

**AGENDA  
CITY OF PATTERSON**

**ECONOMIC STRATEGIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**



**Thursday, March 17, 2016  
11:30 a.m.**

**City of Patterson - City Hall  
1 Plaza  
City Council Chambers  
Patterson, California**

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1. Call to Order
  2. Statements of Conflict
  3. Items from the Public

The public wishing to address the Commission on items that do not appear on the agenda may do so; however, the Commission will take no action other than referring the item to staff for study and analysis and may place the item on a future agenda.

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Commission regarding a matter on the agenda, please state so at the time the item is announced by the Chairperson. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Commission may be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

4. Motion to Approve the ESC Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2015.
5. Update on Strategic Plan Schedule (City Manager Irwin)
6. Other Matters.
7. Adjournment.

**(ESC and Ad Hoc Members Please Remember to Bring \$10 for Lunch)**

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1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Economic Strategic Commission of November 19, 2015 was called to order in City Hall, Council Chambers at 12:00 p.m.

ESC Members Present: Troy McMahan, George Galloway MacMaster and Rick Schiltz (3)

ESC Members Excused: Ken Buehner, Elwood Schut (2)

Ad Hoc Member(s) Present: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Ken Irwin, City Planner Joel Andrews and Commission Secretary Christy Menchaca (3)

Others Present: Dejeune Shelton, Executive Manager with the Patterson-Westley Chamber of Commerce, Steven Ames with the Alliance (2)

2. Statements of Conflict – None.

3. Items from the Public – None.

4. Motion to Approve the ESC Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015.

George MacMaster moved to approve the ESC Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2015. The motion was seconded by Rick Schiltz and unanimously approved by a 3-0 roll call vote.

5. Update on Homeless Prevention in Patterson (City Manager Ken Irwin)

City Manager Irwin provided an update on the following:

- There is a countywide collaboration to assist the homelessness issue
- Anyone has the potential to become homeless due to hardship and circumstances
- During the first phase, the countywide efforts were focused on collecting the data not the solutions. The question was asked, “What do we want the end result to be?”
- There are already various programs that exist that are government ran and faith based.
- There is a countywide initiative trying to better the lives of all people.
- Ruben Imperial is part of the Stewardship Council that is uniting sectors, gathering information and creating ownership amongst community members, businesses and everyone involved.
- Currently we are in phase 2. The collaboration is looking for programs to adopt and bridge the gaps of all existing programs.
- From January through June 2016, discussions will take place about programs that take action.

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- What are the HAC (Homeless Action Council) recommendations? The City of Patterson, Newman, Crows Landing and Gustine were present at the summit which included over 1,000 people including HOST reps and WAC (Westside Action Committee)
  - Patterson has approximately sixty-one homeless (80% of them are local Patterson residents). The homeless being housed in are going to Modesto and not Patterson. If we get a core group, we can focus on them to downsize that number.
  - There is a difference between the homeless living on the streets and homeless adults sheltered by family, friends or other agencies.
  - HOST is a successful transitional program developed to assist the homeless with employment, psychological help or drug addiction. They are currently only open during the winter, but the goal is to remain open year round.
  - There are different types of homelessness
    - Unsheltered: Are vagrant.
    - Imminently homeless: Food stamps, homes with two different last names, homeless students and family members.
    - Vagrant: When a person does not have a permanent home, and tries to support oneself through a variety of actions such as panhandling, recycling, selling drugs or prostitution.
  - City Manager Irwin shared a success story about an abused 16 year old girl that was living in a cemetery. Through persistence, authorities were able to put her into a program and get her off the streets.
  - Engagement with the homeless is critical. We need to screen them to find out their story and needs. Should a lead person be trained and take the initiative on this?
  - Rick Schiltz suggested converting the old jail to help house the homeless, but it has already been purchased.
  - There are no current ordinances addressing the homeless. The ordinances in place are towards residents being in our parks after dusk.
  - The homeless camps have been cleaned up, but the homeless are roaming around town. George MacMaster suggested having a holding place for the night, but there is not enough room in holding cells.
  - Dejeune Shelton asked what the current avenue is for business if they experience issues with the homeless. Rick Schiltz mentioned you have to get down to their level. City Manager Irwin stated that if they are involved in illegal activity or have bad behavior to contact the police.
  - The homeless vets need to be identified so they can receive their benefits.
  - For safety, George MacMaster asked if the homeless can be registered so we can differentiate between the ones that are sex offenders, violent or who have psychotic issues?

City Manager Irwin stated the City currently there was no cases on each homeless individual but there are certain rights we cannot make public.
  - Most of the late night activity occurs in town between the hours of 11:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m.
6. Update from City Planner Andrews on Development Projects.

City Planner Andrews provided an update on the following:

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- Restoration Hardware received their Temporary Occupancy Permit. They have begun loading their items into the warehouse and are currently hiring. Steven Ames mentioned that Restoration Hardware was built quickly and commended staff.
- The City received new applications for gas stations at Del Lago on Speno Drive. One application is under the wife's name and the other is under the husband's name. Both applications are going to the Planning Commission in January 2016.\*
- Homes will continue to be built in Patterson Gardens.
- The Pizza Factory has opened.
- City Manager Irwin stated the City' revenue sales tax has increased through July 2015 by 16% and is only going to increase more.
- Steven Ames stated that Patterson has put the Alliance on the map.

7. Other Matters

- George MacMaster suggested for Dejeune Shelton of the Chamber of Commerce to be added to the Commission as an Ad Hoc Member. City Planner Andrews stated he would review and report back. Steven Ames stated he would like to be the Alliance Ad Hoc Member in the future.
- John Ramos has property in town that used to be the American Legion's. He may want to turn it into a museum.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the November 19, 2015 of the Economic Strategic Commission was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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Christy Menchaca, Economic Strategic Commission Secretary

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Maricela L. Vela, City Clerk of the City of Patterson