



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 7:30 PM

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

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7:30 PM – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Downstairs Conference Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL Councilmembers John Hamon, Nick Gilman, Ed Steinbeck, Fred Strong, and Mayor Duane Picanco

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time the public may address the Council on items other than those scheduled on the agenda. **PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN BY STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. EACH PERSON AND SUBJECT IS LIMITED TO A 3-MINUTE DISCUSSION.** Any person or subject requiring more than three minutes may be scheduled for a future Council meeting or referred to committee or staff. Those persons wishing to speak on any item scheduled on the agenda will be given an opportunity to do so at the time that item is being considered.

- Sally Reynolds thanked Jim App for his responses to her emails. She also asked that City Council benefits be listed on the website.
- Colleen Ryan spoke about the Generation Next Youth Leadership Program and there need for funding.
- Maria Cruz spoke about her positive experiences with Generation Next.
- Nick Hunter Hasheider – spoke as a Generation Next board member about the recent cutbacks and the need for additional funding.
- Jennifer Borjon-Wescon spoke on behalf of her father's business, Golden Hills Auto Center. She thanked Jim App and City Council for leading us through these difficult economic times.
- Barbara Partridge spoke positive construction projects all over town.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED (IF ANY)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation – Youth Week (First Week of May, 2012)

Mayor Picanco presented a proclamation to Howard Wood, Elks Club representative, honoring the youth of our country.

Mr. Wood spoke about the Elks activities that support area youth.

2. Proclamation – National Volunteer Week

Mayor Picanco presented a proclamation to three volunteers of the year.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE, NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION. However, if discussion is wanted or if a member of the public wishes to comment on an item, the item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Councilmembers may ask questions of clarification without removing an item from the Calendar. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ARE APPROVED BY THE VOTE THAT APPROVES THE CONSENT CALENDAR, UNLESS AN ITEM IS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

3. Approve City Council Minutes from March 8, March 24, and April 3, 2012

D. Fansler, City Clerk

4. Approve Warrant Register No. 102542-102663 (03/30/12), 102664-102664 (04/04/12), 102665-102754 (04/06/12) and other payroll services

J. Throop, Administrative Services Director

5. Approve Advisory Body Minutes

None

6. Read, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 980 N.S. authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

M. Williamson, Assistant City Manager

7. Adopt Resolution No. 12-061 adding Ron Rinell to the City's Pre-approved Certified Arborist List

E. Gallagher, Community Services Director

8. Receive and File the Annual Transit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2011

J. Throop, Administrative Services Director

9. This item was pulled and placed at the end of the agenda.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Consent Calendar items 3 through 8 were approved on a single motion by Councilman Strong and seconded by Councilman Gilman.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Strong, Gilman, Steinbeck, Hamon, Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT

DISCUSSION

10. July 4, 2012 Barney Schwartz Park Fireworks Celebration

D. Monn, Public Works Director

For the City Council to consider a request by the Paso Robles 4th of July Fireworks Committee to again stage a community fireworks celebration at Barney Schwartz Park on July 4, 2012.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. Speaking from the public were Karl Hanson who was opposed to the event, and Al Garcia who was in favor of the event. There were no other comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Strong, seconded by Councilman Steinbeck moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-062 authorizing the use of Barney Schwartz Park for a Fireworks Celebration scheduled for July 4, 2012.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Strong, Steinbeck, Gilman, Hamon, Picanco
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

11. Letter of Intent - Pioneer Day Committee, El Paso de Robles Area Pioneer Museum and Jeanesville Oil Pump Museum

J. Dahlen, Library and Recreation Services Director

For the City Council to consider short-term extensions of occupancy for the Pioneer Day Committee, El Paso de Robles Area Pioneer Museum and Jeanesville Oil Pump Museum to allow for the negotiation of a long-term master lease with a new umbrella non-profit museum group.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. Speaking from the public was Harry Ovitt who spoke in favor of the item, and Tom Flynn, Sr. There were no other comments, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Steinbeck, seconded by Councilman Strong, moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-063 approving a Short-Term Extension for the Occupancy of City Facilities by the Pioneer Day Committee, El Paso de Robles Area Pioneer Museum and Jeanesville Oil Pump Museum for no longer than twelve (12) months to allow for the formation of an umbrella group and the negotiation of a master lease with the City for the use of City facilities.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Steinbeck, Strong, Gilman, Hamon, Picanco
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

12. Request to Remove Forty-Four Oak Trees at 3700 Mill Road (Vina Robles, Inc.)

E. Gallagher, Community Development Director

For the City Council to consider a request by Tim Reed on behalf of Vina Robles Inc., to remove forty-four additional oak trees in conjunction with the construction of the new amphitheater project.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. Speaking from the public were:

- James Tkach who is opposed the removal of the Blue Oaks and submitted his comments in written form for the record (attached herein to these minutes – Attachment 1).
- Karl Hanson who is in support the removal.
- Chip Tamagni spoke as the project arborist, in support of the removal.
- Dale Gustin opposing the removal.
- Tim Reed, Project Manager, stated that those involved in this project have taken great care to preserve Oaks whenever possible.
- Jennifer Moonjian, a Cal Trans representative, spoke in favor of saving 4 Oaks for wildlife habitat as Cal Trans desires.
- Gary Duniven believes that trees should be added not removed.

There were no other comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Strong, seconded by Councilman Gilman moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-064 approving OTR 12-005, revised to include saving 4 oak trees per Cal Trans request (Trees 210, 211, 212 & 213), thereby allowing the removal of 40 oak trees, and requiring that the Oak Tree Replacement Plan be submitted to the City prior to the issuance of the Oak Tree Removal Permit.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Strong, Gilman, Steinbeck, Hamon, Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

13. Temporary Stop Control, Riverside Avenue at 10th Street

D. Monn, Public Works Director

For the City Council to consider placing temporary all-way stop sign control on Riverside Avenue at 10th Street in conjunction with the temporary closure of 13th Street between Railroad Street and Riverside Avenue.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Gilman, seconded by Councilman Hamon, moved to direct staff to continue to monitor the intersection of Riverside Avenue at 10th Street for the need for temporary all-way stop controls.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gilman, Hamon, Steinbeck, Strong, Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

14. Review of Proposals Received for Water Attorney Services

D. Monn, Public Works Director

For the City Council to consider appointing an Ad hoc committee for the purpose of assessing proposals received for water attorney services.

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Strong, seconded by Councilman Steinbeck moved to appoint an Ad hoc committee (Strong/Picanco) for the purpose of aiding staff in review of the proposals received for water attorney services, holding interviews, and choosing a firm to provide services.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Strong, Steinbeck, Gilman, Hamon, Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Adopt Resolution No. 12-065 declaring certain City property as surplus and authorize their sale to recyclers, wholesalers or by public auction, bid or sale

J. Throop, Administrative Services Director

Mayor Picanco opened the public discussion. There were no comments, either written or oral, and the public discussion was closed.

Councilman Hamon, seconded by Councilman Gilman moved to approve.

Motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hamon, Gilman, Steinbeck, Strong, Picanco

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

CITY MANAGER – None

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Including oral reports on conferences attended)

- Councilman Strong reported on conferences he has recently attended and will be attending this year (report to City Council attached herein to these minutes – Attachment 2).
- Councilman Hamon reported on his APCD activities.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT AT 9:10PM TO:

- PLANNING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL BREAKFAST – 7:00 AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012 AT TOUCH OF PASO RESTAURANT
- PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012 IN THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES.
- REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 IN THE LIBRARY/CITY HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, 1000 SPRING STREET, PASO ROBLES.

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Dear City Council of Paso Robles,

April 17, 2012

RE: Request to remove 44 oak trees at 3700 Mill Road (Vina Robles, Inc)

My name is James Tkach from Los Osos.

I am here this evening as a concerned citizen regarding the additional oak trees proposed for removal for the Vina Robles amphitheatre project.

I understand that the project, including the removal of 68 blue trees has already been approved and that the 68 trees have already been cut. My concern is to preserve the remaining trees on the parcel to the greatest extent possible, particularly the slow growing blue oaks, in order to retain the greatest functional blue oak woodland habitat possible as well as to preserve the heritage of this City.

There are three main points I would like to bring to the attention of the Council based on review of the Director's Report to the Council as well as the rest of the agenda packet that was available on-line.

- 1) There appears to be misleading statements regarding the number of trees to be left in preservation. In the Analysis and Conclusion section, it is stated that HUNDREDS of trees are being protected on the site. According to the arborist report, 256 oak trees were accounted for. The project proponent has already removed the 68 previously requested. This currently leaves 188 trees and if the additional 44 are removed, this leaves a remainder of 144 trees. So as I interpret this information, there will NOT be hundreds of oak preserved on the site. Rather, the combined removal of 112 trees is an overall loss of 43% of the blue oak trees on this project site.

- 2) In this same Analysis and Conclusion section, language from the Paso City Oak Tree Ordinance is included. Finding 2 of the Ordinance as stated in the Director's Report is to "*allow reasonable use of the property for the purpose for which it has been zoned.*" However, Finding 2 also includes two sentences that were omitted from the Director's Report that I will now state here:

In this context, it shall be the burden of the person seeking the permit to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director that there are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed design and use of the property. Every reasonable effort shall be made to avoid impacts oak trees, including but not limited to use of custom building design and incurring extraordinary costs to save oak trees.

Based on the information provided, it appears that the proposal to remove these 44 trees, without additional justification, is not consistent with the approved City of Paso Tree Ordinance.

- Specifically, in the Director's Report Fact 6 states that there are 13 trees proposed for removal that would require additional costs and special design, but it is not clear what those costs would be with regard to the cost of the overall project.

- In addition, Fact 7 indicates that there are 9 additional oaks that are described to be inconvenient to work around and therefore are being removed for “practical purposes”. The arborists report conveys little information of the attempted extent to avoid impacts to these trees.
- And finally, in Fact 4 it indicates that 22 trees need to be removed for survey errors. It is not clear how these specific trees can not be accommodated for in the very short description from the arborist.

I strongly urge the Council to request that the applicant demonstrate to the City and to the public that there are no reasonable alternatives to the design and that every effort to save these trees has been made, including special designs and additional costs as per the Ordinance.


- 3) Finally, it is of great concern that the primary argument for dismissing these 44 trees is solely based on aesthetics. The average age of a blue oak with a diameter of 4 inches is thought to be between 50-100 years old according to a study conducted by Swiecki and Bernhardt on blue oak regeneration and according to the U.S. Forest Service, a 10 inch tree similar to those within this oak woodland may be as old as 160 years. Furthermore, mature, but smaller stature blue oaks still provide excellent habitat for foraging and nesting birds. It is concerning that the only consideration for keeping the oaks is if they provide the aesthetic value that the applicant deems attractive. This is subjective and should not devalue the significance these oak trees have on our environment and our landscape, whether large or smaller in stature.

Based on the slow growth characteristics of blue oaks, I request the Council to ask the developer to demonstrate the ability to purchase 2.5 DBH blue oak trees in such large quantities. Blue oak trees of this size would likely take years to grow and are not typically available in nurseries as they are typically not used for ornamental purposes.

I strongly urge the council to maintain the legacy of the landscape within the City of the Pass of the Oaks by requiring the project proponent to fulfill the full intent of the Oak Tree ordinance.

Thank you for your time Council.

James Tkach


Los Osos, CA

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Report to the City Council
Official Activities of Council Member Strong
March 29 – April 16, 2012
By Council Member Fred Strong

March 29: League of California Cities Policy Committee on Revenue & Finance Issues: Ontario, CA, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Various State Budget issues, low revenues which will enact “trigger cuts”, and impacts upon local government were outlined by League Tax Consultant Michael Coleman and League Staff Advocate Dan Carrigg. The Governor’s estimate was low as previously predicted and the State Treasurer and Legislature are at odds over pay since the budget presented by deadline was not balanced, in the view of the Treasurer.

A report on the next generation of local Economic Development tools was delivered. We were told that the State Legislature has realized that the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies was done without due consideration and is attempting to correct some of the damage done to state and local economies in its wake. The League is following, and supporting under specific conditions, AB 1585, SB 214, SB 1151, and AB 2144 in order to restore some methods of producing needed infrastructure and appropriate use of Redevelopment properties and bond funds. We were urged to move slowly on divesting ourselves of Redevelopment Agency properties. (8 page report available from Council Member Strong upon request)

A separate report on additional pending state and federal legislation was presented by Dan Carrigg and Kirstin Kolpitcke. The federal budget for fiscal year 2013 and the Transportation Reauthorization proposals were reviewed and a preliminary assessment presented.

We reviewed 52 Bills currently being considered in the Assembly and Senate that directly affect local government. Most of them are in too preliminary a condition to take a position on. However, close watch is being given to SB 964 and SB 965 (both by Senator Wright) which would require Regional Water Quality Control Boards to follow more rules to respect local government’s process regarding water quality. We did take a position opposing AB 2231 (Fuentes) regarding increased city liability for sidewalk injuries caused by tree root damage, regardless of whether the trees are on public or private property. It also prevents cities from charging the property owner for the sidewalk damages caused by trees on private property.

Pending Federal legislation regarding a uniform sales tax was reported on by Dan Carrigg. The report of the sub-committee I served on was given and supported. We are looking for some significant amendments to the proposed legislation before we can support it. As written it may remove the ability of cities to collect its sales tax share on some internet and catalog purchases by local residents. It also may limit the State or local control over certain sales tax charges. The League will continue to work on our behalf in this regard.

Finally, this committee reviewed the California Forward initiative called “The Government Performance and Accountability Act.” While the stated purposes of the initiative were generally supported regarding State Government, there are aspects in the current draft of the initiative which could negatively impact local government, local control and the ability of citizens to control their own local government’s actions. While aspects of the terms are stated to be “voluntary”, it is our experience that today’s

suggestions become tomorrow's mandates. Also, some aspects require State review and approval which gives the State direct control over cities. Cities are currently not a part of the State government system since they were not created by the State or the Legislature. Cities are created by their own citizens at the time that the jurisdiction becomes a municipal corporation and, as such, cannot be dissolved by anyone other than its own citizens. This legislation gives the State control over cities that may cloud this distinction.

The unintended consequences have the committee being cautious at this time. These concerns were directly stated to the two representatives of California Forward and the initiative who spoke with us.

A League Sponsors' Reception was held in the courtyard of the hotel between 6 and 9 p.m. I attended and had the chance to spend some time with Senator Dutton and Nathan Miller, District Director for Assembly Member Mike Morrell, discussing pending funding matters and legislation.

March 30: League of California Cities Policy Committee on Housing, Community & Economic Development Issues: Ontario, CA, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This meeting began with the same updates as the previous day's meeting.

Assembly Member Norma Torres had a discussion with us on pending legislation regarding post-Redevelopment Agency housing issues.

The committee took opposition positions on two bills:

According to the staff report AB 1897 would mandate a new "Healthy Food" element to local General Plans. This bill would require incentives to provide urban agriculture, discount grocery stores, free (or low cost) shuttles to and from stores, taxi vouchers and car pool programs for food shopping. It would encourage grocery stores to provide community meeting rooms, cooking classes, hire only local people, and provide composting and environmentally friendly cleaning supplies. I opposed it as "social engineering," intrusion by regional and State government into local decision making and imposing unfunded costs on cities.

AB 1627 (Dickinson) would require cities to prohibit residential, commercial and industrial building permits unless they are approved by the California Energy Commission as reducing vehicle miles traveled. I supported the staff position to oppose this legislation.

Following an extensive discussion on pre-emption of local authority to prevent public health and safety controls regarding proximity of group homes to one another per the contents of AB 2007 (Williams), the chair appointed myself, Carl Morehouse of Ventura and City Attorney Eric Vail of some small Sierra Foothill communities to draft amendment(s) to the Bill, with the author's consent, in order to preserve local control of group home facilities. *[Following the meeting I provided the first draft of the amendment (a definition of "licensed Facility") for the group discussion ... after reviewing the amendment the author withdrew the Bill the morning of our scheduled meeting on April 11.]*

April 4: Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Council Of Governments (SLOCOG):

I called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned it at noon. The meeting consisted of many information items and some significant action items. Our first item approved an additional \$260,000 for the Paso Robles Transit system from the Federal Transit Administration, under the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

The second item approved "Safety and Security" funds for the installation of video monitoring equipment on Paso Robles' buses following the next sale of Proposition 1-B bonds by the State of California and \$2,553 to Paso Robles for discretionary transportation use.

The next item moved the draft "North County Transit Plan" forward toward a June final plan adoption.

We approved a finding that there are no "unmet transit needs" that funding is available for and allocated an additional \$98,195.00 in Local Transportation Funds from sales taxes and an additional \$93,037.00 in State Transit Assistance for 2012-2013.

The Board also approved support for SB 1189 to move part of the high speed rail funds over to city-to-city rail for connectivity projects and supported a reduction in vote level from 2/3 to 55% regarding transportation bonds.

The board also postponed action on a public workshop regarding complete streets standards as developed in a widely used manual developed by the City of Los Angeles. Many participants thought we could find local experts to run the workshop at a lower cost, if the workshop is necessary at all.

April 9, Invitation only Governor's Conference on "Confronting Climate Change, A Focus on Local Impacts, Actions and Resources" held at California Endowment's Yosemite Hall in Los Angeles:

The conference was moderated by staff from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and opened with a talk by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles who urged us to "educate citizens now!"

There were two general sessions with panels of experts and six "break out" sessions. The draft "Climate Adaptation Policy Guide" manual was presented and opened officially for its 45 day public review period. Its academic consultant, Professor Adrienne Greve of Cal Poly, invited local jurisdictions to volunteer as "test jurisdictions" for free assistance in drafting their own policies per the suggestions of the guide. Only a limited number will be accepted free of charge. *[A climate action plan is mandated under current State law.]*

The draft manual needs some changes but is organized very well, in my opinion. It has a large section which provides specific modeling information for the regions of the state and goes down to each county in local stats.

For San Luis Obispo County it lists an expected temperature rise of 4.1 to 5.2 degrees in January and 5.1 to 6 degrees in July over the next 100 years, along with a reduction of 4 – 5 inches per year on average of rainfall. It points out that agriculture uses 0.9 million acre feet of water annually in SLO county while urban uses are currently at 0.25 million acre-feet/year. Our total current reservoir capacity is 1.23 million acre feet, which means we have very little reserve capacity.

I am providing a written review and list of suggestions during the draft analysis period.

April 10, Housing Authority of the City of Paso Robles:

The Housing Authority Board met from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in open session before recessing to executive session:

As liaison of the City Council I listened to the monthly reports and paid more attention to the redevelopment update presented by Ken Trigueiro. All matters appear to be proceeding smoothly and the scoring for the next round of grant funding was nearing completion. Since then I've talked with Ken and he said that Paso Robles appears to have scored high enough to make the cut for Phase One funding in this cycle.

April 11, Executive Committee meeting of the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA):

I called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and adjourned it at 11 a.m.

The Executive Director's report was favorable and indicated that difficulties on the coast route appeared to be near resolution. RTA Counsel Tim McNulty is completing the language for an amendment to the By-Laws for all members of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to approve regarding the provision of an alternate for each jurisdiction's delegate to the board and a provision intended to provide guidelines for borrowing and debt service.

The RTA is acquiring bids for best pricing to acquire 7 new low-floor buses and an additional 3 for the South County local service (SCAT). There was a discussion as to whether or not 40 foot buses were appropriate for the SCAT service. The fiscal year 2013 budget was discussed and approved at \$6.9 million for operations and \$4.1 million for capital projects. The budget is balanced.

An Executive Session was held regarding a purchase dispute and a personnel matter. No decision was rendered in either matter.

April 12, Paso Robles City Library Board of Trustees from 9 – 10 a.m.:

Routine reports were received and display art for the library was reviewed and approved. Development of a user and on-line survey was discussed and trustees will be reviewing the work already done and bringing additional suggestions to the next meeting.

April 16, LOSSAN board meeting in Orange from 11 a.m – 1 p.m.

Two items were approved regarding Bills in process in the Legislature to move governance of the corridor from Caltrans to our local board for both the LOSSAN and the San Joaquin corridors. The bills are SB 1225 for LOSSAN and AB 1779 for the San Joaquin. Final language for SB 1225 was approved and supported.

The Prioritization of capital projects for the LOSSAN corridor was also approved with a favorable recommendation from our Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). I also urged the board to support a shift of at least \$2 billion in high speed rail funds to our corridor for double/triple tracking and positive train control safety devices which could reduce our time of travel between cities by upwards of 30%. The State has decided to terminate the high speed rail at Los Angeles Union Station and rely upon LOSSAN and Metrolink to get passengers from Union Station to their ultimate destination. This will save the high speed rail authority \$6 billion according to a press report on the matter.

We were also told that the TAC has created a sub-committee to discover and recommend improvements for better cost savings and improved on time performance and service to our customers.