

within a few years from now we will be known as a “showcase” city.

You commissioned a study of the Emergency Service Department and now have the results, and to a man agree, we need to implement the top level of service recommended to the study. Now, the issue becomes, how do we pay for the level of service. We have a new fire truck, we even have a plan in place to provide monies when equipment needs to be replaced.

How did we arrive at this point in time, where all the pieces are in place and we have no money to staff our fine Emergency Services Department? My opinion is as follows: Volunteer fire departments have traditionally been made up of leaders of communities. Therefore, it seemed, everything must be ok because these are people we trust. Our Volunteer department was the same and I saw them fight some very large fires, at times it seemed without regard for their own safety.

Times have changed and the city has grown. We have a full time chief and seven professional firefighters. The role of the firefighter has also changed. Paramedics were first implemented through fire departments because the departments already had the apparatus in place to put them first on scene.

This is not the time to start pointing fingers. Its time to start getting the fiancées in place to fund the required amount of staff we need.

I met with both our city manager and city finance director. There are several ways the monies can be raised, but only three choices seem to be viable to me.

The first would be a sales tax increase. I don't favor this approach because, first, any increase would have to be approved by the state legislature before it could be approved by the voters and forty percent of our sales tax is from visitors to the community and also could potentially stifle business or if the country would go into a recession, sale taxes could suffer greatly. I just feel it is to vulnerable.

The second would be a property tax override. I don't favor this idea either because I feel property taxes in our community are already high.

The third is a utility tax override. I favor this concept because it spreads the cost to every user and it will grow with the city, I believe this tax should be presented to the voters as a general tax.

I believe in representative government, it's the basis our country is built upon. I believe a person should get the facts before speaking out. I believe I have the facts and I urge you to make the following commitments to the citizens of this community.

1. You will provide the top level of staffing recommended in the report.
2. You will get this issue on the ballot no later then June 2001.
3. When the measure passes, you will provide the monies needed immediately from the city reserves to get the program up and running immediately.
4. You will add an Emergency Services Element to the General Plan.

5. You will structure this utility tax override with a “sunset clause” and make our Emergency Services Department a priority in any future budgets.

I thank you for listening and for your service to our community.



# CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

*"The Pass of the Oaks"*

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 17, 2000 7:30 PM

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### REGULAR SESSION

#### CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on the above date in the Library/City Hall Conference Center, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Baron.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### INVOCATION

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Frank Mecham, Duane Picanco, Lee Swanson and Mayor Pro Tem Tom Baron  
Absent: Councilmember Walt Macklin

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jay Adams spoke in favor of SOAR
- Klaus Schumann spoke in favor of SOAR
- Tom Taylor expressed his support re the Emergency Services Growth Plan recommendation for top level staffing

#### PRESENTATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

##### 1. "Red Ribbon Celebration Week" Proclamation

Christina Hatch and Officer Degnan of the Paso Robles City Police Department accepted a proclamation from Mayor Picanco declaring the week of October 23 – 31 as "Red Ribbon Celebration Week"

#### NOTICED HEARINGS - None

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### 3. Approve Warrant Register.

M. Compton, Administrative Services Director

- ##### 6. Adopt Resolution 00-226 approving an Agreement for Consultant Services between the City and Tartaglia Engineering for the design and construction management of a runway improvement project at the Municipal Airport.
- J. Deakin, Director of Public Works

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Those items pulled for discussion were as follows:

2. Approve City Council Minutes of October 3, 2000.  
D. Fansler, City Clerk
4. Adopt Resolution No. 00-223 accepting certain streets into the City maintained mileage system; and adopt Resolution No. 00-224 authorizing the Notice of Completion to be filed, partial release of performance securities, and release of the payment (labor and materials) securities for Tract 2311 (Serenade Homes).  
R. Lata, Director Community Development
5. Adopt Resolution 00-225 accepting Offer of Dedication for public road purposes (Union Rd.)  
R. Lata, Director Community Development
7. Adopt Resolution 00-227 authorizing usage of a septic system at property located on the north side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, west of Almond Springs Drive (APN 008-431-001).  
R. Lata, Director Community Development

Councilmember Mecham, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to approve the Consent Calendar (noting revisions to resolution on Item No. 7), waiving the reading of resolutions and ordinances in full on a single motion; Item Nos. 2-7 passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

8. **Request to Remove Oak Trees – Tentative Tract 2369  
(Applicant: Montebello/Frank Arciero)**

D. Esperanza, City Engineer

Reconsider approving the removal of up to 31 oak trees varying in diameters from Tentative Tract 2369 which is a 250 single-family residential project located in the Union 46/Specific Plan.

Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Steve Sylvester, Mike Menath, Pat Mackie and Gordon Marshall. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

(Mayor Pro Tem Baron requested the record reflect he had an ex parte conference with Mr. Marshall.)

Councilmember Mecham, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 00-228 allowing the removal of up to 31 oak trees as part of the development of Tentative Tract 2369.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES:    | Mecham, Picanco, Swanson and Baron |
| NOES:    | None                               |
| ABSTAIN: | None                               |
| ABSENT:  | Macklin                            |

**9. Public Hearing – State COPS Allocation**

Dennis Cassidy, Police Chief

Hold a public hearing on the use of State COPS funds for5 fiscal year 2001.

Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 00-229 identifying the use of the AB 1913 funds for retaining the three grant funded police officers and for “front line police services” (staffing).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Mecham, Picanco, Swanson and Baron
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Macklin

**CITY MANAGER**

- 10. Select date for conducting interviews for vacancies on the Youth Commission. (8 applicants; 7 vacancies, 5 regular members and 2 alternate members)

The Council, by general consensus, set the interview date for Youth Commission applicants for November 2, 2000, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- 10.1 Consider request from City Attorney Iris Yang to join the *amicus* briefs in support of the City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach’s Petitions to the Supreme Court involving the regulation of adult businesses.

Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Mike Menath, Michael Kane and Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Mecham, seconded by Councilmember Swanson, moved to join the *amicus* briefs in support of the City of Los Angeles and City of Long Beach’s Petitions to the Supreme Court involving the regulation of adult businesses.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Mecham, Picanco, Swanson and Baron
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: Macklin

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 11. Request from Charlie Yates, President of the San Luis Obispo County Visitors & Conference Bureau, to reconsider the appointment of a representative to the VCB Board.

Mayor Picanco opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Sheree Davis. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Mecham, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to reiterate Council's formal position to the VCB, commenting on qualifications of Danna Stroud and loss of funding (if we do not have a seat).

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mecham, Picanco, Swanson and Baron  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Macklin

#### ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION

#### 12. Receive and file minutes for the following meetings:

- a. Housing Authority meeting of September 12, 2000.
- b. Library Board of Trustees meeting of September 14, 2000.
- c. Pioneer Museum Board of Directors meeting of September 14, 2000.
- d. Transit Advisory Committee meeting of July 12 and September 13, 2000.

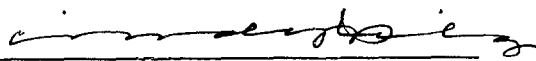
Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Mecham, moved to receive and file the above minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### AD HOC COUNCIL BUSINESS - None

*It was moved by Councilmember Swanson, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, and passed by unanimous voice vote to adjourn from regular session at 8:47 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, 2000.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000, AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET; TO AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000, AT 7:00 PM FOR YOUTH COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS; AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000, AT 7:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET.

Submitted:

  
Cindy Pilg, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved: November 7, 2000

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: ROBERT A. LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *RAL*  
SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR SEPTIC TANK USE (C.C. AGENDA ITEM #7)  
DATE: October 17, 2000

Since the posting of the City Council agenda for the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Deputy City Attorney has contacted me and suggested revisions to the Resolution. These changes are as follows:

- a) SECTION 3 has had a clause added "at his/her own sole expense" in order to clarify that all costs related to connecting to the sewer will be the applicant's sole responsibility.
- b) SECTION 6 has been added to obligate the applicant's successors or assigns to this responsibility.
- c) A signature block has been added for the two applicants that they are in agreement with these conditions.

The attorney has recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign this agreement after it has been executed by the applicants.

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**RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND  
WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:**

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
ENGINEERING DIVISION  
1000 SPRING STREET  
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446

ATTN.: CITY ENGINEER

**FOR RECORDERS USE ONLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 00-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA  
AUTHORIZING USAGE OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM AT PROPERTY LOCATED ON  
THE NORTH SIDE OF 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET, WEST OF ALMOND SPRINGS DRIVE (APN 008-431-001)

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles has received an application to utilize a septic and/or holding tank for a proposed single family residential lot located on the north side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, west of Almond Springs Drive (APN 008-431-001); and

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Code, Section 14.08.020 prohibits septic systems within the City limits, unless sewer facilities are not available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board have adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whereby the City may review and approve septic tank use within the parameters set forth in the MOU.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council adopt this Resolution authorizing usage of a septic and/or holding tank at the aforementioned project site.

SECTION 2. That the applicant comply with the City's requirements and procedures regarding the use of septic tanks, including, but not limited to, payment of monitoring fees, construction of a dry sewer lateral, or any other items necessary as required by the California Regional Water Quality Board and/or the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 3. That the applicant, at his/her sole expense, is required to connect to a future sewerage system immediately upon receipt of written notification by the City Engineer of such availability in accordance with provisions of the Operations Code.

SECTION 4. That the applicant shall, prior to constructing said connection, pay all connection and sanitary sewer main extension and reimbursement fees in effect at the time.

SECTION 5. That upon connection to a future sewer system the applicant is required to properly abandon the existing septic system within sixty (60) calendar days of connection.

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SECTION 6. The obligations and covenants of the applicant shall run with the land and shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the applicant and shall inure to the benefit of the City of Paso Robles, its successors and assigns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Paso Robles cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2000 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk

AGREED TO BY:

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Jeff Rougeot

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Amy Rougeot

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## Emergency Services Issues

Honorable Mayor and members of the city council.

My name is Tom Taylor. I live at 215 12<sup>th</sup> Street. I have been a resident of Paso Robles for almost 50 years.

I am here this evening to discuss the current crisis we all face concerning our Emergency Service Department.

I am speaking to you tonight for four reasons, they are as follows:

1. I am a long time resident of this community and care very deeply for my home town.
2. I am a cardiac survivor and that makes me sensitive to response time.
3. I am a real estate broker and don't want to have to start giving out a disclosure to potential buyers telling them we do not have to staff to provide adequate service.
4. I am the father of one of our firefighters and I worry about his safety when he responds to fires without proper backup and I worry about his state of mind when he responds to a medical call and even though he is a gifted paramedic, he may only apply skills as if he were an EMT. I can only guess the helplessness he must feel at times.

First I need to praise this council on the progress and prosperity it has brought to this community over the last few years. You have taken stands and made things happen. You have negotiated with companies that are willing to invest their money in our community, small and large, and have changed the tax revenues to the city dramatically. You were able to convince the electorate to step forward with a bond issue that issues better infrastructure. Of course, part of the infrastructure has come from development fees, but in short,

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