design Standards – Preliminary Findings**
R. Whisenand, Community Services Director

For the City Council to receive information on the existing conditions of the City's gateways, precedents for creating strong urban gateways, and provide input to staff on the process of developing appropriate designs for gateway sites.

Susan DeCarli introduced Robert Alminana, with HDR Town Planning, who presented the consultant's report. Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Larry Werner, Tom Hardwick, and Matt Masia. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to form an ad hoc committee and appointed Councilmember Picanco and Mayor Mecham to the committee. The committee will also have representatives from the Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, and staff. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to receive and file the consultant's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

13. Salinas River Corridor Plan – Status Report

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager / A. Robb, Director of Library & Recreation Services

To provide the City Council with a status report on the Salinas River Corridor Plan (“Follow the River – Follow the Dream”). Related projects, River Parkway Trail, and grant applications for property acquisition along the river corridor have been underway since the last status report (January 2006). The cost to complete the River Corridor plan is estimated at \$29,000. A public workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 5, 2006.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Greg Haas, REC Foundation, Inc. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to receive and file the status report. Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote:

14. Sherwood Wells Treatment Technology & Design Contract

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The US Environmental Protection Agency drinking water standard for arsenic has been revised from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion. The City’s Sherwood wells No. 9 and 11 exceed the new drinking water standard and will require well-head treatment to meet the new standard by May 2007. A revised resolution with minor edits was distributed.

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

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt revised Resolution No. 06-155 recognizing Mobile Process Technology as the City’s preferred arsenic treatment vendor, and authorizing the City Manager to engage the services of Boyle Engineering to prepare construction/bid documents for the project in the amount of \$117,167.00.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

The City Council recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m., with the Mayor and Councilmembers Nemeth, Picanco and Strong present.

15. Naming of Public Facilities Policy – Gift Acknowledgements

A. Robb, Director of Library & Recreation Services

For the City Council to consider revising the “Naming of Public Facilities” policy to allow for individual donations sponsoring a park bench or other pre-approved amenities. There is no current standard for acknowledging this type of gift.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Greg Haas, REC Foundation, Inc. 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 Resolution No. 06-156 amending the City's "Naming of Public Facilities" Policy by adding a second paragraph, under the Initiation Section, as follows:

The City may accept and acknowledge pre-approved single items (i.e., benches, tables, trees) rather than facilities, dedicated to an individual, for installation on or in public property or facilities. The items shall meet all City requirements as described in "City Standards, Details and Specifications", and the item shall conform to any master plan for its designated location.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

16. Transit Assistance Agreement

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

For the City Council to consider hiring professional assistance on an hourly contract basis to assist in implementing the Short Range Transit Plan and the marketing and promotion of new transit services, in lieu of a full-time employee (transit coordinator). Staff contacted two firms to provide these services and only McGuire Management Consultancy responded.

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

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-157, in a form acceptable to the city attorney, approving an agreement with McGuire Management Consultancy for contract transit assistance;

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

17. North County Shuttle Marketing Agreement - Amendment

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

For the City Council to approve an amendment to the agreement with Transit Marketing, approved August 1, 2006, to incorporate marketing material for the citywide transit services, in addition to the North County Shuttle.

Upon presentation of staff report, Mayor Mecham opened the discussion for public input. There being no input from the public, either written or oral, the public discussion was closed. Staff indicated that, with the approval of this contract no additional outside assistance would be required to complete implementation of the Short Range Transit Plan.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-158 approving an amendment to the agreement with Transit Marketing for implementing a citywide transit service marketing plan

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

18. Airport Construction - Federal Grant Funding Acceptance

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

For the City Council to consider accepting grant funding from the FAA for an environmental review for airport improvements; and approving a consultant services agreement to perform the necessary work. The FAA has approved the City's request for funding for the required environmental baseline study. The consultant services agreement is limited to a maximum cost of \$53,000. The FAA will fund \$50,000 (95%) of the expense, and after additional funding from the State of California, the remaining \$1,750 would be funded from Airport Reserves.

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

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-159 authorizing the acceptance of Grant Funding from the FAA, approving a consultant services agreement with Tartaglia Engineering, and authorizing the necessary budget appropriations for the project.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

19. Centennial Pool Deck Expansion

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The City recently completed enhancements to Centennial Park and pool. Consider awarding a bid to Brinar Construction Inc. for the extension of the concrete decking adjacent to the new water slide at Centennial Park Pool.

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

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 06-160 awarding the Centennial pool concrete deck expansion bid to Brinar Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$18,200.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

CITY MANAGER - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION -

20. Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) – Schedule for Interviews and/or Appointment to Vacancy

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

For the City Council to schedule a date for applicant interviews and appointment and/or make appointment to the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

By general consent, the Council set September 14, 2006 to interview the two applicants, Marilyn Beasley and Jan Stemper-Brown.

21. Advisory Body Appointments – Alternate Positions

A. Robb, Director, Library and Recreation Services

For the City Council to designate "Alternate" appointments on the Senior Advisory Committee and the Youth Commission.

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

By General Consensus, the Council (1) designated Robert Fonarow (currently an Alternate) as a Regular Member to the Senior Advisory Committee and designated Barbara Mastin (new appointed) as an Alternate Member; (2) designated Will Dahlen and Nicholas Gut (currently Alternates) as Regular Members to the Youth Commission and to designated Genesis Bell and Yessika Godoy (newly appointed) as Alternate Members; and (3) directed the Deputy City Clerk to randomly select one additional name to be designated as an Alternate member from the remaining new members of the Youth Commission (Janelle Watson, Jackie McReynolds or Rodia Bragg). Selection will take place at the next regularly scheduled Youth Commission meeting.

AD HOC COMMUNICATION

22. 4TH and Pine Street Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

For the City Council to form a new ad hoc committee to evaluate the master planning and purchase and sale framework for acquiring right-of-way necessary to construct the realignment of the 4th and Pine Street intersection.

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

By General Consent Mayor Mecham and Councilmember Nemeth were appointed to the 4th and Pine Street Master Plan ad hoc committee and report back to Council by February 20, 2007.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Nemeth remarked that the City may benefit from regularly scheduled meetings with local military bases, i.e., Camp Roberts' officials.

ADJOURNMENT: to THE HERITAGE OAKS BANK FUN RUN RECEPTION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2006, AT SAN SIMEON STATE PARK;
to THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2006, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

Submitted:

Deborah D. Robinson, Interim Deputy City Clerk
Approved:

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