

# MINUTES

## **CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION**

Thursday, September 18, 2003 7:00 PM

### **GENERAL PLAN WORKSHOP: OVERVIEW OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MEETING LOCATION: PASO ROBLES LIBRARY/CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Michael Calloway, Marti Munis Kemper, Ed Steinbeck, Valerie Warnke and Chairman Ron Johnson. Absent: Commissioners Nicholas Ferravanti and Tom Flynn

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

#### **DISCUSSION**

1. Workshop Purpose and Format
2. Informational Presentation by City's General Plan Consultant – Overview of General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report
3. Next Steps – Review of Schedule and Process
4. Questions, Comments and Public Input
5. Opportunity for Planning Commission and City Council to pose questions
6. Adjournment of Public Workshop

Mayor Frank Mecham called the Public Workshop to order and announced that the Workshop was an opportunity to receive an overview of the proposed General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and to provide public comments.

Community Development Director Bob Lata reviewed the purpose and format of the Workshop. He indicated that Steve Svete with Rincon Consultant, the firm providing the City with contract assistance for the City's General Plan update program, would be presenting an overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and a comparison of the impacts associated with each of the four (4) different land use alternatives: (1) maximum development, (2) moderate development, (3) minimum development, and (4) no growth/existing General Plan.

Steve Svete made a presentation summarizing the impacts, mitigation measures, and significance/non-significance of the potential impacts of the 4 land use alternatives in each of the 12 topical areas addressed in the DEIR. The DEIR addresses:

- 1) Aesthetics and community design
- 2) Air quality
- 3) Biological resources
- 4) Cultural and historic resources
- 5) Geologic hazards
- 6) Hydrology and water quality
- 7) Land use and agriculture
- 8) Noise
- 9) Public services and infrastructure,
- 10) Recreation
- 11) Safety
- 12) Transportation/circulation

Mayor Mecham opened the public hearing. Speaking from the public was Tim Bryan, Dale Gustin, Larry Werner, Susan Harvey, Jay Huebner, Vera Wallen, Neil Olsen and Kathy Barnett. There were no further comments from the public, either written or oral and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Mecham thanked everyone for participating in the Public Workshop and asked Community Development Director Bob Lata to review the next steps and the action being sought.

Community Development Director Bob Lata stated that the Public Workshop was an opportunity to present the findings of the DEIR to the Council, the Commission, and the public. Comments are welcome and are a part of the process. After the comment period is closed, a final EIR will be prepared providing responses and the General Plan update itself will be further refined where necessary. Public hearings are scheduled for November and December.

Upon consideration of the information presented, the public testimony received, and the discussion held, it was the consensus of the City Council and the Planning Commissioners to receive and file the report.

***By general consensus of the City Council and Planning Commission, the Public Workshop was adjourned at 9:45 PM.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - -None**

***Mayor Mecham announced Council's authority to go into closed session to discuss the item listed on the Agenda.***

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

*Council moved to adjourn from closed session at 10:15 PM. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

**REGULAR SESSION**

*The City Council returned to Regular Session at 10:22 PM.*

**COUNCIL**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- To the Joint Planning Commission & City Council breakfast meeting at 7:00 AM on Friday, September 19, 2003, at Joe's Place, 608 12th Street, Paso Robles
- To the Salinas River Trails/Paths Public Workshop at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles
- To the regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- To the Joint Planning Commission & City Council breakfast meeting at 7:00 AM on Friday, September 19, 2003, at Joe's Place, 608 12th Street, Paso Robles
- To the DRC meeting at 3:30 PM on Monday, September 22, 2003, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles
- To the regular Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at the Library/City Hall Conference Center, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

Submitted:

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Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk  
Approved: October 21, 2003