

City of El Paso de Robles

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 1984

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in study session on the above date, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Betty Cousins at 5:30 p.m. with the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Cousins, Ovitt, and Russell; Councilmen Stemper and Thorndyke being absent.

1. The City Manager went through a brief review of the November election results, specifically, the failure of Proposition 36. The Manager then posed the question of whether or not the Council wants to consider a toll bridge as a feasible option for bridge financing. He gave a brief update on the meeting with the bond counsel and the engineers who had worked on the Oceanside toll bridge project.

Mayor Stemper arrives at 5:40 p.m.

Discussion continued on the concept of a toll bridge and the feasibility for Paso Robles.

Councilwoman Cousins brought up the fact that she had been in contact with a person who suggested that CALTRANS again be contacted to see if there are funds available; specifically, the Safer Off System Fund. The City Manager said he would check into this item.

There was much discussion by the Council regarding various aspects of a toll bridge.

There was a motion by Councilwoman Cousins that a feasibility study be made on a toll bridge and be brought back to the Council. If the cost of such a study is \$5,000 or less, that the Council authorize the City Manager to proceed with the study. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilwoman Cousins made a second motion which recommended that a feasibility study be performed for a toll bridge. This motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Russell made a motion that staff get the costs for a feasibility study on a toll bridge and report back to the City Council on what the cost would be for such a feasibility study. Motion seconded by Councilman Thorndyke and passed unanimously.

2. The Planning Director, Ed Gallagher, made a presentation on population growth in the City to the year 2000. He had reviewed a number of documents the City has on file, the most important of which being the Gobar Report which stated that by the year 2000 the high population figure would be 22,000, a low figure would be 18,600. The current population of 1984 is estimated to be 11,600. In 1983 the City issued permits for 446 dwelling units - this year the City has issued 287 as of September. He continued to give a summary of the Gobar Report.

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Councilman Ovitt stated that he felt that the people in the community can live with the traffic today, but he is concerned about future growth.

Councilman Thorndyke said that the City should work with the County, and that the County should be giving the City \$100,000 per year towards the bridge. Also, they should be part of a district for a bridge fee, and he would also like the City to attach an escrow fee to all property transfers as a way of paying for the bridge.

Councilman Russell asked what an assessment would be for developed parcels within the City if no assessment was put on undeveloped land, and he was wondering if staff could develop this. It was discussed that this would be a very difficult item to obtain.

3. Mayor Stemper brought up the fact that the North County Contractor's Association had sent a letter to the City asking to form a committee with the City to review the City's development operations such as permit processing, fees and other areas of interest. This item will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

4. The Mayor also brought up the fact that there was a Cal Poly group that wanted to have meetings regarding Diablo Canyon and it's hazards and wondered if the Council is interested. The Council indicated that they are not interested in pursuing that.

5. Motion was made by Councilman Russell, seconded by Thorndyke and passed unanimously, to adjourn.

John R. McCarthy, City Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the meeting of the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, held on November 6, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1030 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446, has been adjourned to November 14, 1984 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1030 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446.

DATE: November 6, 1984

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

BY: 

CITY CLERK