



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM

6:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

City Council: Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Fred Strong, and Mayor Steven Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

DISCUSSION

1. [Salinas Riverbed Hazardous Fuels Reduction](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin, Tom Carty, Jim Fotinakes

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to:

1. Approve Resolution 20-120 authorizing the City Manager to approve private vendor contracts and accessory equipment purchases related to the hazardous fuels present in the Salinas Riverbed corridor; and

2. Appropriate \$278,000 from General Fund Reserves to fund the emergency clean-up effort.

AYES: Hamon, Gregory, Garcia, Strong, Martin

2. [Reducing Fire and Water Supply Contamination Risk in the Salinas Riverbed and Assisting the Homeless Who Will Be Impacted](#)

T. Frutchey, City Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin, Lisa Jouet, Susan Funk, Jeff Carr

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve the updated policy regarding removal of garbage in the Salinas Riverbed; Clean-Up of Temporary Shelters; and Code Enforcement Abatement Procedures.

AYES: Hamon, Gregory, Garcia, Strong, Martin

3. [COVID-19 Economic Recovery Measures – Revisiting Temporary Street Closures](#)

Councilmember Gregory recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Eric Jensen, Doug Beckett, Steven Herring, Jeff Wiesinger, Carol McDonal, Stacy Jacob, Gina Fitzpatrick, Christina Castillas

ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to direct staff to continue working with Downtown businesses and other stakeholders to implement immediately a pilot program of Downtown street closures in an effort to help local businesses survive the recent State order to close indoor dining and tasting room

services. Council directed staff to pursue half-street or one-way street closures with safety barriers; to defer cost-recovery permit fees (collecting only after the local emergency has ended); to keep the street closures in effect until 30 days after state-required business closures are lifted; and to make a sidewalk dining permit program available as soon as possible so that all businesses with sidewalk dining can come into compliance.

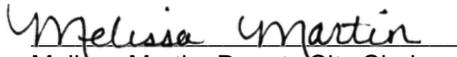
AYES: Martin, Strong, Garcia, Hamon

ABSENT: Gregory, due to recusal

ADJOURNMENT of the July 15, 2020 Special City Council meeting at 10:08 PM.

Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn to the July 21, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Melissa Martin, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: August 4, 2020