



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

**SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

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**A. 5:32 PM – CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL** Committee members; Eric Azarvand, Keith Belmont, Jim Cogan (absent), Jason Cox, Maria Escobedo (absent), Jim Fotinakes, Elena Garcia (absent), Michael Leahy, Jeannette McClure, Victor Popp, Karli Twisselman (absent at roll call, joined meeting at 5:30pm). Council Liaisons; Steve Gregory, Mayor Steve Martin (absent)

**D. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS** Staff in attendance, Ryan Cornell, Catherine Piatti, Ditas Esperanza, Freda Berman, Damian Nord, Jonathan Stornetta

**E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None

**F. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED.** None

**G. CONSENT**

**1. [Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2022](#)**

R. Cornell, Administrative Services Director

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motioned by Committee Member Jim Fotinakes, seconded by Committee Member Victor Popp and passed 8-0.

**AYES:** Eric Azarvand, Keith Belmont, Jason Cox, Jim Fotinakes, Michael Leahy, Jeannette McClure, Victor Popp, Karli Twisselman.

**ABSENT:** Jim Cogan, Elena Garcia, Maria Escobedo

**H. DISCUSSION**

**1. [Financial Review of Supplemental Sales Tax](#)**

R. Cornell, Administrative Services Director

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motioned by Committee Member Eric Azarvand, seconded by Committee Member Michael Leahy and passed 8-0.

**AYES:** Eric Azarvand, Keith Belmont, Jason Cox, Jim Fotinakes, Michael Leahy, Jeannette McClure, Victor Popp, Karli Twisselman.

**ABSENT:** Jim Cogan, Elena Garcia, Maria Escobedo

**I. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS.**

1.) Committee Member Michael Leahy asked whether the committee presentation to City Council occurred and how it went. Committee Vice Chair, Keith Belmont gave a quick synopsis of how the report to Council went and what it contained.

2.) Committee Members Jim Fotinakes and Victor Popp and Council Liaison Steve Gregory all made comments regarding the City's response to the recent storms and flooding. They thanked City staff for their responsiveness with the evacuations, communication, and storm clean up. Victor Popp asked if the City's roads have been analyzed for further damage caused by the flooding and whether there would be adequate funding to ensure the repairs needed. Jim Fotinakes also raised a question regarding the unstable cliff area on South River Road and if there are plans being made or studies being done to address this area. City staff, Ryan Cornell, addressed Victor Popp's question regarding roads and funding for repairs with the mention that the City will be submitting a request for public assistance to FEMA to assist with the damages that occurred and the repairs that are needed. City staff, Freda Berman, responded to Jim Fotinakes' question regarding the unstable slope on South River Road by stating the City is currently working through slope stabilization studies and acknowledges that this area of road needs to be addressed.

3.) Committee Vice Chair, Keith Belmont, asked when the last time the Country Club area roads had been paved so that he could adequately respond to a question/statement asked by a community member. City Staff, Ditas Esperanza, answered stating that the main artery road, Country Club Drive, had been paved in the past, however the neighborhood streets have not been re-touched.

**J. STAFF COMMENTS.** Ryan Cornell reminded the Committee about the two upcoming member term expirations and the interviews for those positions are being held on Thursday, February 16, 2023. The two incumbent members are interviewing as well as two new applicants.

**K. ADJOURNMENT** of the February 15, 2023 Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee Meeting at 6:15 PM. Meeting adjourned to the May 17, 2023 Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee Meeting.

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AT A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETING***

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