



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

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008 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** – Patrick Sheehan

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ann Robb, Director of Library and Recreation Services, introduced a member of the 2007/2008 Youth Commission, Jackie McReynolds.

**AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)** - None

**PRESENTATIONS**– None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Use of Redevelopment Funds for Carnegie Library Repair & Rehabilitation**  
R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council held a public hearing regarding use of redevelopment tax increment funds for the Carnegie Library Repair and Rehabilitation project and approved the use of the funds for the project.

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:

- (1) Adopt Resolution No. 08-017 making the appropriate findings and approving the use of \$400,000 redevelopment funds for the Carnegie Library Repair Project; and
- (2) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. XXX N.S., amending the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget to appropriate redevelopment tax increment funds to Carnegie Library Repair and Rehabilitation Project, and set March 18, 2008 as the date of adoption of said Ordinance; or

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.

2. [Approve City Council minutes of February 5, February 7, and February 19, 2008](#)  
Councilmember corrected Item No. 2 in the February 7 Minutes, to read that Mayor Pro Tem Nemeth opened the public comments.
3. [Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 75390—75552 \(02/01/08\), 75553—75674 \(02/08/08\), 75675-75810 \(02/15/08\), 75811-75940 \(02/22/08\) and Other Payroll Services](#)
4. [Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:](#)  
[Library Board of Trustees meeting of January 10, 2008](#)  
[Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of December 11, 2007](#)  
[Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting of January 14, 2008](#)  
[Youth Commission meeting of January 8, 2008](#)
5. [Approve a Special Events request from the North County Cloud Clippers \(a local radio controlled model aircraft club\) to utilize a portion of the Municipal Airport to host an open house/air meet Airport Day 2008 on Saturday, September 13, 2008.](#) The Airport hosts a number of aviation fly-ins and special events each year as part of its on-going promotional effort. The Citizens' Airport Advisory Committee reviewed the request from the Cloud Clippers at their January 24, 2008 meeting and recommends approving the request.
6. [Adopt Resolution No. 08-018](#) awarding the contract for design services for water line upgrades in 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Street to Cannon Associates in the amount of \$28,200.
7. [Adopt Resolution No. 08-019](#) renewing the Narcotics Task Force Interagency Agreement for the term beginning in July 2007, and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement. The revised agreement was prepared with input from 12 participating agencies and Department of Justice, and will ensure the continuation of an organized undercover narcotics enforcement effort within the City of Paso Robles.
8. [Adopt Resolution 08-020](#) accepting the Grant of Avigation Easement from Vina Robles, Inc. for the Vina Robles winery and resort located on Mill Road, south of Highway 46E, related to PD 02-002.

9. [Adopt Resolutions<sup>1</sup>](#) accepting the Irrevocable and Perpetual Offer of Dedication for road purposes along Mill Road, accepting the Easement Grant Deed for a Public Utilities Easement, and the Easement Grant Deeds for water line easements, all related to PD 02-002, Vina Robles, Inc.

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 2 - 9 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, with Councilmember Hamon abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 075446 and Councilmember Picanco abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 075536 and 075796, and Mayor Mecham abstaining on Warrant Register Item Nos. 075660, 075780 and 075832.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

## DISCUSSION

10. [Agreement with Parks 4 Pups](#)

A. Robb, Director Library and Recreation Services

The City Council considered continuing a suspension of enforcing the ordinance prohibiting dogs in city parks in a designated area of Centennial Park and renewing an agreement with Parks 4 Pups.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Paula O'Farrell, President Parks 4 Pups. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-027 which indefinitely suspends enforcement of Chapter 8.08.055, Dogs in Public Places, on a designated walking path in Centennial Park, and authorize an agreement with Parks 4 Pups to supply and monitor dog waste dispensers on the trail.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 08-021 Irrevocable and Perpetual Offer of Dedication for road purposes on Mill Road by Vina Robles, Inc.  
Resolution No. 08-022 Accepting Easement Grant Deed for public utilities from Vina Robles, Inc. and Monahan  
Resolution No. 08-023 Accepting Easement Grand Deeds for waterline easement from Handley  
Resolution No. 08-024 Accepting Easement Grant Deeds for waterline easement from Munde  
Resolution No. 08-025 Accepting Easement Grant Deed for waterline easement from Vina Robles, Inc., Monahan and Hall  
Resolution No. 08-026 Accepting Easement Grand Deed for waterline easement from Vina Robles, Inc.

**11. Oak Park Senior Housing Appropriation**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered appropriating Redevelopment Low and Moderate Income Housing (LMIH) Funds for the Oak Park Senior Housing Project, located at 801 – 28<sup>th</sup> Street. The Implementation Agreement to a Participation Agreement for the project was previously approved by the Redevelopment Agency on December 6, 2005 (RA 05-03). Ed Gallagher, City Planner 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 Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. XXX N.S., amending the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget to appropriate \$1,200,000 in redevelopment funds to be used as a loan to the Paso Robles Nonprofit Housing Corp. for the financing of construction of a 40-unit senior housing complex, and set March 18, 2008 as the date for adoption of said Ordinance.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

**12. City Contribution for Disaster Relief**

J. App, City Manager

The City Council considered disposition of an unused donation of \$10,000 designated for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. (Continued from January 15, 2008).

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 authorize reallocation of the \$10,000 to the Food Bank for existing food programs for hunger relief in Paso Robles.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Following further discussion, Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to authorize the return of the \$10,000 from the Food Bank and reallocate the funds to the General Fund.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

**13. Code Enforcement Priorities**

L. Solomon, Chief of Police

The City Council reviewed current code enforcement responsibilities and priorities for addressing and enforcing code violations in the City of Paso Robles.

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 receive and file the report, and for each Councilmember to provide a rating matrix for prioritizing the Code Enforcement program to the Police Chief. The item was continued to a future date for public comment.

Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote.

**Reconsideration of Item No. 12**

At this point representatives from the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County arrived at the meeting. Mayor Mecham, having voted in the majority for Item No. 12, moved to reconsider the City contribution for Disaster Relief. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, and passed by voice vote.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco moved to rescind the action taken by Council under Item 12 (to authorize the return of the \$10,000 from the Food Bank and reallocate the funds to the General Fund).

Mayor Mecham re-opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Keith Belmont and Carl Hansen. 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 allow the funds to remain with the Food Bank for the operation of two existing food programs, the Senior Brown Bag Program, and the USDA Commodities Program. Further, it is the Council's stipulation that funds be held in reserve to replenish these programs as residents of the Paso Robles community deplete the inventory of food and supplies necessary to keep these programs viable for local residents.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Council adjourned for a 10-minute recess and reconvened at 9:00 PM.

**14. Mobile Computers – Police and Emergency Services**

L. Solomon, Chief of Police

The City Council considered purchasing Mobile Data Computers (MDC) and accessories for Public Safety vehicles through an established bid award, to Data 911. The City approved the MDC project in March 2007.

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. 08-028 authorizing the Chief of Police and Chief of Emergency Services to contract with Data 911 in the amount of \$145,100 for purchase and installation of MDC, with Sierra Wireless in the amount of \$18,200 for installation of the initial wireless network connection, with continuing monthly network service through Verizon in the amount of \$8,400 annually.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

**15. Proposition 1B – Local Streets Maintenance & Upgrades**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council considered accepting Proposition 1B funds of \$474,713, and allocated the funds to the South Vine Project.

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 Strong, moved to direct staff to submit an allocation request to the State Controller's Office for Proposition 1B funds for the South Vine Pavement Upgrade/Rehab Project.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

**16. Award Contract for Rehabilitation of Wells**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council awarded a contract to rehabilitate Dry Creek Well No. 18 and Thunderbird Well No. 10. The adopted Capital Improvement Program budget contains an appropriation of \$185,000 for well rehabs, and an additional \$35,000 is needed to cover the contract and contingencies.

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. 08-029 authorizing the following:

- (1) Approving a one-time supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$35,000; and
- (2) Awarding the contract to rehabilitate Dry Creek Well No. 18 and Thunderbird Well No. 10 to N. Rex Awalt, dba Aqua Engineering, in the amount of \$199,985.98.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

**17. Special City Council/Planning Commission Meeting -  
Downtown Parking Management Plan**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council scheduled a joint study session with the Planning Commission to receive a report and accept public testimony on the Downtown Parking Management Plan, with presentations by Parking Design Group, and Dr. Donald Shoup, Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA.

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 set a noticed Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission for Tuesday, March 25, 2008, a regular Planning Commission meeting night. Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote.

**Addendum Items**

**18. Economic Strategy – Public Relations Services & Branding Services**

J. App, City Manager

The City Council considered Promotions Coordinating Committee (PCC) recommendations for Public Relations and Branding Services.

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 authorize entering into a contract with the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance for public relations services in the amount of \$30,000.00, and entering into a contract with Kraftwerks for branding services in the amount of \$40,000.00.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**19. Regional Housing Needs Allocation**

J. App, City Manager

The City Council approved submitting a viewpoint letter to *The Tribune* regarding the City's proposed modification to the formula for distributing State housing allocations.

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 authorize submission of the Letter to *The Tribune* under City Council signature. Motion passed by the following unanimous voice vote.

**20. Stewardship Council Collaboration Grant – Partnership Support of Application**

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

The City Council considered partnering with the Paso Robles School District, the Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) in filing a Grant Application for enhancement of educational opportunities related to restoration and consideration.

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 Hamon, moved to adopt Resolution No 08-030 supporting partnership in this Stewardship Council Grant application, and authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter indicating Council support of the grant application

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**CITY MANAGER** - None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended)**

Mayor Mechan announced that he would not be attending the Caltrans Workshop on March 5<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending an Alternative Water Resources Conference in Sacramento.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 PM to:**

- Caltrans Workshop, "Route 46 East for the Future Cal Trans", at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles
- San Luis Obispo County, Department of Planning and Building, "Conservation and Open Space Element" Open House, at 3:00 PM, on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles
- PCCHA Trainers Dinner & Youth Auction, at 6:00 PM, on Saturday, March 15, 2008, Commercial Building # 2, at the Paso Robles Events Center, Paso Robles
- The Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

Submitted:

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Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

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COUNCIL AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.**