



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

5:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Maria Garcia, Steve Gregory (absent at roll call but joined just after closed session convened), John Hamon, Fred Strong (absent at roll call but joined just after closed session convened), and Mayor Steven Martin

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: A 5.6-acre portion of APN 008-254-002 more commonly known as Pioneer Park
Negotiators: Ty Lewis, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: State of California acting by and through the State Public Works Board with the consent of the Department of Food and Agriculture, acting by and through the 16th District Agricultural Association.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

- **Public Employee Evaluation**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

6:30 PM – RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION Pastor Pat Sheean

ROLL CALL

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

Immediately following the Roll Call statements were given by Councilmember Hamon and Councilmember Gregory explaining their personal positions on the requirement to wear masks in council chamber and other indoor spaces. Each requested that the meeting be recessed briefly allowing them to leave council chamber and join the meeting virtually from different locations in order to comply with the requirement. Councilmember Strong also gave a brief statement regarding his position and compliance on wearing a mask in chamber and other indoor locations.

6:38 PM MEETING RECESSED to allow Councilmembers Hamon and Gregory to relocate and attend the meeting virtually.

6:43 PM MEETING RECONVENED

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

1. [COVID-19 Community Update](#)

Fire Chief Jonathan Stornetta gave an overview of COVID-19 statistics.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS. Kendall Pearson, Dale Gustin, and Jan Albin

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. [Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from 01/18/2022](#)

3. [Receipt of Warrant Register](#)

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

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – 12/13/2021

5. [Approval of Resolution 22-011 Approving On-call Water System Repair Contracts](#)

6. [Approval of Resolution 22-012 Approving Design Contract for Wright Way \(new street\) at the Airport and Appropriation of Project Funding](#)

7. [Approval of Resolution 22-013 Approving Oak Tree Removal Permit 21-19 – Removal of One Coast Live Oak Tree at 320 15th Street / APN 008-311-013](#)

8. [Approval of Resolution 22-014 Approving Oak Tree Removal Permit 21-23 – Removal of One Blue Oak Tree at 320 Blackburn Court / APN 009-121-076](#)

9. [Approval of Downtown Parking Advisory Commission Program Recommendations and Modification to Commission Bylaws](#)

Item 9 Pulled from consent by Councilmember Hamon and Dale Gustin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. John Borst and Dale Gustin

CONSENT CALENDAR ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to approve items 2-8.

AYES: Gregory, Strong, Garcia, Hamon Strong

REPORT ON ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT. City Manager Ty Lewis provided a brief explanation of the items approved on the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. [Spring Release Weekend Wine Tasting – New City Park Event](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT. Joel Peterson

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to approve the request of the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance to stage a Spring Release Weekend Wine Tasting in City Park on March 18, 2022, with the caveat that the event may be cancelled to protect public health; and to direct staff that the City is happy to entertain other events with regards to current mandates on outdoor events.

AYES: Hamon, Strong, Garcia, Gregory, Martin

11. [Second Quarter Update Fiscal Year 2021-22: Budget Report and Amendments; Job and Organizational Reclassifications; and Approval of Side Letter of Agreement with the Professional Firefighters Association](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 22-015 amending the budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, to reflect the updates previously approved by City Council; amending the Authorized Position Listing by adding one Street Maintenance Supervisor position; and removing one Street Maintenance Specialist II position; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Side Letter of Agreement with the Paso Robles Professional Firefighters Association.

AYES: Gregory, Hamon, Garcia, Strong, Martin

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

9. [Approval of Downtown Parking Advisory Commission Program Recommendations and Modification to Commission Bylaws](#)

Item 9 Pulled from consent by Councilmember Hamon and Dale Gustin.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Dale Gustin and Sally Reynolds

ROLL CALL VOTE #1: Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and passed unanimously to revise the Downtown Parking Advisory Commission bylaws as recommended by the commission: Article I, Section 3.e.2 to change the month from January to August. Article II, Section 5 of the bylaws to read: The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected annually at its August meeting, from among the members of the Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE #2: Motioned by Councilmember Strong to receive and file and direct staff to bring back additional recommendations from the advisory committee. Motion died for lack of second.

ROLL CALL VOTE #3: Motioned by Mayor Martin, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to table the terms and conditions for future senior permits until after the parking committee has had the opportunity study the most recent financial information, apply that information to a strategy and alternatives aimed at increasing cost recovery of the parking program overall, and to bring more recommendations regarding geographic recommendations for the senior permit program.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

12. [City Manager Update on Current City Activities](#)

City Manager Ty Lewis provided an update on Barney Schwartz Park maintenance; the removal of parklets from Downtown and the intention for the Community Development Department to begin working with an ad hoc committee to evaluate options for outdoor dining; and his recent meeting with Congressman Panetta to brief him on current City projects and to enlist his support for current infrastructure projects and the spaceport.

COUNCIL BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

ADJOURNMENT of the February 1, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting at 8:49 PM.

Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn to the February 3, 2022 Special City Council meeting.

Submitted by:



Melissa Boyer, City Clerk

Approved: February 15, 2022