



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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**CLOSED SESSION 5:00PM /
6:30PM REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

**Location: Library/Conference Center Council Chamber
1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles**

5:00 PM – CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Fred Strong, and Mayor Steven Martin

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- **Meet and Confer Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Gov. Code section 54957.6

City Negotiator: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
Employee Organizations: International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)
Police Officers Association (POA)
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Unrepresented Management
Unrepresented Part-time Employees

- **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

Gov. Code section 54957

Title: City Attorney

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (1 case)**

Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Pacific West Hotels & Resorts, Inc. et al. v. City of El Paso de Robles, et al., San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 18CVP-0220

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS - None

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

6:30 PM – RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AND CALLED REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION Dan Feldman, Atheist United of San Luis Obispo County

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Fred Strong, and Mayor Steven Martin

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION. No reportable action

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Capital Projects Report**

Superintendent of Maintenance Freda Berman and Public Works Director Dick McKinley each reported on their respective Capital Projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin

2. [Parking Presentation](#)

Julie Dixon from Dixon Resources Unlimited reported on the Downtown Parking program.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin, Cindy McIntyre, and Danna Stroud

3. [Martin Luther King Jr. Proclamation](#)

Mayor Martin read and presented a proclamation to Lovella Walker honoring Martin Luther King Day.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. Gerald Stover, Dale Gustin, Beth Burk, Cindy McIntyre, Susi Griffiths, and Margaret Holstein.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. [Approved City Council Minutes from 1/3/19](#)

5. [Received Warrant Requests](#)

6. [Received Advisory Body Minutes](#)

Planning Commission (11/27/18)

7. [Approved Resolution No. 19-004 Authorizing a Consultant Agreement with SWCA Environmental Consultants for Contract Planning Services to Aid in the Processing of the Beechwood Specific Plan, Olsen-South Chandler Specific Plan, and the Gateway Annexation](#)

8. [Read, by Title Only, and Adopted Ordinance 1067 N.S. Updating the Paso Robles Municipal Code to Make the Office of the City Clerk Appointive](#)

9. [Approved Resolution No. 19-005 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Service Employees International Union \(SEIU\) Local 620](#)

10. [Approved Resolution No. 19-006 Approving a Three-Year Enterprise License Agreement with Microsoft for Software Licenses Adding Office 365 Features](#)

11. [Approved Resolution No. 19-007 Authorizing the City Manager to Initiate Rent Payments for 625 Riverside Avenue](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin

CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE. Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong and passed unanimously to approve items 4-11.

AYES: Gregory, Strong, Hamon, Garcia, and Mayor Martin

REPORT ON ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT. City Manager Tom Frutchey provided a brief explanation of the items approved on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. [Proposed Amendments to Chapter 16.10 of the Paso Robles Municipal Code Regarding Abatement of Hazardous Fuels and Refuse \(Weed Abatement\)](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT. Gerald Stover and Margaret Holstein

ROLL CALL VOTE. Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Gregory and passed unanimously to introduce for first reading, by title only, an Ordinance amending Chapter 16.10 of the Paso Robles Municipal Code regarding Abatement of Hazardous Fuels and Rubbish, in order to reduce the risk of wildland fire in Paso Robles.

AYES: Strong, Gregory, Hamon, Garcia, and Mayor Martin

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13. Further Consideration of District Elections

- a. Charter vs. General Law City – Presentation by Iris Yang, City Attorney
- b. Alternative Electoral Systems – Presentation by Mike Lattner, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin and Gerald Stover

ROLL CALL VOTE #1. Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon and passed 4-1 to analyze alternative electoral systems (with a preference for ranked-choice voting) simultaneously with the City's transition to a by-district election system, without negatively impacting the City's prospects in the current legal challenge to the City's current at-large system.

AYES: Gregory, Hamon, Garcia, and Mayor Martin

NOES: Strong

ROLL CALL VOTE #2. Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon and passed unanimously to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to analyze options for becoming a charter city and return to the City Council..

AYES: Gregory, Hamon, Strong, Garcia, and Mayor Martin

COUNCIL BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Current Council Committee Activities and Reports

Councilmembers and the Mayor reported on committee attendance and other related activities.

Councilman Gregory recused himself and left the room at 9:27PM due to a potential conflict of interest.

Council discussed and, by straw vote, directed staff to bring the Short-Term Rental Ordinance back to the next City Council meeting.

Councilmember Gregory returned at 9:30PM after the discussion was complete.

ADJOURNMENT of the January 15, 2019 regular City Council Meeting at 9:31PM.

Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the February 5, 2019 regular meeting of the City Council.

Submitted by:



Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk
Approved: February 5, 2019