



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

**PASO ROBLES SAFETY CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Thursday, April 30 2009 5:30 PM

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES SAFETY CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, 900 PARK STREET, PASO ROBLES**

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Nick Gilman, John Hamon, Ed Steinbeck, Fred Strong, and Mayor Duane Picanco

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may address the Council on **ITEMS SCHEDULED ON THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA. PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN BY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO 3-MINUTES.** Those persons wishing to speak on any item not scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at regular City Council Meeting during Public Comments.

1. 4th of July Celebration at Barney Schwartz Park

J. App, City Manager

For City Council to consider a July 4th celebration at Barney Schwartz Park.

OPTIONS:

- a. Proceed with the 2009 July 4th Event Provided Private Donations Totaling \$74,000 are Pledged.
- b. Initiate Planning and Fund-Raising for a 2010 July 4th Celebration.
- c. Amend, Modify or Reject the Options Above.

ROLL CALL VOTE

ADJOURNMENT:

- GALAXY 2009 ART RECEPTION FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

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***THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS FOR THE NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS MAY 15, 2009***

TO: City Council

FROM: James L. App, City Manager

SUBJECT: July 4th Fireworks Event at Barney Schwartz Park

DATE: April 30, 2007

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider a July 4th celebration at Barney Schwartz Park.

- FACTS:**
1. The City has co-sponsored a July 4th Fireworks celebration at Barney Schwartz Park for a number of years.
 2. Total event costs approach \$78,000 (see attached).
 3. Earlier this year, private sponsorship for the fireworks show was elusive.
 4. The City estimates a \$1,400,000 General Fund operating shortfall this year.
 5. City staff have voluntarily deferred contract wage adjustments to reduce operating losses.
 6. Funds to offset the City's hard costs in support of the event are not available.
 7. The Mayor has received financial pledges from community members that would offset a portion of total event costs.
 8. The firework show provider requires a decision by May 1, 2009.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: The July 4th event costs nearly \$78,000 (see attached). It could be reduced approximately \$4,000 by eliminating bounce houses and associated staffing. Private pledges totaling \$74,000 are needed to fund the event.

The City cannot fund the event as its General Fund is projected to experience operating shortfalls each fiscal year through FY 2013. The current estimated shortfall through FY 13 is \$4,000,000. Assuming the economy does not worsen against projections and current cost reductions can be maintained, the shortfall can be covered with reserves. However, it is very important to note that the shortfall is manageable only because the City has already eliminated nearly \$26,000,000 in expense over the 4 year period (by reducing staff levels and deferring contract wage adjustments).

FISCAL

IMPACT: \$74,000 less private donations. The General Fund cannot support any costs (as explained above).

POLICY

REFERENCE: None.

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Attachment

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Footnotes:

Materials Include: Infield Mix and miscellaneous supplies

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