

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

## EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING OPTIONS: COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Monday, March 12, 2001 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD ROOM, 800 NIBLICK ROAD**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Councilmembers George Finigan, Jim Heggarty, Gary Nemeth, Duane Picanco and Mayor Frank Mecham

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This is the time the public may address the Council on items other than those scheduled on the agenda. **PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN BY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. EACH PERSON AND SUBJECT IS LIMITED TO A 3-MINUTE DISCUSSION.** Any person or subject requiring more than three minutes may be scheduled for a future Council meeting or referred to committee or staff. Those persons wishing to speak on any item scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at the time that item is being considered.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Future Funding Options for Emergency Services/Public Safety**

Briefing by Chief Doug Hamp (Department of Emergency Services) and Chief Dennis Cassidy (Police Department) and regarding two forms of new tax income as a means to fund the expansion of Emergency Services.

- Seek authorization from the California State Legislature to ask the voters to approve an increase to local (in City) sales tax rate (in place of the ¼ cent reduction just implemented by the State).
- Establish a property-type tax that would involve assessing property owners a tax based upon the degree of emergency service risk inherent to their property and/or the uses thereon.

There is the possibility that both could be sought, working one in conjunction with the other. In either case, the new tax proposals would require a 2/3's majority vote to implement. The earliest a new tax could be put before the voters is November 2001. There will be a total of four meetings scheduled to discuss the matter with the community.

**ADJOURNMENT** to THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001, 7:00 PM AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET