



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Bob Bryant, representing the Pioneer Museum Board, requested approximately 200 feet of additional storage space west of Buggy Barn be considered by Council at future meeting
- Robert Fonarow, on community effort regarding Paderewski Festival (11/14-16/2008)
- Natalie Schaefer, annual report of the Children's Museum (attached)
- Kathy Barnett

Both Mayor Mecham and Mayor Pro Tem Nemeth congratulated the Board of Directors of the Paderewski Festival on the success of the festival, and the honor bestowed on the City by visiting Polish Government dignitaries.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED

City Manager Jim App advised Council that Agenda Item No. 3 was recommended for continuance by staff to December 16, 2008. Due to clerical error, Item Nos. 16 and 17 were recommended to be pulled from the Consent Calendar and considered under the Public Hearing section of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Golden Hill Senior Housing Project (Multiple Applications)**

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council considered applications filed by Golden Hill Development LLC (Jon Basila) for the Golden Hill Senior Housing Project for property located at 1450 Golden Hill Road (Rezone 07-003, PD 07-014, CUP 07-020, PR 06-272; APN 025-366-012 025-366-018).

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Councilmember Picanco disclosed an *ex parte* meeting with the applicants. Speaking from the public was Jon Basila and Bill Hawk (joint applicants), Christie Gabler and Larry Werner (North Coast Engineering), Annie Robb, Lynda Holt, Paul Rae, Paula Fisk, Dan Lloyd and Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Council adjourned for a 10-minute recess and reconvened at 9:05 PM.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-167 to approve the Golden Hill Retirement project consisting of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment 07-003, Rezone 07-003, PD 07-014, CUP 07-020 and PR 06-0272.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to Adopt Resolution No. 08-168, General Plan Amendment 07-003.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved by separate motions to:

1. Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 951, N.S. approving Rezone 07-003; and to set December 2, 2008 for adoption;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 08-169 approving PD 07-014 eliminating Condition 16, and with revised wording for Condition 15 ; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 08-170 approving CUP 07-020; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. 08-171 approving PR 06-0272.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

2. Street Abandonment SA 08-004 (Hawk)

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council adopted a revised resolution for a summary vacation of an un-named public right-of-way along the east side of Golden Hill Road, south of Gilead Lane.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Jon Basila (applicant), Larry Werner, Kathy Barnett and Sheilah Baker. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adopt a revised Resolution No. 08-172 approving the request to abandon a right-of-way east of Golden Hill Road and south of Gilead Lane, with conditions.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

3. Mitigated Negative Declaration for Paso Robles (Nacimiento) Water Treatment Plant and Main East Pipeline

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council continued the Public Hearing for the project to December 16, 2008, to allow additional time to evaluate the greenhouse gas impacts of 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.

On a motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong, by General Consent, Council moved to continue the Public Hearing for the project to December 16, 2008.

By General Consent, Council moved Item Nos. 16 and 17 forward to hold the Public Hearing for each item.

16. Annexation of Tract 2778-2 into the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the annexation of commercial-industrial Tract 2778-2, an 11-lot subdivision of a 28-acre site located on the east end of Wisteria Lane, into the Landscape and Lighting District in association with the recordation of the Final Map. (Applicant Ranch and Coast Properties, Inc., Erskine).

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

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to

- (1) Adopt Resolution No. 08-173 declaring the results of the property owner protest ballot proceedings conducted for the proposed levy of assessments related to the annexation of Tract 2778-2, as Sub-Area 37 of the Paso Robles Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1, commencing in fiscal year 2009/2010; and
- (2) Adopt Resolution No. 08-174 approving and adopting the Engineer's Report regarding the annexation of Tract 2778-2, as Sub-Area 37 of the Paso Robles Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District; and the levy and collection of annual assessments related thereto commencing in fiscal year 2009/2010; and
- (3) Adopt Resolution No. 08-175 confirming the annexation of Tract 2778-2 as Sub-Area 37 of the Paso Robles Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 and the assessment diagram connected therewith; and ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2009/2010.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

17. Annexation of Tract 2772-1, Tract 2772-2 and Parcel Map PR 07-0294 into the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council held a Public Hearing to consider the annexation of commercial-industrial Tract 2772-1, 2772-2 and Parcel Map PR 07-0294 into the Landscape and Lighting District in association with the recordation of the Final Maps. Tract 2772 is a 36-lot subdivision of a 43.83 acre site located in the south and west of the intersection of Dry Creek and Airport Roads. Parcel Map PR 07-0294 is a three-lot subdivision directly adjacent to Tract 2772. (Applicant Airport Road Business Park, LP, and Dry Creek Partners, LLC, [Mondo-Hoskin]).

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

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Hamon, moved to

- (1) Adopt Resolution No. 08-177 declaring the results of the property owner protest ballot proceedings conducted for the proposed levy of assessments related to the annexation of Tract 2772-1, Tract 2772-2 and Parcel Map PR 07-0294, as Sub-Area 116 of the Paso Robles Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1, commencing in fiscal year 2009/2010; and
- (2) Adopt Resolution No. 08-178 approving and adopting the Engineer's Report regarding the annexation of Tract 2772-1, Tract 2772-2 and Parcel Map PR 07-0294, as Sub-Area 116 of the Paso Robles Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District; and the levy and collection of annual assessments related thereto commencing in fiscal year 2009/2010; and
- (3) Adopt Resolution No. 08-177 confirming the annexation of Tract 2772-1, Tract 2772-2 and Parcel Map PR 07-0294 as Sub-Area 116 of the Paso Robles Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 and the assessment diagram connected

therewith; and ordering the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2009/2010.

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.

4. Approve City Council minutes of November 4, 2008
5. Approve Warrant Register: Nos. 80711—80848 (10/31/08) and 80849—81000 (11/07/08)
6. Receive and file Advisory Body Committee minutes as follows:
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2008
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting of September 8, 2008
Youth Commission meeting of September 3, 2008
7. Proclamation designating November 2008 as Toy Bank Month.
8. Proclamation designating November 2008 as National Caregivers Month.
9. Proclamation designating November 2008 as National Adoption Month.
10. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 950 N.S. The Ordinance proposes to incorporate local amendments to the California Building Code concerning, climatic, geological and topographical conditions that exist within the City, as adopted by Resolution No. 08-165. (1st reading date, November 4, 2008).
11. Continue the services of 2 Point Media pursuant to the contract amendment approved by Council on October 21, 2008, on a time and materials basis, for work associated with water user rate studies.
12. Adopt Resolution No. 08-179 approving carry-over appropriations for fiscal year 2008 encumbrance requests. These appropriations represent previously approved Council budget appropriations for projects and/or equipment purchases not completed in the prior budget year. Carry-over requests total \$22,756,487 of which only \$217,472 is for the General Fund.
13. Adopt Resolution No. 08-180 approving a modification to the Unrepresented Confidential, Professional, Management Group compensation framework to provide for emergency response compensation at straight time rates for exempt employees who are dispatched to work assignments where the City receives reimbursement from either federal or state agencies. There is no impact to the City's budget.
14. Adopt Resolution No. 08-181 accepting the Grant of Avigation Easement for the land within Parcel Map PR 07-0294, located south and west of the intersection of Dry Creek and Airport Roads (Dry Creek Partners, LLC)

15. Adopt Resolution No. 08-182 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 06-0166, a three-lot commercial subdivision located at the north end of Riverside Avenue (Packer).
16. *Pulled from Consent Calendar for consideration following Item No. 3.*
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18. Adopt Resolution No. 08-183 accepting the recordation of Parcel Map PR 07-0010, a 4-unit air space commercial condominium subdivision located at 2127 Vanderlip Court (Thiessen).
19. Adopt Resolution No. 08-184 awarding the purchase of the new vehicles to the qualified low bidders and approving budget appropriations for the new additions to the fleet.

Consent Calendar Items Nos. 4-15 and 18-19 were approved on a single motion by Councilmember Hamon, seconded by Councilmember Strong.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Nemeth presented the Toy Bank proclamation to William Pluma, and Mayor Mecham presented the Caregivers Proclamation to Paula Fiske.

DISCUSSION

20. **California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation:
500-Bed Re-Entry Facility Proposal**

L. Solomon, Chief of Police

For the City Council to consider a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and San Benito, for development and operation of a 500-bed joint re-entry facility located in Paso Robles.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were state representatives from the Department of Corrections, Bob Sleppy, and Terry MacDonald, followed by 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 Nemeth, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-185 authorizing the City to enter into a MOU with the CDCR and the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and San Benito, stipulating specific conditions for operation of a 500-bed re-entry facility located within the City of Paso Robles.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

21. 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

R. Whisenand, Community Development Director

The City Council accepted the 2009 CDBG fund recommendations in the draft One Year Action Plan, and set February 5, 2009 for the public hearing for the 2009 CDBG Fund allocations. Ed Gallagher presented the staff report with revised funding amounts, and distributed a letter received from the Literacy Council for San Luis Obispo County (attached), and a letter from Anna Boyd-Buoy, from Big Brothers/Big Sisters (attached).

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Linda McGregor, 211-Hotline, and Sheryl Flores, People's Self-Help Housing Corporation. 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 identify the following applications to be listed in the Draft One Year Action Plan as being recommended for funding:

Sidewalks on Riverside Ave and 24th Street	\$212,533
Public Services Activities	\$ 40,950
Administration & Capacity Building	\$ 54,600
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	\$308,083

and set Thursday, February 5, 2009 as the date for the Public Hearing for 2009 CDBG allocations.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

22. Development Permit Extension Options

D. Monn, Public Works Director

The City Council considered extending approved building permit applications in recognition of the difficult economic times currently facing the construction industry. The City Building Division has 32 permits that are ready to issue and 36 approved permits underway. A letter from the Home Builders Association was distributed to Council.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was William Ostrander, Dan Lloyd, Bruce White 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 Picanco, moved to recommend that staff consult with local contractors and representatives of the Home Builders Association to form a committee within the next 30 days.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

By General Consent, pursuant to Council Policies and Procedures, Chapter 5, Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to extend the meeting past 11:30 PM to allow time for consideration of the remaining items.

23. Modification of Utilities Manager Position

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council considered deletion of the City Utilities Manager (one position) and instead establish Water Resources and Waste Water Resources Manager positions (two positions).

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. 08-186 establishing two full-time manager positions, Water Resource Manager, and Waste Water Resource Manager.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Nemeth, Strong, and Mecham

NOES: Picanco

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**24. Tourism Promotion: Paso Robles Events Center
Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association**

J. App, City Manager

In 2006 PCCHA committed to conduct two major multi-day equestrian competitions annually between 2007 through 2009 at the Paso Robles Events Center. PCCHA has committed to extend their stay in Paso Robles through 2014.

PCCHA requests an increase in sponsorship funding for their equestrian events. The City's Promotions Coordinating Committee has reviewed the request and have committed to raising \$10,000 from community partners, per year, for five years, if the City will match funds.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Mike Rawitser, Mark Borjon, George Hearst, Pete Clark and Matt Masia. 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 authorize continuation of \$10,000 annual sponsorship through 2014 provided an equal amount is raised from community partners.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**25. Salinas River Parkway Grant -
Appraisal Services for Land Acquisition Alternatives**

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

The City Council authorized the engagement of professional appraisal services in accordance with the City's State Grant contract for land acquisition along the Salinas river corridor.

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 adopt Resolution No. 08-187, (1) authorizing the allocation of \$49,000 from general fund reserves to supplement the Salinas River Parkway Grant funding; and (2) authorizing the engagement of professional appraisal services in accordance with the City's State Grant contract for land acquisition along the Salinas River Corridor.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

26. Award Contract for the Library/City Council Conference Room Audio/Video and Control System Upgrades

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The City Council considered options for replacing the Library/City Council Conference Room audio video and control systems, and award a contract to A-Town Media Group. Dennis Fansler presented the staff report.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Matt Gaughan, representing A-Town Media Group. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Strong, seconded by Mayor Mecham, moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-188 authorizing the contract with A-Town Media for replacement and upgrade of key system design components at a cost of \$72,000.

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

27. **Award Contract to T J Cross Engineering to Coordinate Issuance of a Request for Proposal to Draft a Landfill Master Plan**

D. Monn, Director of Public Works

The preparation of a Landfill Master Plan is included in the City's budget. Two proposals were received in response to the City's Requests for Proposal to provide project management for the development of the master plan RFP.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There were no further 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. 08-189 authorizing a contract with TJ Cross in the amount of \$14,400 to provide Project Management Services associated with the issuance of a RFP to draft a Landfill Master Plan;

Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended)

ADJOURNMENT at 1:00 AM:

- THE JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL BREAKFAST MEETING AT 7:00 AM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008 AT THE TOUCH OF PASO RESTURANT, PASO ROBLES
- OVITT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION, AT 6:00 PM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008 AT THE PASO ROBLES EVENT CENTER
- THE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CELEBRATION, AT 5:30 PM, ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2008, AT THE DOWNTOWN CITY PARK, PASO ROBLES
- THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET
- THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008, AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET

Submitted:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved:

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL OR A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORDS UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A FUTURE REGULAR MEETING.



PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2008

From November 23, 2007 to November 1, 2008, we have accomplished the following benchmarks –

Attendance: 22K

Memberships: 520

School Children: 1,600+

Volunteers: 12

Voted one of the **Best Places to Take Your Children** (New Times Poll, Spring 2008)

Museum Events/Programs

K-5th grade Standards-Based Fieldtrips

Volunteer Program

Birthday Parties

Earth Day with Zoo To You

Bike Safety Rally

Positive Parenting Classes

Autism Awareness Day

California Voices

Free Exchange Fridays

Third Sundays

Chumash Storytelling

Come Fly With Me!

Meet the Author

Ice Cream at the Museum

Outdoor Education Summer Camps

Eat Smart, Play Hard

A Talk About Careers

Firehouse Fright Night

Kids Day at the Mid-State Fair

Canyon Creek Teen Service Club

Sweet Treats

Girl Scouts Recruitment Event

Boy Scouts Recruitment Event (2009)

Ag Event (2009)

Grants

County Board of Supervisors – Title 1 School Groups and Family Memberships

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians - Storytelling

Flex Your Power Grant – Energy Conservation

SLO Community Foundation – School Fieldtrips/In-class Presentations

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Partnerships

Pioneer Museum

SLO City/ County Libraries

All Star Pets

Home Depot

MOMS Club of Atascadero

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

Cuesta College Speech Class

San Luis Obispo County YMCA

SLO Symphony

Wellness Community Network

The Kinship Center

Estrella Warbird Museum

Zoo to You/CAI Inc.

Hospitality Catering

Adopt a Highway

Pacific Gas and Electric

Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center

Boy Scouts of America, Los Padres Council

Two Little Birds Bakery

People's Self Help Housing

SLO County Office of Education

-Independent Skills Program

Paso Robles City Library

Paso Robles Public Schools

Zoo Med Labs

Cal Poly Publicity Class

DARE Program



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Paso Robles

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Planning Division

Rec'd via email.

November 13, 2008

To: Mayor of Paso Robles and Council Members

Dear Paso Robles City Officials,

We very much appreciate your past support of our organization. We take this opportunity to show what we've able to do through yours and others' funds. Also, we ask that you once again support our efforts. "The Road to Reading" is the title of an article in the November 2008 issue of The Rotarian Magazine. In it, the author Kofi Annan states: "Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman, and child can realize his or her full potential." *The Literacy Council for San Luis Obispo County, especially in today's challenging economy, very much needs your financial support so that we can continue to assist our learners in realizing their full potential.*

By training compassionate members of our community to become volunteer tutors and by managing seventeen learning centers countywide, The Literacy Council for San Luis Obispo County serves several hundred learners in any given year. Our service is to set with each learner his or hers individual literacy learning goals and consequently to assist each learner, through our Each One Teach One method, to actualize those goals. Highlights of more than 600 goals set and met in 2007-08 are: writing song lyrics, successful job searches, passing work exams, writing thank you notes, learning about food and nutrition and research on the care of a new pet iguana. Forty-one learners obtained a library card, twenty-nine read a book to their child, twenty-two received drivers' licenses and nine became US Citizens. *\$4,000.00 from the City of Paso Robles CDBG funds would help us continue our work.*

We serve individuals whose first language is English as well as speakers of English as a second language. We are delighted to share unedited comments from two of our learners. Firstly, Wen Hsu of Thailand and secondly from a man born in this county who wishes to be anonymous. *(Not an uncommon request by our English speakers. They are ashamed of the fact that they cannot read and write. We honor their courage in seeking our help. We provide a safe, nurturing environment in which to feel proud in finally learning to read and write.)*

Mr. Wen Hsu writes: *before I took a class at The Literacy Council, I couldn't read or speak with confidence. The teachers volunteer their time and are willing to share their knowledge without any prejudice. I like to improve my English because I think that it will help me handle my business better and do more positive things for my community in the future. I've learned not only English, but I've learned more about American culture, history and kindness.*

Mr. Anonymous reveals: *I remember the feelings of being embarrassed when I first entered the office. The staff immediately made me feel very comfortable. The program is phenomenal! My self worth and self confidence are better than they ever have been. Just after one year, I am now reading newspaper and magazine articles. I no longer am embarrassed or ashamed to admit that I had reading difficulties prior to the program. I know I still have a long way to go, yet I am no longer afraid to try. One of my goals is to one day tutor, and to give back to the literacy program all that it has given me.*

We know that both Mr. Hsu and our anonymous gentleman will give back not only to us but also to their communities. Please help us continue to aid them as well as hundreds of other learners. The \$4,000.00 City of Paso Robles CDBG funds will directly support our learners as they acquire literacy skills. A now famous junior senator from Illinois, addressing a literacy conference, said ***"...literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy that we're living in today."***

The City of Paso Robles CDBG funds to The Literacy Council for San Luis Obispo County is a very integral component in our ability to offer this most basic currency to many members of your community. Thank you.

Cordially,

Bernadette Bernardi
Executive Director

P.S. We have a very viable center in The City of Paso Robles. In December, we will be operating a second center in your city in partnership with People's Self Help Housing.

#21.

I'd like to thank the City of Paso Robles for the 2008-2009 allocation of \$2,000. We utilize the Paso Robles CDBG funds to match high-risk disadvantaged youth with adult mentors. The \$4000 requested for 2009-10 is pivotal to our providing mentors for children in Paso Robles.

It costs us about \$1000 to serve a child in our program for 1 year, we served 24 kids in Paso in 07-08. Therefore we spent \$24,000 providing mentors for the children of Paso Robles in 2007-2008. We hope the City will help us in defraying some of that cost. Each of the children we serve has their own story for why they need a mentor and how that mentor touches their life.

Here is just one of those stories:

Your funding supports mentors for children like Jason, age 7. When he was enrolled in BBBS, last year he was still dealing with the emotions surrounding the murder of his father and was extremely quiet and reserved. His Big Brother, Erik, let Jason take acting classes at his production company free. They had a showcase of Jason's acting and a graduation ceremony and Jason did great! Since the graduation, Jason's grandmother states that Erik's influence on Jason has been "extraordinary", his self-confidence has increased and he has been involved in other theatrical productions.

I urge you to allocate the full 15% of CDBG funds for public service activities. Thank you.

Anna-Boyd-Boyd
Big Brothers / Big Sisters



Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Mayor Frank Mecham and fellow City Council members
City of Paso Robles
1000 Spring St.
Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

Re: City of Paso Robles Development Permit Extension Options:

Dear Mayor Frank Mecham:

Due to a prior commitment tonight, I cannot attend the Nov. 18 City Council meeting. So I am presenting the Home Builders Association's comments in writing on the Development Permit Extension Options that you are scheduled to consider.

We support and hope the council will approve extending approved building permit applications for two additional years beyond what is currently allowed in recognition of the difficult economic times facing the construction industry. As you know, most economists are looking at late 2010 or early 2011 for the industry to recover. Having building permits ready to go will help the local building community, economy and city revenues revive at that time. Such an extension will not cost the city anything other than for plan checking, and we are required to deposit money to cover these anticipated expenses when our plan is submitted.

The association hopes the council will approve extensions for:

1. After the plans are approved but the permits are not pulled;
2. If the permits are pulled but construction has not started and;
3. If construction is halted prior to completion.

In addition and as significant, we ask the council to extend such other approved entitlements as development permits, use permits, and subdivisions so those projects will not have to navigate the development review process again when the prevailing adverse economic conditions end. These are projects that have already met the city's land use standards, been publicly reviewed and debated, and received the approval of decision-makers. State law allows for keeping entitlements in place for up to nine years. We ask that the city extend existing approvals for three years without an applicant having to request the extension and without any changes in the remaining time that would require altering the project design or financing in the future.

Just for the sake of clarity, we want to comment on a statement in the staff report. It oversimplifies the situation to suggest that the development community is "choosing to delay construction until the economic picture improves." In many cases, this is not a choice. Many banks have stopped lending due to uncertainty in the real estate market and a lack of liquidity in the financial sector. We are seeking breathing room to keep projects afloat during these unprecedented tough times instead of having to abandon them.

City staff is concerned that extending building permits could lead to projects that do not meet the latest seismic, fire or safety codes or could result in partially constructed projects falling into disrepair during a lengthy extension time. Those situations are extremely unlikely to occur during the short extension period we believe will be necessary. The codes are updated every three years, rarely change substantially, and just completed an update recently. At most, the codes might be updated once during such an extension and very few projects would fall into the window between

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the new and old codes. In addition, a building permit extension is not the type of permit that will make a subdivision risk falling into disrepair during these times. Actually, having the building permit extension available will decrease the remote likelihood of that occurring because the extension will let builders continue working on projects instead of forcing them to be abandoned.

We know these are difficult choices and complicated times. We appreciate your considering our point of view. We believe that extending the permits is a good investment for the community that costs the city little, if anything, and will prove financially beneficial for all in the long run.

While I am unable to attend the meeting, association members will be attending and will be available to answer any questions you have. If you choose to discuss this in more detail before making a decision, the association would make itself available to meet with city staff, a council subcommittee or both.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Bunin
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Home Builders Association

CC: City Manager Jim App
Councilman Fred Strong
Councilman Gary Nemeth
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To: Deborah Robinson
Cc: Cathy David; Shonna Howenstine; Meg Williamson
Subject: FW: Funding for Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association

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From: Vivian Robertson [mailto:vivian@midstatefair.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 1:00 PM
To: 'Frank Mecham'; Gary Nemeth; Fred Strong; John Hamon; Duane Picanco
Subject: Funding for Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association

Dear Mayor Mecham and Councilmen:

The reason for my email to all of you is two-fold. As the CEO of the Paso Robles Event Center and as a member of the City's Promotions Coordinating Committee, I respectfully urge you to support the continued sponsorship of the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association to ensure that their shows will stay in Paso Robles through the year 2014. The financial risk to deny funding certainly far exceeds the financial impact that these shows bring to the City's coffers. All of you have seen the factual data prepared by City staff that is attributed to their shows being held in Paso Robles and I am certain that you will embrace the opportunity for continued funding at tonight's City Council Meeting. The economic vitality is tremendous for Paso Robles, and the Board of Directors and I want to continue to be one of your best engines!

The PCC was created to promote tourism to conform under the City's Economic Strategy, and I am happy to say that the PCC was unanimous in their support of the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association as an important element to Paso Robles, and therefore, resolved to commit to providing matching sponsorship funds in conjunction with the City.

Today, the Paso Robles Event Center is nationally recognized as a premier equestrian facility, and most notably, for the caliber and scope of horse shows that we have been able to attract to Paso Robles. The Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association's 13-Day Futurity, and the 9-day Derby, are two (2) shows that are major events for the PREC, and moreover, for Paso Robles. We certainly feel that our efforts have added substantial resources to the City of Paso Robles, and with this in mind, I am compelled to ask for your support of continued funding to the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association. I am proud to say that I grew up in Paso Robles, and even more so, of my nearly life-long commitment to this great facility. We are successful because of the visitors the PREC attracts on a year-round basis through, not only, our annual 12-day Fair, but our interim event program as well. My commitment to the City of Paso Robles is strong and the partnership that the PREC and City have developed in recent years is very special.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to have further discussion. As always, I send my heartfelt thanks for your continued support of the Paso Robles Event Center.

Sincerely,

Vivian Robertson
CEO
Paso Robles Event Center
"Home of the California Mid-State Fair"

From: Jim App
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From: Pam Lyon [mailto:pam@estrellaassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 4:06 PM
To: Jim App
Subject: FW: Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association

Jim,

FYI -- Letter emailed to Mayor Mecham this afternoon. Identical letters sent individually to Councilmen too.

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From: Pam Lyon
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2008 3:43 PM
To: 'fmecham@prcity.com'
Subject: Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association

Good afternoon Mayor Mecham,

I am unable to attend the Council meeting this evening but would like to reinforce my personal commitment to support the PCC direction with the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association and their continued relationship with our community.

As I understand the Council has been apprised of the financial impact as a direct result of the PCCHA hosting their shows in Paso Robles. Surely current economic challenges will make the PCCHA's financial request a difficult decision for our Council this evening. However, breaking it down and weighing the loss of the Derby and Futurity exhibitions – twenty two show days; TOT results of the two events; over 300,000 annual visitor impressions; tax revenue created from food, beverage, retail and fuel sales – financial loss could be strenuous with little opportunity to recreate another event that would warrant tourism income of this caliber.

I encourage you to accept the PCCHA's request with collaborative efforts from your Promotional Coordinating Committee.

Thank you,