



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

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 7:30 PM

MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

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TO THE MEETING WITH A COPY TO THE CITY CLERK**

7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL Councilmembers John Hamon Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco, Fred Strong, and Frank Mecham

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Donna Przybyla
- Doug Monn, Public Works Director, introduced the City's recently hired Utilities Manager, Katie DiSimone

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY) - None

PRESENTATIONS

1. **San Luis Obispo County – Air Pollution Control District**

Climate Protection Program

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

Larry Allen, SLO County Air Pollution Control Officer presented information on the County's program. Mr. Allen's material is part of these Minutes.

Mayor Mecham called for questions. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett and Jay Huber.

By General Consent, the City Council requested that city staff review the text of the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement and report back to Council at a future date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Request to Establish Cellular Facilities within Various Zoning Districts City-wide, Zoning Code Amendment 07-001 and 07-003

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

City Council considered an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow additional areas throughout the City to establish cellular facilities.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Sheldon Smith, with the Paso Robles Unified School District, and Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07 104 adopting a Negative Declaration for Zoning Code Amendment 07-001 and 07-003.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to introduce for first reading Ordinance No. XXX, N.S., with a revision to the zoning district matrix clarifying permitted locations.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

3. Annual Levy Report for the Landscape and Lighting District

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council held a public hearing and considered resolutions necessary to levy the assessments for fiscal year 2007/2008. Dennis Fansler presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 07-105 approving the Engineers' Report: and adopt Resolution No. 07-106 ordering the levy and collection of assessments.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

4. Code Enforcement – Revised Administrative Citation Program

D. Cassidy, Chief of Police

The City Council considered a minor clarification in the Ordinance introduced on May 15, 2007, establishing an Administrative Citation Program. The administrative citation

shall state that the fine may be waived if evidence is presented to an enforcement officer, within fifteen (15) days of the date of the citation, that the violation has been corrected.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to re-introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 932 N.S. amending Chapter 1.02 of the Paso Robles Municipal Code relating to an Administrative Citation Program and set June 19, 2007, as the date for adoption.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

5. Two Year Operating Budget and Four-Year Financial Plan – Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to 2011

J. App, City Manager and M. Compton, Administrative Services Director

The City Council considered adoption of the two-year operating budget and four-year financial plan, including Capital Improvement Projects budget. Council held two public budget workshops to review the proposed budgets.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Rose Monroe, Mike Manchak, Kathy Barnett, Denise Surber, and Angela Hollander. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Council adjourned for a 5-minute recess and reconvened at 9:10 PM, with all Councilmembers present.

By a majority vote, the City Council agreed to the deferral of the City Hall project that would pre-empt many other resident service projects, and agreed to review alternative uses of the accumulated funds.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-107 approving the two-year operating budget, four-year Capital Improvements budget, and four-year financial plan for fiscal years 2007-2011.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Mecham called for public comments on Consent Calendar items. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco requested that Item No. 12 be pulled for separate discussion.

6. Approve City Council minutes of May 15 and May 22, 2007
7. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 70010—70155 (05/11/07), 70156—70218 (05/18/07), 70219-70385 (05/25/07), and Other Payroll Services.
8. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:
Library Board of Trustees meeting of March 8, 2007
9. Proclamation designating June 5, 2007 as Hunger Awareness Day.
10. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 933 N.S. Pursuant to Senate Bill 53, which took effect on January 1, 2007, this law requires a legislative body that adopted a redevelopment plan containing eminent domain authority before January 1, 2007, to adopt an ordinance on or before July 1, 2007, containing a description of the agency's program to acquire real property by eminent domain. (FIRST READING MAY 15, 2007)
11. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 931 N.S., changing the zoning of property located at the intersection of Buena Vista Drive and Experimental Station Road (APN 025-391-014) from R1 (Single Family Residential) to R2 (Multiple Family Residential), with a maximum density of 8 dwelling units per acre.
(FIRST READING MAY 1, 2007) R. Whisenand, Community Development Director
12. Pulled for discussion following last agenda item.
13. Adopt Resolution No. 07-109 accepting a deed to a 0.23-acre parcel, adjacent to City property, from Caltrans near 38th Street, east of Vine for \$535.00 Caltrans considers the property surplus.
14. Adopt Resolution No. 07-110 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 06-0120, a 3-lot residential subdivision, located at 719-723 North Trigo Lane (Thomas). All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission on November 14, 2006 have been satisfied.
15. Adopt Resolution No. 07-111 adding Parcel Map 05-0082 to the Community Facilities District No. 2005-1, and adopt Resolution No. 07-112 accepting the recordation of the 2-lot residential subdivision located at 716 Walnut Drive (Przybyla). All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission, on March 28, 2006 have been satisfied.
16. Adopt Resolution No. 07-113 adding Parcel Map 06-0077 to the Community Facilities District No. 2005-1, and adopt Resolution No. 07-114 accepting the recordation of the residential development and subdivision located at 511 Oak Street (Vargas). All conditions imposed by the Planning Commission on June 27, 2006 have been satisfied.
17. Adopt Resolution No. 07-115 approving an appropriation limit for the fiscal year 2008 operating and maintenance budget. Article XIII B of the State Constitution requires state and local governments to annually adopt an appropriations limit. The limit may be adjusted annually by a factor comprised of the change in population combined with either the change in California per capita personal income or the change in the local assessment roll due to local non-residential construction.
18. Adopt Resolution No. 07-116 authorizing radio broadcast of regular city council meetings through June 2008 at a cost of \$320.00 per month.

Consent Calendar Items were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Strong, with Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 070116, 070199, 070202, 070308, 070369 and 070315, and Councilmember Strong abstaining on Warrant Register Item No. 070079 and Agenda Item 18, Councilmember Nemeth abstaining on Agenda Item No.18 and Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 070214, 070336, and on Agenda Item 11.

Consent Items 6-9, 10, 13-17 Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Consent Item 11 Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong
NOES:
ABSTAIN: Mecham
ABSENT:

Consent Items 18 Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hamon, Picanco, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN: Nemeth, Strong
ABSENT:

Mayor Mecham presented the Hunger Awareness Day Proclamation to Carl R. Hansen, Executive Director of the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County. Mr. Hansen announced the fundraising campaign raised over \$70,000 in the June 5th promotion

DISCUSSION

19. Request to Remove One Oak Tree at 849 Olive Street (OTR 07-001)

R. Whisenand, Community Services Director

The City Council considered a request by Fred Seaver to remove one oak tree that is causing ongoing damage to the house on the property.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Kathy Barnett. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong moved to waive the application fee in addition to allowing the removal of a 28-inch Blue Oak tree. The motion failed on lack of a second.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-117 approving OTR 07-001, allowing the removal of a 28-inch Blue Oak tree, based on the tree causing damage to the existing house; and require five 1.5-inch diameter Blue Oak replacement trees to be planted.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

20. Request to Remove One Oak Tree at 2241 Vine Street (OTR 07-003)

R. Whisenand, Community Services Director

The City Council considered a request by Danny Jones to remove one oak tree on his property that is in poor condition and is a potential hazard of falling and damaging a nearby deck area.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-118 approving OTR 07-003, allowing the removal of a 24-inch Blue Oak tree, and as a result of the decline of the tree being of natural causes, waive the application fee and not require replacement trees.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Council adjourned for a 5-minute recess and reconvened at 10:25 PM, with all Councilmembers present.

21. Olsen Ranch Beechwood Specific Plan (OBSP)–Environmental Review Process

R. Whisenand, Community Services Director

The City Council received information on the scope and status of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Olsen Ranch Beechwood Specific Plan. City Planner, Susan DeCarli, presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Joe Koontz, representing Dresser Ranch properties, Kathy Barnett, Jean St. Martin, representing the Harrod family interests, Jeff Wagner, EDA, Inc., and Ray Harrod. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to formally proceed with the preparation of the EIR. The study will evaluate a traditional neighborhood design at the density established in the General Plan as well as a density 30% greater than the General Plan; an additional alternate at 50% above GP densities will be examined by comparison to the two primary alternatives.

Motion passed by voice vote.

22. Budget Appropriation for State Transit Assistance Approved Projects

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

The City Council considered appropriations for State Transit Assistance (STA) funded projects approved by San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG). SLOCOG approved two projects for funding totaling \$120,000. The City is required to match the STA approved funding with 10% of local funds.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-119 authorizing budget appropriations for \$132,000, the amount of the STA funding approved by SLOCOG, plus the City's 10% match.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

23. Presentation of "Other Post Employment Benefits" Actuarial Study

M. Compton, Director of Administrative Services

The City Council considered establishing an irrevocable trust for the deposit and investment of monies to fund the City's Other Post Employment Benefits ("OPEB") liability.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-120 establishing the City's irrevocable trust for its OPEB liabilities through ICMA Retirement Corporation's, VantageCare RHS Employer Investment Program.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CITY MANAGER - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

AD HOC COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

24. Reorganization of Council Ad Hoc Committees

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

By General Consent, the City Council approved the updated list of ad hoc committee assignments and assigned members to new committees, consistent with previous activities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended) – None

25. Pioneer Museum board of Trustees Appointments

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-108, appointing the 2006-2008 Pioneer Museum Board of Trustees, and the appointment of three Honorary Members of the Board.

Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None

City Attorney Seitz announced Council’s authority to go into closed session to discuss the item listed on the agenda.

Councilmember Nemeth recused himself from the Closed Session discussion, citing a potential conflict of interest.

It was the consensus of Council to adjourn from regular session at 12:10 AM.

The City Council thereupon adjourned to Closed Session in the 2nd floor Large Conference Room.

CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – Large Conference Room, 2nd Floor

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9 b. (1)

Aschle v. City of Paso Robles

Workers’ Compensation Case No. VNO 0480048

The City Council returned to Regular Session at TIME pm.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Seitz announced that there was no reportable action taken.

By unanimous voice vote, Council moved to adjourn from regular session at 1:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

- To the Paso Robles Wine Services Open House, 4:30 PM on June 7, 2007, at 6305 Buena Vista Drive, Paso Robles
- To the Adjourned Regular Meeting for Advisory Body Interviews, at 7:00 PM, on June 7, 2007 at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street
- To the Regular Planning Commission meeting, at 7:30 PM, on June 12, 2007, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street
- To the UCSB Paso Robles Economic Forecast, at 8:30 AM, on June 13, 2007, at the Paso Robles Inn Grand Ballroom
- To the Adjourned Regular Meeting for Advisory Body Interviews, at 7:00 PM, on June 4, 2007 at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street
- To the Joint City Council Planning Commission Breakfast, 7:00 AM, June 15, 2007, at the Touch of Paso Restaurant, Paso Robles
- To the Regular City Council Meeting, at 7:30 PM, on June 19, 2007 at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street

Submitted:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

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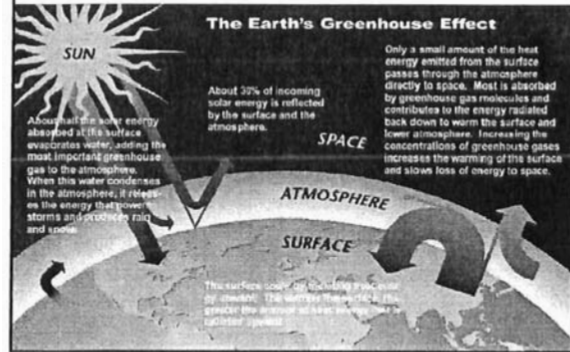
CLIMATE CHANGE

Current Science & Options for Local Action



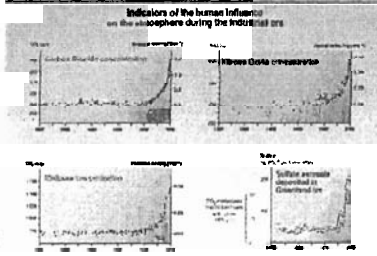
San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District

Greenhouse Effect



Man's Impact on the Atmosphere

- 270 Billion tons of carbon added since 19th century
- Since 1750, greenhouse gases in atmosphere increased substantially:
CO2 > 31%
N2O > 151%
CH4 > 17%
- Prior to 1750, CO2 levels at 280 ppm
- CO2 levels now 385 ppm; highest level in 400,000 years

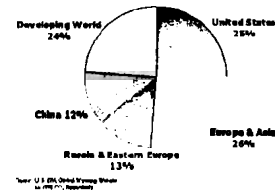


Worldwide Emissions

- 26 Billion tons CO2 emitted worldwide each year
 - 75% due to fossil fuel use
 - 25% due to land use changes

- U.S. = 5% of world population, but over 25% of emissions

U.S. Is The Largest Single Contributor To Greenhouse Gas Emissions

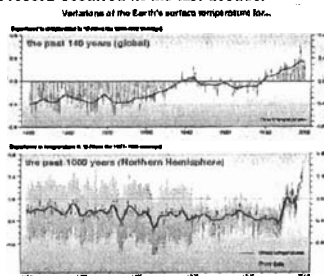


Global Temperature Increasing

- Rise in CO2 levels closely follows rise in temperature:
 - Global temperatures rose 1°F in past 100 yrs, most in last 30 yrs
 - 9 of 10 hottest years on record occurred in the last decade.


- Nighttime daily minimum temps increasing 2x faster than daytime maximum temperatures.

- Rate of warming much greater than in any of past 9 centuries.



Impacts Occurring Now


Changes in Nature



Habitats are shifting, affecting wildlife food supplies and migration patterns

↑
Antarctic Penguin populations have shrunk 33 % in 25 years.

→
Bleaching of coral reefs due to rising sea temperatures - have already lost 60% of tropical corals



Predicted Future Impacts

- CO2 concentrations may increase to 540 ppm - 970 ppm (currently 370 ppm)
- Average global temperatures predicted to increase 2.5 - 10 °F; U.S. will be higher
- 3-day heat waves expected to increase 5-10x
- Glacial melting will accelerate
- Sea levels could rise 8" - 24"
- Agricultural crops, natural habitats and wildlife populations will shift significantly
- Range of disease-carrying mosquitos and other insects will expand

Predicted California Impacts (540 ppm CO2)

- Temperature Increase of 3.0 – 5.4 °F
- 30-60 % loss in Sierra snow pack
- 15-35 cm (6-14 Inches) of Sea level rise
- 2-2.5 times as many heatwave days in major urban centers
- 2-4 times as many heat-related deaths projected for some urban centers
- 25-35% Increase in days meteorologically conducive to Ozone formation
- Up to 1-1.5 times the number critically dry years
- 3- 6 % increase in electricity demand
- 7-14% decrease in forest yields (Pine)
- 10-35% Increase in the risk of large fires

Predicted California Impacts (970 ppm CO2)

- Temperature increase of 8.0 – 10.4 °F
- 90% loss in Sierra snow pack
- 55-75 cm (22-30 inches) of Sea level rise
- 3-4 times as many heatwave days in major urban centers
- 2.5 times the number critically dry years
- 20 % Increase in electricity demand
- 4-10 times as many heat-related deaths projected for some urban centers
- Decrease in Forest yields not evaluated for this scenario
- Increase in Fire risk not evaluated for this scenario
- Increase in days meteorologically conducive to ozone formation

Current Programs to Address Climate Change


- International
 - Kyoto Protocol emission targets
- National
 - Federal research
 - Voluntary programs
- State
 - California emission reduction targets
 - Programs in other states
- Local
 - U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
 - Cities for Climate Protection milestones
 - Air district programs

SLO County APCD Climate Protection Program


- Develop a countywide inventory of GHG emissions
- Target a % of mitigation grant funds for GHG reduction projects
- Quantify the GHG reduction benefits from existing district programs
- Develop public education & outreach programs
- Encourage local governments to join the International Cities for Climate Protection Program or sign U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Develop a strategic partnership with Cal Poly to assess GHG Impacts and aid with outreach efforts
Join the California Climate Registry



Human Health Impacts



2003 heat wave in France killed nearly 20,000 people and caused \$4 billion in agricultural damage.



2002 flooding in Dresden required evacuation of all 4 hospitals and increased exposure to diseases and toxic substances in water.

Economic Impacts

Extreme Weather Events
Average annual economic losses per decade have increased 12x since 1950: from \$4 billion - \$49 BB

Global ranks of extreme weather events

120 bn

Annual losses \$bn

total economic losses

insured losses


average per decade

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000

Number of events


Source: Munich Re, 2005

Glaciers Receding




Arctic Sea ice Boundary (1979)

Since 1979, more than 20 percent of the polar ice cap has melted away. (From NRDC, courtesy of NASA)



- Global warming hitting poles twice as fast as rest of planet
- Glaciers worldwide receding rapidly

Snowmelt Is Declining



Warmer winters have already caused:

- Reduced snow pack
- Earlier snow melt
- Decreased spring runoff by 10%

Sacramento River Runoff
April - July Runoff in percent of Water Year Runoff

1960-1970


1971-2000

17 year running average

Water Year (October 1 - September 30)

Major effects on water supply and Delta system in California

Sea Levels Rising



Tourists wading across San Marcos Plaza in Venice due to rising waters of Adriatic Sea

Global sea levels rose 4-8" over the past 100 years, a rate 3 times faster than occurred over the past 3000 years.

Sea levels in CA increased 7" since 1850

U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- Proposed by Seattle Mayor Nickels in June 2005
- 219 mayors have signed representing over 43 million people
- Commits city to 3 actions:
 - Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns
 - Urge state and federal governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the GHG reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol – 7 % reduction from 1990 levels by 2012
 - Urge U.S. Congress to pass GHG reduction legislation, which would establish a national emissions trading system.

Cities for Climate Protection

International program focused on local adoption of GHG reduction measures

- Over 650 local governments worldwide
- Over 150 in U.S., nearly 30 in California

Commit to adopting 5 milestones:

- Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
 - Based on energy consumption & waste generation
 - Calculate GHG emissions for base year (e.g. 2000) and forecast year (e.g. 2015)
- Adopt an emissions reduction target for the forecast year
 - Fosters political will and creates framework for measure development and implementation

Cities for Climate Protection

- Develop a Local Action Plan
 - Timeline, a description of financing mechanisms, and an assignment of responsibility to departments and staff
 - Public awareness and outreach campaign
- Implement policies and measures, for example:
 - Energy efficiency improvements to municipal buildings and water treatment facilities
 - Streetlight retrofits, public transit improvements
 - Installation of renewable power applications, and methane recovery from waste management
- Monitor progress and adjust as appropriate

Tools available to calculate baseline/forecast emissions and reductions achieved with plan implementation.

Recommendations

- Commit to adopting the U.S. Mayor's Agreement for Climate Protection or the Cities for Climate Protection program to reduce GHG emissions locally
- Direct staff to work with APCD and community partners to bring program options back to Council for consideration and approval w/in 6 months

Program Assistance

- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
 - \$600 Annual membership fee
 - Free emissions inventory software & training
 - Best practices from other member agencies
 - Free consultation

Contact Info: Garrett Fitzgerald, Susan Ode
510 844-0699
www.iclei.org

SLO Air Pollution Control District

- Assistance with emissions inventory and plan development
- Contact Info: Melissa Guise
781-5912

Potential Local Actions

- Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system
- Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-killing messages
- Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production
- Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
- Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO2
- Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

Potential Local Actions for Climate Protection

- Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system
 - Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages
 - Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production
 - Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
 - Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂
 - Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.
 - Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan
 - Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and foster compact, walkable communities
 - Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit
 - Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in “green tags”, advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology
 - Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money
- Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use

ENDORISING THE U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increased risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land, and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves; more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S. would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, many leading US companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the US to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting, reads:

The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes 1) clear timetables and emissions limits and 2) a

- flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
 2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
 3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
 4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
 5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
 6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
 7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
 8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
 9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
 10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
 11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO₂; and

12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting and urges mayors from around the nation to join this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The U.S. Conference of Mayors will work in conjunction with ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and other appropriate organizations to track progress and implementation of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement as amended by the 73rd annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement – Signature Page

You have my support for the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mayor's Email: _____

Staff Contact Name: _____

Staff Contact Title: _____

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Please add my comments in support of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
We will add these to the Website (*optional*):

Please return completed form at your earliest convenience to:
US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

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Office of Sustainability and Environment
Seattle Municipal Tower
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I am Rose Monroe. For the past 27 years I have lived at 12 Flag Way in Paso Robles. Speaking to you tonight I'm reminded of a story you may have read in a Library book. It's about a camel whose master's home was a handsome tent. The camel lived outside. One night he asked the Master to let him put his cold nose inside the tent. The Master, said, O.K. for one night.

I tell you this story to remind you of one of the consequences of priorities you are setting in this year's budget:

Let me refresh your memories.

In 1900, the Paso Robles Women's Auxiliary had a Reading Room at 12th and Park. They approached the Andrew Carnegie Foundation to fund a Paso Robles Public Library. With the City's help, on January 29th, 1908 the red brick building that still anchors our Downtown Park was dedicated. The cost: \$10,000.

When a County Library system was formed, Paso Robles was asked to give up its independence. Over the years, Paso Robles made sure that never happened. Our Library Board of Trustees derives its general authority and powers under the Education Code Sections of the laws of the State of California and acts for the City of El Paso de Robles in accordance with the provisions of Title 2, Chapter 2.12 of the City's Municipal Code. It receives county funding each year for the services it renders to outlying areas.

By the middle of the 20th Century Carnegie Libraries across the country were legally closed because of the Federal Disability Act. Paso Robles knew they had to revise the Library or close it. The City found asbestos in the building. The Library had to compete with other city demands for funding a new Library.

In 1981, volunteer citizens conducted a citywide survey on Library needs. We didn't hire outside people to find out what our City needed. We established a Future Planning committee, made a video, presented it to Council. In it we pointed out that Mayor Barney Swartz had just succeeded in talking Otto Sharp, owner of the apartment complex on the corner of 1st and Spring St., into leaving \$500,000 to the City in his will. Otto, now deceased, favored the library. We established A.C.O.R.N. to explain our needs.

But serving on Council were 3 members who advocated a Parks and Recreation Building. In 1989 Centennial Park was opened with some of Otto Sharp's and City's money. As one of the Councilmen at the time told me, while flaking the ashes off an imaginary cigar, "Rose, them as has the votes, gets." Undaunted dedicated Library supporters worked on.

We were again at the top of the priority list in 1990, competing again. This time it was with the need for a new City Hall.

When Councilwoman Betty Cousins on May 29, 1990 made the motion to tear down City Hall we agreed to compromise. City Hall would temporarily move into the second floor of the Library Building but only for 5 years.

To the credit of Council, this time we hired a firm of Library architects , It was on this basis that grants were obtained from state and federal sources to build a Library.

Anyone who works in politics has to learn the art of compromise. So we let the camel put his nose into the tent to accommodate City Hall.

We gave up the necessary room for an expanded adult collection so that the Childrens' Library could receive its full space. We were promised there would be plenty of computer jacks for Internet connections when City Hall moved out in 5 years. A.C.O.R.N. began its campaign to raise \$500,000 to purchase the furnishings and necessary equipment for the Library.

With these and other compromises the new Paso Robles Library was dedicated on February 22nd 1995.

But carved in stone over its sliding glass doors was the legend The Paso Robles Library and City Hall.

When citizens demanded expanded hours 100 of them defied traditional Library policies , got trained and moved in to do the work of paid staff by manning the circulation desk, shelving mending and cataloging books so that we could operate effectively . A Library Foundation was formed to give assistance to funding by the City.

As the city grew, the need for more staff persons for the City grew. Still you didn't move out. Buildings were purchased or leased to provide necessary space. I understand that right now you will need space for 36 more people in the City's workplace.

As a taxpayer I believe you can do that most effectively under one roof, in a well designed, City Hall.

But as 5 years became 10 years, you constructed a City Services Building on the ground that we had been led to believe would house City Hall with money we erroneously believed you were putting money aside to fund it, our plans have become an unrealistic dream.

Then last week I learned not only are you not going to move out soon, you won't have vacated our premises for another whole generation.

I am not so naive as to ask you to remember promises. I haven't adequately studied the complex problems you face. I just want to remind you of something you already know: every decision you make tonight has far reaching consequences.

And to remind the Board of Trustees and all the taxpayers who utilize our constricted Library how the game is played. Maybe someday we will learn how to "git those 3 votes." to give our city's primary jewel enough space to fulfill its dedication to continuous learning.

Thanks for listening. I wish you well.

June 4, 2007

City Council
City of Paso Robles
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**RE: Olsen-Beechwood Specific Plan - Olsen Comments on the EIR
Alternatives**

To the City Council:

The Olsen family supports the planning concepts in the City's draft Specific Plan for the Olsen-Beechwood Planning (OBSP) Area. The family also sees the Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) concept as a positive addition to the Paso Robles community as whole. The TND principles incorporate quality of life enhancements, such as open space and walking trails, and environmental mitigations, such as creative treatment of storm runoff into family neighborhoods.

In addition, by integrating a broad range of housing types and prices, TND principles help create livable and sustainable neighborhoods, for the betterment of the City and its residents. Achieving all these benefits relies on an efficient and appropriate density that provides for reasonable growth and delays future expansions of the City.

Our concern is that the EIR must evaluate buildout alternatives that will provide for more homes than the Specific Plan concepts plans show now and not underutilize the land. The plan's density is less than that of the adjoining existing neighborhoods. It is important that the Specific Plan provide for economically viable homebuilding projects, or the projects will not be built and all this work will have been in vain. We believe that is also important to maximize the use of these properties to delay future expansions into the city's rural edge to accommodate the demand for homes.

EIR Analysis for More Dwelling Units

As the Council knows, the Specific Plan EIR is required to evaluate project alternatives. We ask that Council direct staff to evaluate two types of alternatives:

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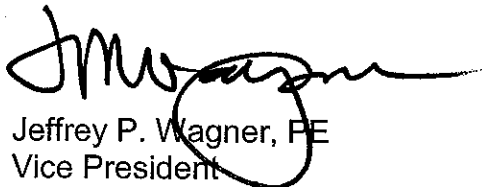
- **The General Plan's base case units, plus 30%.** This "Base ++" case, would allow up to 875 units for the Olsen half of the OBSP. This would provide densities closer to what experienced TND builders have indicated is needed to attract their participation. The current plan's density of approximately 2.9 units/acre may work for standard a subdivision. However, the consensus is that this density is too for projects envisioned in the OBSP, with such heavy up-front infrastructure costs and long-term realization of potential real estate premiums.
- **The General Plan's base case units, plus 50-75%.** We believe that there is merit in evaluating an alternative with densities beyond those studied in the Polyzoides studies, to establish the true carrying capacity of the properties in the OBSP planning area and to identify the related offsite impacts. We believe that analyzing densities that fully utilize the land's housing capacity is a worthy endeavor. If impacts prove less than anticipated by some, then the City would not have arbitrarily underutilized these areas to address future housing demands. On the other hand, if impacts prove greater than anticipated and cannot be mitigated, the density could be put to rest.

We believe that the City owes it to itself to evaluate higher densities on the OBSP properties. Doing so will provide the answers to the question of what higher densities would bring. Building at a density more typically associated with successful TND projects would better enable builders to:

- Create the efficiency and affordability needed in Paso Robles
- Afford the heavy, up-front infrastructure requirements
- Afford the extra benefits the City and community desire

In closing, the Olsen family believes that the OBSP EIR should evaluate higher densities so that the TND vision can be implemented successfully and be the means for meeting the City's housing needs of the future. Thank you for your consideration.

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