

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION  
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 10, 1986

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in Special Session on the above date, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Betty Cousins with the following Councilpersons answering roll call: Cousins, Ovitt, Russell and Thorndyke, Mayor Stemper being absent.

1. The City Manager presented the matter of purchase of property for the Niblick Bridge located at the southeast corner of First and Spring Streets. The property is needed for the Niblick Bridge Project. The agreed upon purchase price was \$125,000; the City also agreed to leave the billboard on the property until July 1, 1987, at which time, Black Oak Restaurants will remove it. The City also helped relocate the renters on the property into other quarters. The costs involved with this were minor; less than \$500. The City Manager further advised that escrow is ready to close on this particular property and recommended that Council authorize staff to close escrow.

Motion by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Thorndyke and passed unanimously that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all necessary documents in the process of closing escrow on said property for the purchase price of \$125,000.

Mayor Stemper arrived and took his seat.

2. The City Manager presented the matter of the purchase of property for the new City Park site located off Nickerson Drive. He advised that at the Council meeting of October 1, 1985 the matter of purchasing a 16 acre parcel of land from Jim McAdams for public park purposes was discussed. At that time, the Council granted a six month time extension on this tentative tract map and authorized negotiations to take place. The property was placed in escrow conditioned on the City receiving a grant from the State for purchase.

Last week the State Department of Parks and Recreation announced approval of the Grant in the amount of \$285,000. The City will be purchasing the land at a cost of \$336,000 which is the appraised value by the City appraisal plus an estimated \$38,000 as reimbursement to McAdams for engineering plans, legal work, etc., that he has done on developing the property. The difference between the grant money and the total property costs, approximately \$90,000, will be paid for by the Park Development Fund of the City. The City needs to deposit \$100,000 into escrow immediately which will be deducted from the total purchase price. The City Manager recommended that the Council authorize purchase of the McAdam property and up to \$100,000 from the Council contingency fund to be deposited in escrow.

Motion by Councilman Russell and seconded by Councilman Ovitt to authorize purchase of the McAdam property, and authorize the expenditure of \$100,000 from the Council's contingency fund to deposit in escrow to keep the escrow open for another 45 days. The \$100,000 is to be replaced in the Council contingency fund upon receipt of the grant.

Discussion ensued; the Mayor asked if any budget has been prepared as far as offsite improvements were concerned. The Director of Parks and Recreation stated that construction has not been started, but on receipt of the Agreement from the State of California, it would be brought to Council for ratification. At that time, the Director will be asking for authorization to select a land planner for the park project.

The above motion was passed on a four to one vote with Mayor Stemper voting "no".

3. There being no further public business, it was moved by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Ovitt and passed unanimously to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of discussion of the new City Manager.

At the closed session, there was discussion of the new City Manager with no official action being taken, and upon motion by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman Ovitt and passed unanimously the closed session was adjourned to the regular meeting.

4. There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Ovitt, seconded by Councilman Thorndyke and passed unanimously to adjourn.

John R. McCarthy, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

TO CITY COUNCILMEN,  
CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES:

You are hereby notified that the members of the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles are called to meet in SPECIAL SESSION at 8:00 a.m., on Monday, February 10, 1986, at the City Hall in the City of El Paso de Robles for the purpose of discussing land acquisition for the Niblick Bridge and park property. - Closed session for discussion of New City Manager.

Date February 7, 1986

*John R. McCarthy*  
City Clerk, John R. McCarthy

We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles do hereby accept service of the foregoing notice of Special Meeting and do hereby consent and agree that the said City Council shall meet at the time and place for the purpose therein stated.

COUNCILMEN,

*Gary E. Stemper*  
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*Betty Cousins*  
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*Harry Oviatt*  
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*Mike Thorndyke*  
Mike Thorndyke  
*Nick Russell*  
Nick Russell

I, John R. McCarthy, City Clerk of the City of El Paso de Robles do hereby certify that the above notice was served in the manner provided by law and all signatures affixed thereto and the same placed on file in my office at least three hours before the time set for the holding of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the seal of said City this 7th day of February, 1986.

*John R. McCarthy*  
City Clerk of the City of El Paso de Robles.