



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

CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

ADVISORY BODY INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS

for Community Organization Applicants to the

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 5:00 PM

6:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Fred Strong, and Mayor Steven Martin. Councilmember Garcia was not present at the start of the meeting, however, she joined just following item 1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

6:15 PM – ADVISORY BODY INTERVIEWS

DISCUSSION

1. [Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee](#)

J. Dahlen, Community Services Director

The Parks and Recreation Committee provides a communication link between the community, City Council and the staff of the Community Services Department as the City strives towards a better quality of life for its citizens. The Committee is advisory in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation, playground and entertainment.

The City Council waived interviews as the applicants are both incumbent Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members to fill two vacancies. Applicants are listed below:

- Stacia Finley – incumbent committee member
- Andrew Pekema – incumbent committee member

ROLL CALL VOTE Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon and passed 4-0 (Garcia absent) to appoint Stacia Finley and Andy Pekema to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

2. [Library Board of Trustees](#)

J. Dahlen, Community Services Director

The Library Board of Trustees advocates for continued and increased community support for the programs and services offered by the Paso Robles City Library.

The City Council waived interviewing the incumbent applicant and interviewed the non-incumbent applicant to fill two vacancies. Applicants are listed below:

- Jacob Allred – incumbent trustee
- Laurie Buchholz

ROLL CALL VOTE Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Garcia and passed unanimously to appoint Jacob Allred and Laurie Buchholz to the Library Board of Trustees.

3. [Senior Citizen Advisory Committee](#)

J. Dahlen, Community Services Director

The Senior Citizen Advisory Committee represents the senior citizens of the community on issues and matters related to the senior center and its attendant recreation programs. It is responsible for researching and advising the City on the needs of senior citizens, making recommendations regarding Senior Endowment Fund and annual Senior Center expenditures, and is a communication liaison to the senior citizens of Paso Robles.

The City Council waived interviewing the incumbent applicants and interviewed the non-incumbent applicants to fill six vacancies. As only five applicants applied Council determined that they would only fill five seats at this time. Applicants are listed below:

- Diane Cassidy – incumbent committee member
- Ruth Grzybicki – incumbent committee member
- Mara Whitten – incumbent committee member
- Thomas Taylor
- Leslie Thomas

ROLL CALL VOTE Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Garcia and passed unanimously to appoint Diane Cassidy, Ruth Grzybicki, Mara Whitten, Thomas Taylor, and Leslie Thomas to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

4. Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee

R. Cornell, Administrative Services Director

The Supplemental Sales Tax Committee provides a forum for citizens to review and report to both the City Council and the community as a whole on matters relating to Supplemental Sales Tax revenues and expenditures resulting from both Measure E-12, approved by the voters in 2012, and Measure J-20, approved by the voters in 2020. The Committee provides oversight of the expenditures of the supplemental sales tax revenues to ensure that they are being spent on community priorities established by the City Council, based on information gained from business and resident surveys and other means. The Committee shall determine if the funds were spent appropriately, and report that to the Council and public. The Committee may also provide advice to staff and the Council. Council had previously held two interview sessions for both At-Large Committee members and Community Organization Committee members and had appointed seven At-Large committee members and one Community Organization committee member. Due to receiving only one community organization application at the prior meeting, Council asked staff to go back to community organizations one last time to request community organization applicants to fill the final three vacancies.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants to fill three vacancies.

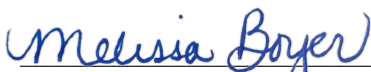
- Jim Cogan
- [Dr. Maria Escobedo](#)

ROLL CALL VOTE Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory and passed unanimously to appoint Jim Cogan, representing the Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Maria Escobedo, representing the Hispanic Business Association to the Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee; to direct staff to bring any further applicants to fill the remaining vacancy to Council as a consent item at a regular meeting; to set the committee member term limits of three years for Eric Azarvand, Keith Belmont, Elena Garcia, John Arnold, Jim Cogan, and Dr. Maria Escobedo, two years for Jim Fotinakes and Keith Swank, and one year term for Jason Cox and Michael Leahy; to set the first meeting date of the SSTOC to May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM; and to select Councilmember Gregory as the Council Liaison and Mayor Martin as the alternate liaison to the SSTOC.

ADJOURNMENT of the April 29, 2021 Special City Council Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn to the May 4, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Submitted by:



Melissa Boyer, City Clerk

Approved: May 18, 2021