



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Emergency Services Council and Community Workshop

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER - 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL Councilmembers Steve Gregory, John Hamon, Jim Reed and Fred Strong, and Mayor Steve Martin present.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. Lorraine Cagliero; Kathy Barnett

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Emergency Services

Presentation by Chief Garcia and Stu Gary from CityGate.

Significant public questions and comments.

Following Council discussion, moved by Gregory, seconded by Strong, and approved unanimously, to direct the City Manager to:

1. Return with an updated fiscal forecast and funding plan.
2. Develop a multi-year implementation plan and budget amendments, with full costs and timing, for the following phased changes to the Emergency Services Department, such changes to be made as funding is authorized and as directed by Council:
 - a. Add a 56-hour Battalion Chief position to all three shifts to provide 24/7/365 coverage for all emergency calls and to oversee operational and administrative programs.
 - b. Set specific, achievable goals for BC positions relating to such needed department improvements as system data oversight and program management of EMS, operations, training, fire prevention, emergency planning, etc.
 - c. Complete the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) project already initiated.
 - d. Add a 40-hour non-sworn fire prevention specialist to implement the fire prevention programs and oversee the company inspection program that will generate fees to offset expenses.
 - e. Start a limited term, part-time firefighter program, in cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions.
 - f. Add a squad staffed by a firefighter and a seasonal/reserve officer, equipped as an ALS unit.
 - g. Analyze the costs and benefits of current levels of overtime versus adding personnel, to determine the most cost-effective approaches, returning to City Council with recommendations.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:35 PM

Submitted by:

Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: August 15, 2017