



# CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

*"The Pass of the Oaks"*

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008 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** – Given by Pat Sheean

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers John Hamon Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Dale Gustin, inviting public to Black Tie Bingo event on September 6, 2008
- John Borst, requesting status of a Public Records Act Request
- Norma, Moye, inviting public to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Olive Festival, August 21-22, 2008

Mayor Mecham invited public to attend a North County Water Forum, Thursday, September 4, 2008, at the Templeton Community Services District (flyer attached to these Minutes)

### **AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)**

City Manager Jim App informed Council that Agenda Item No. 1 was recommended for continuance to September 2, 2008 to allow additional time to prepare responses to clarifications requested by the Home Builder's Association in a letter dated August 16 2008 (copy attached)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Adoption of Water Capacity Charges**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Following a presentation by Christine Halley, T. J. Cross Engineers concerning the proposed water capacity charges (i.e., water connection fees) and the proposed water rate structure, Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Jerry Bunin, Home Builders Association, Cynthia Anthony, REC Foundation, Kenneth Bornholdt, representing River Oaks II, LLC (letter attached); John Borst, and Clark Rudy. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to continue the item to the September 2, 2008 Council meeting.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

## **2. Introduction of Proposed Water Rate Structure**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing, regarding the proposed water rate structure presented at the July 1, 2008 Council meeting, and noticed as required by Proposition 218.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Barbara Patridge, representing "Our City, Our Water", Denise Surber, President Library Board of Trustees, Damon Maggiore, Dale Gustin, Jeff Penick, REC Foundation (see attached), Cheryl Solomon, Karen Reed, Lue Baty, Tom Hardwick, John Borst, Olsen, Neil, Gary Eberle, Russell Surber, Thomas Rusch, Tom Flynn, Paso Robles Cemetery District, and Angela Hollander. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

### ***Council adjourned for a 10-minute recess and reconvened at 9:40 PM.***

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to continue the item to the September 2, 2008 Council meeting which will also allow the Proposition 218 protest period to remain open until the close of the public hearing on that date.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

## **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.

- 3.** Approve City Council minutes of August 5, 2008
- 4.** Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 78938—79100 (08/01/08) and 79101—79226 (08/08/08).
- 5.** Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:  
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting of July 9, 2008
- 6.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-118 to award a professional services contract to TPG Consulting to Update the Citywide Speed Zone Survey for a not-to-exceed fee of \$15,000. TPG Consulting submitted the lowest bid from the five firms responding to a Request for Proposal.
- 7.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-119 designating Councilmember Fred Strong as the voting delegate to the 2008 League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 24-27, 2008, in Long Beach, CA.
- 8.** Adopt Resolution No. 08-120 appropriating \$15,000 from the Building Education Reserve Fund to cover the cost of education of Building Personnel for Fiscal Year 2009.

9. Adopt Resolution No. 08-121 appropriating \$35,000 to cover the cost of electronic archiving copies of building plans associated with commercial, industrial, and multi-family development for Fiscal Year 2009.

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 3-9 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, with Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Item No. 079058, Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 079084 and 079205, and Councilmember Nemeth abstaining on Item No. 3.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

## **DISCUSSION**

**10. Make Appointment to the County's Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee or Schedule Date for Applicant Interview**

J. App, City Manager

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 Hamon, moved to appoint Sheila L. Baker to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee for an indeterminate term

Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote:

### **ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 PM:**

- TO THE NORTH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE TOUR, AT 3:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008 AT 940 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

Submitted:

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Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: September 2, 2008