



City of El Paso de Robles

"The Pass of the Oaks"

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING/STUDY SESSION PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL JULY 22, 1992

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in adjourned regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1030 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California, was called to order by Mayor Christian E. Iversen, on the above date, with the following Councilmembers answering roll call: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, and Iversen, with Picanco arriving at 7:48 p.m.

The City Council heard a presentation from The Director of Public Works, John McCarthy, on the status of the design of Spring Street. Mr. McCarthy indicated that staff and City Council had been disappointed in the landscape plan proposed to date. The lack of an approved plan was starting to push back the start date of Spring Street.

Mr. Robert Flowers, representing Flowers and Associates, reported to the City Council that due to the delay, a new firm had been brought on board to assist the City Council in creating a landscape vision for Spring Street. Mr. Flowers introduced the new Landscaping firm assigned to the Spring Street project.

Mr. George Girvin, from Girvin Associates, made a detailed presentation outlining themes that had worked in other communities. Mr. Girvin then went into a lengthy slide presentation which built upon the themes presented orally and outlined several possibilities for a specific theme for the City.

After much input by the City Council, Mr. Girvin asked Mayor Iversen to have the City Council review 10 key elements that would enable the Spring Street landscaping to get into a cohesive theme. Mayor Iversen asked the City Council to review each. The City Council agreed that:

1. A slow pace transition from the "gateways to the Downtown core" should be the primary character of the Spring Street theme. However, the City Council may wish to add a secondary focus area at the intersection of State 46 and Spring Street.
2. The vision that a large scale canopy of shade trees lining the street should take precedence over a 64 foot right-of-way.
3. Alternative geometries should be explored to preserve existing trees.

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4. The City Council determined the use of medians be generally restricted to the project ends. An exception may be at the intersection of 24th Street and Spring.

5. In order to incorporate private improvement into the master plan, the City Council supports master planning guidelines for the private landscape development zone outside the right of way of Spring Street.

6. Council agreed to defer the matter of the future direction of replacing on-site parking in the downtown area.

7. Replacement of current on-street parking does not control the sequence of development of Spring Street.

8. Consideration will not be given to the extension of the master plan for landscaping beautification into the Caltrans' right of way of either end.

9. City identity to entries is important through signage and monuments to strengthen the sense of gateway.

10. Existing park furnishings shall be incorporated into the Downtown core, such as: Pedestrian lighting, benches, tree grates, paving, etc.

During the meeting, the City Council, for the first time defined the "downtown core". The City Council determined that the downtown core will be between 8th Street and 16th Street.

Mr. Flowers indicated that based on the above decisions, they should be ready for an update on the progress on the design of Spring Street in about six days.

City Council adjourned on a motion by Steve Martin and seconded by Duane Picanco at 9:48 p.m.

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City Clerk, Richard J. Ramirez

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