



City of El Paso de Robles

"The Pass of the Oaks"
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Presented by Councilmember Macklin

The City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, meeting in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on the above date, in the School District Board Room was called to order by Mayor Christian Iversen.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Jim Heggarty
Councilmember Walt Macklin
Councilmember Steve Martin
Mayor Pro Tem Duane Picanco
Mayor Chris Iversen

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Albert Warren, Paso Robles resident, expressed that he was pleased with the positive rapport between the Veterans and the City and commended the City Council on its hard work.

PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Time Extension Request for Tract 2004 - Maynard Potter

Mayor Iversen announced that it was the time and place for public hearing on a request for time extension for Tract 2004 by Maynard Potter, applicant. Ed Gallagher, City Planner, explained that the request was for an one year time extension on a five-lot subdivision originally approved in 1991 and that the applicant was requesting an extension to 1994. He noted that if the extension was granted, two more extensions still would be available.

Mayor Iversen opened the public hearing.

Tim Roberts with Penfield and Smith, representing the applicant, advised that Mr. Potter would agree to the requirement that he pay future impact fees. He further indicated that he believed the added

landscaping condition would be acceptable to the client, but he first wished to discuss it with the applicant.

There being no further comments, either written or oral, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, and passed unanimously the matter be continued to August 17, 1993, to allow staff time to construct language on the additional conditions of adding a planting strip and tree boxes.

2. Time Extension Request for Tract 1895 - French Brothers Development

Mayor Iversen announced that it was the time and place for public hearing on a request for time extension for Tract 1895 by French Brothers Development.

Mayor Iversen opened the public hearing.

In response to Charles French, representing French Brothers Development, Mayor Iversen advised that the purpose of the planting strip is to have trees closer to the street and to allow for improved maintenance so the trees would have to be planted in the planting strip rather than in individual yards. Mr. French stated that in the interest of time he would prefer that he and the Council agree to the planting strip.

There being no further comments, either written or oral, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty that the matter be continued for additional verbiage. Motion passed on a 3/2 vote, Councilmember Macklin and Mayor Iversen voting no.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved upon motion by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, together with the recommendations and findings as set forth therein, waiving the reading of resolutions and ordinances in full, with the exception of Items #5 and #7 which were pulled for discussion. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, Picanco, and Iversen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Those items approved are as follows:

- ITEM 3. Approved April 6, 1993 Council Meeting Minutes (R. Ramirez, City Clerk).
- ITEM 4. Approve the Pre-Check Register (M. Compton, Dir. of Admn. Svc.).
- ITEM 6. Receive & File Planning Commission Actions Concerning Amendment to Tract 1632 - Phasing (R. Lata, Dir. of Comm. Dev.)
- ITEM 8. Adopt Resolution No. 93-142, Accepting a Grant of Avigation Easement from JST, Inc. for the Airspace Above Tract 1886 for the Unobstructed Passages of Aircraft (J. McCarthy, Dir. of Public Works).
- ITEM 9. Award the Dial-A-Ride Bus Purchase to United Bus Corp. in the Amount of \$47,902.26

Minus \$1,000 Factory Rebate if Ordered Prior to August 30, 1993. (F. Anderton, Fleet Superintendent).

ITEM 10. Award the Bid for Official Advertising Services to the Country News for a Two Year Period Ending June 30, 1995. (M. Compton, Dir. of Admn. Svc.).

Those items pulled for discussion are as follows:

ITEM 5. Authorize Second Reading by Title Only & Adopt Ordinance No. 660, N.S. Governing Cable Television Franchises Hereinafter Granted by the City of Paso Robles (M. Compton, Dir. of Admn. Svc.).

Councilmember Picanco stated he would not support the ordinance which would provide a one percent increase of fees because he felt the increase would be passed on to the consumer.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Macklin, that the Council authorize the second reading of Ordinance No. 660 N.S., regarding cable television franchises. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, and Martin
NOES: Picanco and Iversen
ABSENT: None

ITEM 7. Introduce & Read by Title Only Ordinance No. _____, N.S. Amending Municipal Code Chapter 10.04, Street Tree Planting (J. McCarthy, Dir. of Public Works).

Mayor Iversen indicated his concern that only one oak tree was recommended. John McCarthy, Director of Public Works, stated that according to arborists and the City's own experience oaks are good accent trees but are not good street trees because of the very large area required for oak trees to thrive and survive. He indicated that it was the committee's intention to further refine the list as well as complete a master street tree plan. He further stated that the ordinance does not require specific irrigation techniques but that the Planning Commission and its subcommittees' have been requiring irrigation to get trees started where substantial landscaping requirements have been imposed.

It was moved by Mayor Iversen, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, that the Council introduce and read by title only the ordinance which amends the street planting requirements. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, Picanco and Iversen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Capital Improvement Project - Spring Street Overlay, DPW 93-06

John McCarthy reported that as part of the City's \$16 million Capital Improvement Program, the City is ready to commence with Phase I of the Spring Street project which will place an overlay cap on the existing streets from 3rd to 10th Streets and from 14th through 36th Streets. Phase II will be bid at a later date and will include the reconstruction of portions of Spring Street not currently being overlaid.

When Mr. Warren asked when the project would begin, Mr. McCarthy stated that the project will commence as soon as possible after the contract documents are signed. Ollie Wybourg requested that money be saved from the Spring Street project to provide for street maintenance.

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Macklin, that the Council approve Resolution No. 93-143 awarding the low bid and authorizing the contract for the Spring Street overlay project. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, Picanco and Iversen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

12. Capital Improvement Project - Library/City Hall

Jim App, Assistant to the City Manager, indicated this project also was part of the Capital Improvement Program and that the Council was being requested to consider award for the construction of the new library/city hall at 1000 Spring Street. He stated that a critical component of the project is the community support of the group ACORN and introduced Dee Lacy, current president of ACORN.

Ms. Lacy indicated that the ACORN Board had established a task force for the project and had elected Dick Conway as its chair. Mr. Conway presented a video for the Council about the City, its citizens and its future, which was written, produced, and directed, by Barbara Durant. Mr. Conway then introduced Betty Cousins as honorary chair of the ACORN drive. He listed significant rewards and benefits of library/City Hall and advised that committed volunteers expect the project to be completed by June 1994, with groundbreaking to be held on September 10, 1993, at 6:00 p.m.

Pat Mackie congratulated the City and ACORN on the project, but expressed his concern regarding exceeding the budget. Mayor Iversen noted that the Council's action tonight would address only the construction of the building. Dick Willhoit on behalf of the Building Industry Association indicated that he fully supports the project but requested that the Council and the Association discuss the financing if the Council determines that the debt service on the unfunded issue will be funded by impact fees on new housing starts. Robert Mount requested that the Council proceed with the project. Bob Bryant advised if the Council was considering rebidding the project in order to reduce the cost it would take approximately six months and figuring interest and inflation would not make it cost effective, and Ollie Wyborg indicated that he would have liked to have seen more local contractors and suppliers included in the bid to keep the money in Paso Robles.

Councilmember Martin stated that he has been working on the project for many years, that he believed the building will be the street sign for the next 100 years in Paso Robles, and that he would be honored to move approval of Resolution No. 93-144, awarding a bid for the construction of a library/city hall at 1000 Spring Street. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Heggarty and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Martin, and Iversen
NOES: Picanco
ABSENT: None

Break 9:00 p.m.

13. Employee Benefit Plan - Medical & Life Insurance

Councilmember Martin stepped down due to a possible conflict of interest. Jim App advised the Council that the City has received a notice from the City's current employee benefit plan provider for medical and life insurance, Blue Shield, to renew the City's contract for a year with a 33 percent increase. Upon receiving that notification, staff asked Blue Shield to reconsider and advised that the City would go out for competitive bid. Two bids were received, as well as a reproposal from Blue Shield. The City Health Committee reviewed the bids and set one aside as it did not provide sufficient provider options to City employees. The remaining two bidders were Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Staff has conferred with all

bargaining groups and the groups are split as to which company they prefer. SEIU indicated a majority of its workers would prefer to remain with Blue Shield, the Police Officers Association indicated its workers would prefer to switch to Blue Cross, and Management is split.

It was moved by Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, to adopt Resolution No. 93-145 awarding the health and life insurance plan bid to Blue Cross, effective September 1, 1993. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Macklin, Picanco and Iversen
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Martin

CITY MANAGER

14. Council of Governments JPA Amendments

City Manager Ramirez reported that he was requested to discuss with other cities whether they were experiencing problems with the JPA amendments and that all cities, with the exception of San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles, have adopted the JPA amendments. San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles shared concerns regarding the configuration of the board and the fact that it is weighted towards the County Board of Supervisors. He indicated that since the Council of Governments is looking for direction from the City Council he will schedule the matter for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.

15. Staff Resource Investment Program FY 93/94

City Manager Ramirez reported that City staff has developed an organizational, cross-departmental, training program. Assistant to the City Manager Jim App noted that the City undertook a survey of employee opinion last summer and that a large majority of those workers expressed the need for additional, job-related, training. The survey also highlighted a need for improved customer service systems.

Human Resources Analyst, Barbara Partridge, noted that the first session would be held on Thursday, August 5, 1993, at the Heritage Oaks Conference Room at 8:30 and invited the Council to attend. The curriculum for the program will include a four-session customer service course to be attended by all front line employees, as well as their immediate back-up employees. Other courses to be presented will be: (1) leadership and supervisory skills training; (2) executive management, team building and goal setting; and (3) safety training courses.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

16. A & R Furniture Gallery Request for "Serta Mattress Truckload Sale"

It was moved by Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, that the request be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

City/School Liaison Committee
None.

(W. Macklin & S. Martin)

Development Committee
None.

(W. Macklin & D. Picanco)

Fiscal Committee

(C. Iversen & D. Picanco)

The Committee is working on the solid waste collection contract and will be meeting with other members of the Council.

Streets & Utilities Committee

(J. Heggarty & C. Iversen)

Mayor Iversen indicated that the speed limit survey will be brought to Council following review by the Police Department.

TCSD Committee

(S. Martin & D. Picanco)

None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

City of Paso Robles/Templeton Sphere of Influence (C. Iversen)

Mayor Iversen noted that he had been advised by a property owner that the County was moving forward with its General Plan update which includes the area from 46th South, east of 101, within the Templeton Sphere of Influence. Roger Picquet, City Attorney, reported that he and the City Manager had discussed this matter and were recommending that City staff and Council attend the County Planning Commission meetings. Councilmember Martin recommended that he and Councilmember Picanco, as members of the TCSD Committee, pursue the matter and keep the Council informed.

Mayor Iversen suggested that the residents be contacted to determine whether they wished to be included in the County or become part of the City's Sphere and eventually annexed to the City. It was determined that an informational meeting would be held for the public with members of LAFCo being invited.

Council Team Building Workshop (C. Iversen)

Mayor Iversen indicated that he is interested in scheduling a workshop session to discuss Council goals and team building with a date to be scheduled by Staff.

Report on Monterey Conference

Councilmembers reported on the conference and were pleased with being able to share the City's accomplishments with other League cities, and were pleased to see how far the City has advanced with its redevelopment efforts since 1988. Councilmember Martin suggested that the City pursue the idea of preparing professional standing presentations for things occurring within the City, including economic development and redevelopment.

Report on California Conservation Corps Groundbreaking (S. Martin)

Councilmember Martin reporting that he had the opportunity to meet the director of the California Conservation Corps who expressed appreciation to the City for its assistance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jim Heggarty

1. Would like to schedule a Council meeting to discuss City clean-up efforts with Fire Chief Doug Hamp.

Duane Picanco

1. Expressed appreciation to staff's response to the public's complaints regarding signs on posts and the former City Hall site.
2. Would like the Council to review fees being charged.

Walter Macklin

1. Received minutes of first meeting of the Housing Authority and was concerned about a comment stating that it would not oppose the City on its stand on the laundry in Oak Park because he did not think the City had taken a stand. Councilmember Heggarty reported that the concern was with the fact that residents were drying their laundry on trees and bushes and the City has an ordinance which prohibits drying laundry in front yards.
2. Asked whether the City would be a party to the \$100,000 Housing Authority expenditure for an eight foot wall, 2,020 feet long. Councilmember Heggarty stated after seeing graffiti covered walls from San Jose to San Luis Obispo, he suggested to the Housing Authority committee that they consider repairing the chain link fence and installing some entryways instead of constructing the wall.
3. Council will divide list of business/manufacturers and advise them of the Friday, August 20, 1993 technical briefing to be held by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on proposed discharge requirements.

Steve Martin

1. Encouraged Councilmembers to attend ACORN meetings to bolster efforts for the library/city hall project.

Chris Iversen

1. Buena Vista Road is in bad shape and asked whether improvements would be made.
2. Will be out of town for the next two weeks.

CLOSED SESSION

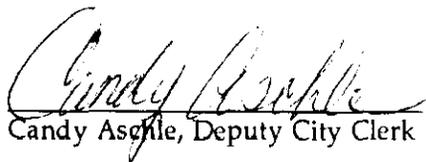
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957-Personnel, Sec. 54956.8-Real Property Acquisition, and Sec. 54956.9-Pending Litigation: Merryhill Estates vs. City, and Kuse vs. City.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully,


Candy Aschle, Deputy City Clerk

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