



**council agenda**  
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
CITY HALL, 990 PALM STREET

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**Tuesday, September 23, 2003**

**7:00 P.M.**

**SPECIAL JOINT  
MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND  
PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

**Council Chamber  
990 Palm Street**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dave Romero

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members John Ewan, Ken Schwartz,  
Allen K. Settle, Vice Mayor Christine Mulholland,  
Mayor Dave Romero

Planning Commissioners, Carlyn Christianson, Jim Aiken,  
Alice Loh, Allan Cooper, Michael Boswell, Vice-Chair James  
Caruso, and Chairperson Orval Osborne

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** You may address the Council on any item described in this agenda by completing a speaker slip and giving it to the City Clerk prior to the meeting. The Mayor will open the floor to and invite public comments before the Council takes action on each item. (Gov. Code Sec. 54954.3(a)). Your speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes. (CC&P Sec.1.3.7).



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CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: The Mayor will announce each item and thereafter, the hearing will be conducted as follows:

1. City staff will present the staff report and recommendation on the proposal being heard and respond to questions from Council.
2. The Mayor will open the public hearing by first asking the project applicant/appellant (or his/her representative) to present any points necessary for the Council, as well as the public, to fully understand the proposal.
3. The Mayor will then ask other interested persons to come to the podium to present testimony either in support of or in opposition to the proposal.
4. Finally, the Mayor will invite the applicant/appellant (or his/her representative) back to the podium to respond to the public testimony, if appropriate. The Mayor will then close the public hearing and limit further discussion to the Council and staff prior to the Council taking a vote.

RULES FOR PRESENTING TESTIMONY AT A PUBLIC HEARING: City Council meetings often involve highly emotional issues. It is important that all participants conduct themselves with courtesy, dignity and respect. All persons who wish to present testimony are asked to observe the following rules:

1. Speakers are asked to submit speaker slips to the City Clerk.
2. If you have filled out a Speaker Slip, the Mayor will call you to the podium.
3. Speakers shall address the Council from the podium after giving his/her name and city of residence. Speakers shall direct their comments to the Council, not the audience.
4. Speakers shall limit comments to three minutes. The Mayor, after all others have spoken, may allow additional brief comments from speakers who have already commented on the same agenda item.
5. If testifying as paid representatives, as defined in the Municipal Code speakers shall register as a Municipal Advocate and shall preface their comments by identifying themselves as Municipal Advocates (§2.64.020 & §2.64.050 & §2.64.070).
6. Applicants, appellants or applicant representatives desiring to speak shall:
  - a. Submit speaker slips to the City Clerk (available on a plastic rack at the entrance to the Council Chamber).
  - b. Shall be permitted to speak first during the public comment portion of the public hearing for not more than ten minutes.
  - c. Address the Council from the podium after giving their name and address, and/or the name and address of the applicant/appellant they are representing. If the applicant/appellant's representative is a paid Municipal Advocate, they shall comply with Number 5 above.
7. If you challenge an issue in court, you may be limited to raising only those issue you or someone else raised at this public hearing as described above, or in written correspondence delivered to the City before or during the public hearing.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE: Written comments on agenda items are encouraged and are most effective if presented at least five days prior to the meeting. Council Correspondence regarding agenda items received **after** 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Council meeting will be distributed the following day.

BUSINESS ITEM

1. **JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE CONSERVATION & OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN (GPA AND ER 149-98).** (MANDEVILLE/DRAZE – 2 HOURS)

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: That the Council appoint a task force to assist with the review of the draft update.

CAO RECOMMENDATION: 1) That the Council and the Planning Commission discuss the process for creating a Conservation & Open Space Element of the City General Plan, and then direct staff to: a) Update the existing policy comparison chart to make easier the review of the draft for the public and Planning Commission. b) At the earliest reasonable time, schedule a series of Planning Commission workshops so that the Planning Commission has ample time to review the proposed draft, page by page if necessary, prior to holding formal public hearings on the revised Conservation & Open Space Element. c) Proceed to the formal public hearings only after the Planning Commission has completed the Housing Element Update. 2) After concluding the discussion and receiving input from the Planning Commission, if consensus is not reached, the City Council should provide staff with direction as appropriate.

**ADJOURN.**

