



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

5:03 PM – CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- **Public Employment**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager, Interim City Manager
- **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1955 Theater Drive (APN 009-831-007)
City Negotiator: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Pacific West Hotels & Resorts, Inc.; Kevin Bierl
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1345 Park Street, Paso Robles, CA
City Negotiators: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Kaldera Collective, LLC; Kyle Ashby
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS. None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

6:30 PM – RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION Pastor Pat Sheean

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **[COVID-19 Community Update](#)**
Battalion Chief Randy Harris gave an overview of COVID-19 statistics and public health guidance. Assistant City Manager Sarah Johnson-Rios gave an overview of the City's continued response efforts to COVID-19, including public information efforts within Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo County.
2. **[Capital Projects Report](#)**
Capital Projects Engineer Ditas Esperanza reported on the status of key City capital projects.
3. **[Paso Robles Main Street Association Presentation](#)**
Paso Robles Main Street Association Executive Director Norma Moye and Board President Derek Bettencourt gave an overview of activities and priorities, including economic restructuring and

economic vitality.

4. [Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Presentation](#)

Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce President Gina Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the mission of the Chamber and described the Visitor Center operations, including staffing and volunteers, and the services provided, which include services for visitors as well as locals.

5. [Introduction of Senate Bill 1383, New Solid Waste Regulations](#)

Brooks Stayer, the Executive Director of the SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority, gave a presentation on SB 1383 which was passed in 2016 and the guidelines which were released in November 2020. Compliance is required by January 2022 and will require having a three-bin system (trash, recycling, and composting). Jim Weiss, operator of the City's landfill, shared regarding the efforts the landfill has taken in preparation for the regulations. Ian Hoover of Paso Waste & Recycle also spoke about their efforts as the local hauler to prepare for these regulations, stating that most components are already in place.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. Yessenia Echevarria, Lauren Hanley, John Borst, Dale Gustin, Sally Reynolds, Sunny Mullinax, and Gina Fitzpatrick

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. [Approval of City Council Special Minutes from February 26, 2021](#)

7. [Approval of City Council Minutes from March 2, 2021](#)

8. [Receipt of Warrant Register](#)

9. [Receipt of Advisory Body Minutes](#)

Downtown Parking Advisory Commission Minutes – September 9, 2020
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes – November 9, 2020
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Minutes – December 14, 2020
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – February 8, 2021

10. [Approval Resolution 21-029 Authorizing an Agreement for Construction Phase Contracts with Ramihna Construction and Water Systems, Inc. to Replace Lift Station Discharge Piping at Five Sewage Lift Stations](#)

11. [Approval of Resolution 21-030 Authorizing an Agreement with JJ Fisher Construction Contract for the Annual Sidewalk Repairs 2020-2021](#)

12. [Approval of Resolution 21-031 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Rick Engineering for the 2019 Sierra Bonita Curb Ramps Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Project](#)

13. [Approval of Resolution 21-032 Authorizing Consultant Agreements for Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, Water Supply Assessment and Traffic Impact Study for the proposed Paso Robles Boys School Reuse Project](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve items 6-13.

AYES: Hamon, Gregory, Garcia, Strong, 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

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

17. [Interim City Manager Appointment](#)

Presented ahead of Item 14 on the agenda at Mayor Martin's request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Dale Gustin

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 21-033 appointing Greg Carpenter as interim City

Manager, effective April 19, 2021, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the temporary employment agreement contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation, including Live Scan fingerprint analysis, and reference checks.

AYES: Strong, Gregory, Garcia, Hamon, Martin

14. [Downtown Parking Program Adjustments](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Dale Gustin, Jan Albin, Yessenia Echevarria, and Serena Friedman

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed 4-1 (Mayor Martin opposed) to approve Resolution 21-034 approving the job classification of Supervisor/Professional/Coordinator I/II and the addition of three part-time Staff Assistant III positions; and to approve Resolution 21-035 extending the parking program to operate seven days per week, Monday – Sunday from 9 AM – 8 PM and extending the Senior Permit Pilot Program to an annual program available to all seniors 65 years of age and older at the cost of \$5 per year. Council also directed staff to consult with Dixon Resources Unlimited and return with options for potential additional ways to accommodate local residents parking in Downtown, and to return with an updated proposal, after consideration by the Downtown Parking Committee, within 60 days.

AYES: Gregory, Hamon, Garcia, Strong

NOES: Martin

15. [COVID-19 Economic Recovery Measures: Downtown Parklet Program Update - Issues and Options](#)

Councilmember Gregory recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Dale Gustin, Carole MacDonal, Gina Fitzpatrick, and Sally Reynolds

ROLL CALL VOTE #1: Motioned by Mayor Martin, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed 4-0 (Gregory absent due to recusal) to direct staff to return with a proposal to extend the Temporary Outdoor Dining Program to November 1, 2021.

AYES: Martin, Hamon, Strong, Garcia

ABSENT: Gregory, due to recusal

ROLL CALL VOTE #2: Motioned by Mayor Martin, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed 4-0 (Gregory absent due to recusal) to direct staff to return with additional analysis regarding funding options, both in regard to funding sources and rent vs. buy options for k-rails.

AYES: Martin, Hamon, Garcia, Strong

ABSENT: Gregory, due to recusal

ROLL CALL VOTE #3: Motioned by Mayor Martin, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed 4-0 (Gregory absent due to recusal) to direct staff to engage all stakeholders, including and especially residents, in evaluating options for seasonal and year-round parklets, assessing the impacts on parking, events, the economic viability of downtown businesses, and other elements.

AYES: Martin, Hamon, Garcia, Strong

ABSENT: Gregory, due to recusal

ROLL CALL VOTE #4: Motioned by Mayor Martin, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed 4-0 (Gregory absent due to recusal) to direct staff to return with formal policies and guidelines for fenced Downtown sidewalk cafes.

AYES: Martin, Garcia, Hamon, Strong

ABSENT: Gregory, due to recusal

16. [Amended Sublease and Loan Agreement for the Business Success Center at 1345 Park Street](#)

Councilmember Hamon recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Dale Gustin and Jan Albin

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed 4-0 (Hamon absent due to recusal) to authorize the City Manager to execute amendments to the Loan and Sublease Agreements for 1345 Park Street, approving forgiveness of unpaid rent to date due to the pandemic, allowing reduced rent payments going forward until June 2022, deferring loan repayment until March 2022, and reducing the loan interest rate from 3% to 1%. Council also directed both the City and Sandbox to pursue COVID relief funds in a partnership fashion to try to recoup lost revenue due to COVID.

AYES: Strong, Gregory, Garcia, Martin

ABSENT: Hamon, due to recusal

COUNCIL BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

18. [Current Council Committee Activities and Reports](#)

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

ADJOURNMENT of the March 16, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting at 12:10 AM.

Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn to the April 6, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Submitted by:



Melissa Boyer, City Clerk

Approved: April 6, 2021