MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PASO ROBLES CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 2, 2001 7:30 PM

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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 Library/City Hall Conference Center, was called to order by Mayor Frank Mecham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Pat Mackie asked for an update on the Niblick Bridge project.
- Marty Meeker congratulated Councilmembers on their new Council positions, as well as their concern for the public interest regarding the Barney Schwartz Park. He expressed his displeasure of last year's agreement with the North American Jet Charter Service and urged Council to take another look at the City's contract.
- Myra Phillips (529 Ferro Lane) questioned the timing of a tree removal project scheduled for her neighborhood.

PRESENTATIONS - None

NOTICED HEARINGS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to approve the Consent Calendar, waiving the reading of resolutions and ordinances in full, with the exception of Items No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 which were pulled for discussion.

Those items unanimously approved were as follows:

1. Approve Warrant Register.
M. Compton, Administrative Services Director

8. Adopt Resolution No. 01-01 authorizing the execution and recordation of the Final Tract Map for Tract 2352, a 9-lot subdivision located on the north side of 24th Street, west of Vine Street, and accept the offers of dedication for Casa Blanca Court (a residential street 60 feet in width); and approving the Subdivision Improvement Agreement authorizing deferral of subdivision improvements to January 2002, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement; and adopt Resolution No. 01-02 annexing Tract 2352 into the Landscape and Lighting District as Sub-Area No. 59.
R. Lata, Community Development Director

Those items pulled for discussion were as follows:

2. Adopt Resolution No. 01-xx awarding the Niblick Bridge Entryway Project to the low bidder (Wysong Construction, Atascadero) for $506,700. Amenities include the installation of two bridge portals at each end of the bridge, installation of a masonry landscape wall and planter at the northeast corner of Spring and Niblick (including the City's logo), and installation of low wall and landscaping at the southeast corner of Spring and Niblick.
J. Deakin, Public Works Director

City Manager Jim App noted that Council might wish to defer this bid award because of a potential construction problem on the old bridge, which may involve additional costs that are not presently budgeted. Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Dale Gustin, Marie Payne and Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to continue this item to the February 6th meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 01-10 awarding a design contract to Cannon Associates of San Luis Obispo in the amount of $156,022 for the Upgrade to Sewer Lift Station No. 2 and replacement and enlargement of sewer transmission lines Reach 2 & 4 of the Templeton Interceptor Sewer Line and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Consultant Services Agreement.
J. Deakin, Public Works Director

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 01-03 reaffirming adoption of the Urban Water Management as was directed by Council on December 19, 2000.
J. Deakin, Public Works Director

City Manager Jim App identified a change to the resolution: Paragraph #6, line 3, was corrected to read *The Director of Public Works is authorized to declare Water Shortage Emergencies and implement the Water Shortage Contingency Plan included in the Urban Water Management Plan.*

5. Adopt Resolution No. 01-26 granting permission for Enterprises to file development applications in advance of completing an Airport Specific Plan for properties that lie within the Airport Specific Plan designation area. (The property is approximately 1.79 acres at 2200 Golden Hill Road, within the Commercial/Light Industrial C3 Zone.)
R. Lata, Community Development Director

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Staff was directed to provide Council at a future meeting the pros and cons for removing the City's requirement for an Airport Specific Plan.

6. Adopt Resolution No. 01-04 authorizing the use of a temporary fence for model home display (to assist in sales presentations of new homes in the Shadow Canyon subdivision where homes are currently under construction) on the north side of Grand Canyon Drive and the east side of Echo Court for a period of twelve months, contingent upon the applicant (James N. Guthrie, Jr.) indemnifying the City.
R. Lata, Community Development Director

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Pat Mackie and Jim Guthrie (developer). There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

7. Adopt Resolution No. 01-05 appropriating and re-appropriating specified 1998 and 1999 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for certain projects, including: Loaves and Fishes (expenses related to relocation) $20,000; Ornamental Downtown Lighting Project (Main Street) $41,000; and Carnegie Library Disabled Access Project $65,600.
R. Lata, Community Development Director

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

9. Give first reading of Ordinance No. XXX N.S. approving an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Paso Robles to modify City firefighters retirement plan so that it is equal to other City public safety (police) retirement plan; and set January 16, 2001, as the date for second reading and adoption.
D. Fansler, Management Analyst

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Pat Mackie. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to approve pulled Items No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 on a single motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

10. Emergency Services Growth Management Plan: Community Survey

J. App, City Manager

Consider funding options for, and distribution of a citizen survey soliciting input regarding, expanded/improved Emergency Services.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Dale Gustin, Pat Mackie, Sharon Miranda and Nick Gilman. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Finigan, moved to limit future discussion of funding sources for Emergency Services to the assessment of (1) a fire protection/police protection tax and/or (2) a sales tax. Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Council approved holding four public meetings to discuss Emergency Services funding options with the community. The meetings are to be held within the next two months—two on the east side of the city and two on the west side. Staff was directed to engage an outside consultant to compile the data necessary for assessing a fire/police protection tax. Councilmembers will also be speaking with California State legislators to discuss the possibility of increasing the City's sales tax rate for funding purposes.

Council adjourned for a 10-minute recess at 9:15 PM.

11. Request to Remove an Oak Tree at 2071 Fallbrook Court

R. Lata, Community Development Director

Consider a request to remove one (1) oak tree at 2071 Fallbrook Court to allow construction of a single-family residence.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Mike Menath and Marie Payne. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-06 authorizing the removal of a 24-inch diameter blue oak at 2071 Fallbrook Court (tree #15 as identified in arborist report) and requiring, as stipulated in the Municipal Code, the planting of two 24-inch box oak trees (1½ inch minimum caliper) for each oak tree removed. Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

12. Request to Remove Five (5) Oak Trees at 70 Fresno Street

R. Lata, Community Development Director

Consider a request to remove five (5) oak trees at 70 Fresno Street to allow for construction of a single-family residence.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Don Vaughn. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

It was moved by Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, and passed by unanimous voice vote to continue this item to a future meeting of the Council, allowing time for Councilmembers Picanco and Heggarty to meet with the developer and arborist at the site to identify and evaluate the trees recommended for removal. Motion passed by the unanimous voice vote.

13. Request to Remove Eighteen (18) Oak Trees at 1404 Greenwood Court

R. Lata, Community Development Director

Consider a request to remove eighteen (18) oak trees at 1404 Greenwood Court to allow for construction of a single-family residence.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Nick Gilman. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Picanco, moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-07 authorizing the removal of eighteen specified oak trees at 1404 Greenwood Court, and require that each removed tree be replaced by two (2) oak trees as specified in the Paso Robles Municipal Code. Applicant was directed to work with the Street Superintendent to determine suitable locations for the replacement trees. Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

14. General Plan Update Program

R. Lata, Community Development Director

Consider a proposed approach to, and scope of work for, updating the City's General Plan.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Mayor Mecham and Councilmember Picanco directed staff to incorporate the Salinas River into the General Plan.

Councilmember Heggarty, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP), including a suggested Scope of Work, for a multi-year, multi-phase update to all elements of the General Plan, based on a program similar in approach to that taken in the 1991 General Plan update (including one City-wide Citizen Involvement Questionnaire and four Public Workshops on General Plan alternatives). The Scope of Work would call for a separate price for each element. The Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote.

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

15. Airport Terminal Lettering

J. Deakin, Public Works Director

Consider changing the new airport terminal sign from *El Paso de Robles Municipal Airport* to *Paso Robles Regional Air Terminal*.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public were Mike Menath and Chuck Miller. There being no further comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to rename the Airport Terminal and direct staff to modify the construction contract to provide the building lettering to read *Paso Robles Regional Air Terminal*. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty and Picanco
NOES: Finigan, Nemeth and Mecham
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Finigan, moved to rename the Airport Terminal and direct staff to modify the construction contract to provide the building lettering to read *El Paso de Robles Regional Air Terminal*. Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

CITY MANAGER - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

ADVISORY BODY COMMUNICATION

16. Allocation from Senior Endowment Fund

B. Partridge, Library & Recreation Services Director

Consider authorizing the allocation of funds from the Senior Endowment Fund to purchase a video projector for senior programs as requested by the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-08 approving the expenditure of $3000 for video projector purchase. Motion passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

17. Receive and file minutes for the following meetings:

a. Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of November 9, 2000
b. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of November 14, 2000
c. Pioneer Museum Committee meeting of December 14, 2000

Councilmember Picanco, seconded by Councilmember Finigan, moved to receive and file the above minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

AD HOC COUNCIL BUSINESS

18. Data Access – City Council

D. McCue, Information Systems Manager

Consider expanding Councilmember access to City and other relevant electronic data by providing computers for their use.

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. There being no comments either written or oral, the public discussion was closed.

Councilmember Nemeth, seconded by Councilmember Heggarty, moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-09 authorizing the lease of one desktop computer and the purchase of City-standard software for shared use by Council in City Hall. The need for additional computers will be discussed at the special meeting of January 30th. Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth and Mecham
NOES: Picanco
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- Councilmember Heggarty asked Council to consider hosting a League of Cities--Channel and Tri-county cities--meeting in Paso Robles in spring, summer or early fall. Councilmember Picanco questioned the cost involved, as well as the impact on staff's time.

- City Manager Jim App noted for the record that Councilmembers would be attending a League of California Cities conference in Sacramento, January 10 through January 12.

- To allow ample time for review and preparation of staff reports, Councilmember Nemeth suggested that the Community Development Department institute a cut-off time for applicant requests to place items on the Council agenda. Staff was directed to return to Council with a time proposal that can be adhered to, which will work for both applicants and staff.

- Councilmember Nemeth spoke about quality development versus quantity development. He suggested that staff give more attention to the quality of each project. Council agreed to consider ideas for raising building standards and to provide direction to staff at the policy meeting of January 30th.

Councilmember Finigan, seconded by Councilmember Nemeth, moved to adjourn from regular session at 10:45 PM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: to THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001, AT 7:00 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 1000 SPRING STREET; AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2001, 7:30 PM AT THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING.

Submitted:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk
Approved: February 6, 2001