



# CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

*"The Pass of the Oaks"*

## PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

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**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**

- **Threat to Public Services or Facilities**

Pursuant to Gov. Code section 54957(a)

Consultation with: Dave McCue, Information Technology Manager

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (2 cases)**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

1. Steinbeck Vineyards #1 LLC et al. v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 1-14-CV-265039
2. Robert Eidemiller v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al., Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 1-14-CV-269212

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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

City Negotiator: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager  
Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Management  
Unrepresented Part-time Employees  
Service Employees International Union  
Paso Robles Police Association  
Paso Robles Professional Firefighters

### **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS**

### **RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION**

**6:00 PM - RECEPTION WELCOMING ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER SARAH JOHNSON-RIOS**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** Donn Ragle Ministries

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **STAFF AND COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION –** On the second time, Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation, the City Council unanimously approved a tolling agreement with the Ernst family trust. There was no reportable action regarding a threat to public services or facilities, or regarding labor negotiations.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. [Riverbed Fire Risk Mitigation](#)

Emergency Services Chief Stornetta spoke about fire risk mitigation

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** John Campbell

1a. **Parking Update (Unscheduled Presentation)**

Police Commander Caleb Davis gave an update (including a PowerPoint presentation) explaining the upcoming Downtown paid parking program which is set to begin August 14, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Gary Duniven and Dale Gustin

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Dale Gustin, Maria D. Stover, Gail McNichols and Gerald Stover.

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED - None**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

2. [Approve City Council Minutes from July 19, 2019](#)

3. [Receive Advisory Body Minutes](#)

Library Board of Trustees (6/13/19)

4. [Read by title only and adopt Ordinance 1082 N.S. Short-Term Rental Ordinance/Zoning Code Amendment \(ZC 15-006\)](#)

Pulled for discussion

5. [Airport Hangar Lease – 5070 Wing Way](#)

6. [Mutual Aid Reimbursement – Resolution 19-1078](#)

7. [Investment Policy and Portfolio Review](#)

8. [Acquisition of Investment Accounting Software – Resolution #19-079](#)

9. [Agreement with the Lew Edwards Group to Provide Communications and Community Engagement Planning, and Identifying Community Priorities and Potential Solutions](#)

Pulled for discussion by Councilmember Gregory

10. [625 Riverside Lease Extension](#)

11. [Amend the Scope of Work for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan \(GSP\) Contract with Montgomery & Associates](#)

12. [Appointment of Sarah Johnson-Rios as Acting City Manager](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Dale Gustin

**CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE** Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to approve items 2-3, 5-8 and 10-12.

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

## CONVENED THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

### ROLL CALL

Board of Directors Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Fred Strong, and Mayor Steven Martin

## CONSENT CALENDAR OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13. [Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Budget Amendment](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed unanimously to approve GSA Resolution 19-003 approving the budget amendments for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

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

## ADJOURNED THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD

## RECONVENED TO THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL

### REPORT ON ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. [General Obligation Bond Tax Rate – Fiscal Year 2019-20](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Dale Gustin

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 19-080 approving the General Obligation tax rate for fiscal year 2020 at \$0.0425 per \$100 assessed valuation.

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

15. [Oak Tree Removal Permit \(OTR 19-13\) - A request by Cory Meyer on behalf of Jeff and Debbie PUNCHES \(property owners\) requesting that the City Council allow the removal of one Valley Oak tree \(59-inch dbh\) at 1739 Wade Drive](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 19-081 finding the Valley Oak at 1739 Wade Drive is in poor condition and likely will cause damage to the property if it were to remain, and require the replanting of one 24-inch box Valley Oak tree on site or payment into the City's oak replacement fund.

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

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

16. [Information Technology Strategic Plan and Risk Assessment](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Dale Gustin

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed unanimously to receive and file the IT Strategic plan, providing any desired direction to staff.

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

17. [Response to 2019 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury report, "Affordable Housing" An Urgent Problem for Our Community](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Gerald Stover

**ROLL CALL VOTE** Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to receive and file the City's response to the Grand Jury report, "Affordable Housing" An Urgent Problem for Our Community.

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

#### ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

4. [Read by title only and adopt Ordinance 1082 N.S. Short-Term Rental Ordinance/Zoning Code Amendment \(ZC 15-006\)](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Dan Ianneo, Dale Gustin, Gary Duniven, Rick Ryan and Beth Burk

**ROLL CALL VOTE.** Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and passed 3-0 (Gregory and Hamon abstained due to a stated conflict of interest) to introduce for second reading by title only, Ordinance 1082 N.S., an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Paso Robles, adopting a Zoning Code Amendment Ordinance amending Sections 21.23A.010, 21.23A.020, 21.23A.030, and 21.23A.050, repealing Sections 21.15.210, 21.15.220, 21.15.230, and 21.15.240 of Chapter 21.15, and adding Chapter 21.34 to the Paso Robles Municipal Code Regarding Short-Term Rentals.

**AYES:** Strong, Garcia, and Martin

**ABSTAINED:** Gregory, Hamon

Councilmembers Gregory and Hamon stepped down and left the room at 7:42PM, due to a stated conflict of interest. Hamon returned at 8:21PM then Gregory returned at 8:26PM after action was taken on this issue.

9. [Agreement with the Lew Edwards Group to Provide Communications and Community Engagement Planning, and Identifying Community Priorities and Potential Solutions](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None

**ROLL CALL VOTE.** Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Lew Edwards Group (LEG), to provide community engagement, goal identification, and solution implementation services.

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

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **18. Current Council Committee Activities and Reports**

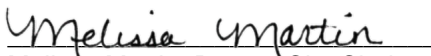
Councilmembers reported on committee activities and other City related issues.

Councilmember Hamon and Mayor Martin agreed to serve as an ad hoc committee to look into homelessness-related concerns and possible solutions.

**ADJOURNMENT** of the August 6, 2019 regular City Council meeting at 8:48PM

Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed 5-0 by voice vote to adjourn to the August 20, 2019 regular City Council meeting.

**Submitted by:**

  
Melissa Martin, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved: August 20, 2019