



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

Paso Robles City Council Minutes

August 19, 2025, 4:30 PM

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Council Chamber - Library/Conference Center

1000 Spring Street

Paso Robles, CA 93446

Councilmembers
Present:

Mayor Hamon, Councilmember Bausch, Councilmember Beal,
Councilmember Gregory, Councilmember Strong

A. 4:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Bausch, Councilmember Beal, Councilmember Gregory, Councilmember Strong, Mayor Hamon

C. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Portion of Pioneer Park located at 2010 Riverside Avenue, APN 008-254-003

Agency Negotiators: Chris Huot, City Manager and Angelica Fortin, Community Services Director

Negotiating Parties: Paso Robles Pioneer Museum Foundation

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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Name of Case: The Tribune v. City of Paso Robles, Chris Bausch, Chris Bausch v. City of Paso Robles (cross-complaint), City of Paso Robles v. Chris Bausch (cross-complaint)

Case Number: 25CVP-0080

D. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None.

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4:42 PM.

F. 6:00 PM RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened at 6:04 PM.

G. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

H. INVOCATION

Steve Arkowitz, Atheists United

I. ROLL CALL

Councilmember Bausch, Councilmember Beal, Councilmember Gregory, Councilmember Strong, Mayor Hamon

J. STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

K. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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L. PRESENTATIONS

1. Utilities Update

Utilities Director Christopher Alakel provided a brief overview of the formation of the Paso Robles Area Groundwater Authority (PRAGA), key provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Gustin, Sharon Roden, Murray Powell, and Francisco Ramirez.

Murray Powell submitted a document as part of his comment which has been added to the agenda.

M. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Roden, Ray Smoot, Dale Gustin, Tim Francis, Geoff English, Linda George, and Murray Powell.

Geoff English provided a document with his public comment that has been added to the agenda.

N. AGENDA ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED

None.

O. OVERVIEW OF ITEMS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Chris Huot provided a brief overview of the items on the consent calendar.

P. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Strong requested to have item P11 pulled from the consent calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Gustin.

Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously to approve items 1-10 and 12-17 of the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Gregory, Strong, Bausch Beal, Hamon

Roll Call Vote Passed Unanimously

1. **Approval of August 5, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **Receipt of Advisory Body Minutes**
3. **Receipt of Warrant Register**
4. **Approval of General Obligation Bond Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-26**
Resolution 25-087
5. **Approval of Side Letters of Agreement with the Paso Robles Professional Firefighters IAFF, Local 4148**
Resolution 25-088
6. **Approval to Waive Minor Bidding Irregularities and Award a Contract to Rob Reynolds Construction, Inc. for City Hall Remodel Construction Project**
Resolution 25-089
7. **Approval of the Purchase of Furniture and Equipment for City Hall Remodel and Authorizing Disposal of Certain Unneeded Furniture and Equipment**
Resolution 25-090
8. **Approval of New City Park Event – Ignacy Paderewski’s 165th Birthday Party**

9. **Preapproval of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer for Zero Emissions Vehicle Program**

Resolution 25-091

10. **Preapproval of Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer For Design Services for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha North of Bravo**

Resolution 25-092

11. **Approval of the Purchase of an Armored Rescue Vehicle**

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Strong. It was heard after the last discussion item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shaun Bean, Grace Hall, Gloria Fama, Ernest Hull, Dolores Howard, Jeff Carr, and Linda George.

Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Gregory, and passed unanimously to approve Resolution 25-099, authorizing the purchase of a Lenco BearCat Armored Rescue Vehicle for the Paso Robles Police Department at a total cost of \$421,055.69, appropriate an additional \$47,000 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase, subject to any minor, technical, or non-substantive changes as approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

AYES: Strong, Gregory, Bausch, Beal, Hamon

Roll Call Vote Passed Unanimously

12. **Approval of Maintenance Contracts for Landscape & Lighting District No. 1, Maintenance Areas 3, 6 and 7**

Resolution 25-093

13. **Approval of Contract for Replacement of the Public Safety Center Boilers**

Resolution 25-094

14. **Authorize the Purchase of a Variety of Fleet Vehicles**

Resolution 25-095

15. **Approval of a Resolution Rescinding Resolution 09-046 and Establishing Two Funds for the Future Closure, Postclosure, and Corrective Action Costs of the Landfill**

Resolution 25-096

16. **Acceptance of Easement Deed and Authorization to Acquire Road Easement—Future Extension of Aerotech Center Way**

Resolution 25-097

17. **Approval of a Waterline Reimbursement Agreement with FLT Arrive Paso, LLC for the Installation of a 16-inch Ductile Iron Waterline Along Creston Road**

Resolution 25-098

Q. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Receipt of the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) 2024-25 End of Year Report and Approve the Third Amendment to the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Homeless Services Manager Ashlee Hernandez made a brief presentation related to the third amendment to the ECHO SMOU and ECHO CEO Wendy Lewis provided an update on ECHO.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cliff Branch, Francisco Ramirez, Grace Hall, Wendy Richardson, Ernest Hall, Linda George, Gary Lamb, and Dale Gustin.

Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong and passed unanimously to receive and file ECHO's 2024-25 end of year report and direct staff to distribute payment in the amount of \$111,000.

AYES: Gregory, Strong, Bausch, Beal, Hamon

Roll Call Vote Passed Unanimously

Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Beal, and passed unanimously to approve the Third Amendment to the ECHO SMOU for FY 2025-26.

AYES: Gregory, Beal, Bausch, Strong, Hamon

Roll Call Vote Passed Unanimously

Mayor Hamon called for a meeting break at 8:07 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM

2. **City Cannabis Regulations Policy Review**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cliff Branch, Jay Peet, Shaun Bean, Daniel McGillicuddy, Grace Hall, Gary Lamb, Gina Fitzpatrick, Sharon Roden, Francisco Ramirez, Murray Powell, Randall Thomas, Linda George, Andrew, and Jeff Carr.

Murray Powell submitted a document as part of his comment which has been added to the agenda.

Motioned by Councilmember Strong, seconded by Councilmember Beal and passed 4-1 (Bausch opposed) to direct staff to return to the City Council with an updated cannabis ordinance to allow existing medical cannabis delivery business to deliver adult use cannabis and to direct staff to return with a framework and community outreach plan in furtherance of potentially authorizing cannabis retail storefronts within the City.

AYES: Strong, Beal, Gregory, Hamon
NOES: Bausch

Roll Call Vote Passed

Mayor Hamon called for a break in the meeting at 9:41 PM. The meeting reconvened at 9:42 PM.

R. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Chris Huot provided an update on current City activities.

S. COUNCIL BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmembers and the Mayor reported on committee attendance and other City related activities.

T. UPCOMING EVENTS

U. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Councilmember Gregory, seconded by Councilmember Strong, and passed unanimously by voice vote at 10:25PM to adjourn to the September 16, 2025 regular City Council meeting in honor of all of our public employees.

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