



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: September 6, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 OR Zoom Video Conference https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295730901	The agenda was posted on 9-1-2023 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.gov .

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Jack Dilles, Mayor Randy Johnson, Vice Mayor Donna Lind, Council Member Derek Timm, Council Member Allan Timms, Council Member	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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SPECIAL SET MATTERS

1. Jacob's Heart & Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Dilles read the proclamation which honors Jacob's Heart and proclaims September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Daniela Ramirez accepted the proclamation on behalf of Jacob's Heart and thanked the Council for their support.

2. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Dilles noted that this proclamation was issued at the request of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin. Mayor Dilles read the proclamation and announced that there is a local Alzheimers walk on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 AM at Skypark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce volunteer appreciation event at Brunos Bar and Grill to celebrate the people who volunteered at the Art, Wine and Beer Festival. The substantial increase in sales at the festival was great for the local economy.

CM Lind attended a board meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO). The 57 hydrogen buses that have been ordered have been paid for largely through a federal grant.

CM Lind attended the Hitchcock Festival planning meeting. The festival will be in March and the organizers will be requesting a Mayor's proclamation again this year. She thanked Victor Alejandro, the Scotts Valley Exchange Club, and the Theater Guild for taking the lead on planning the festival.

CM Lind attended a planning meeting for the tree lighting ceremony, and she thanked the Exchange Club for their assistance with this planning process.

CM Lind participated with Chris Maffia in an interview for Community Television (CTV) where she talked about some of the projects for the city. This interview was also shared on social media in addition to being broadcast on CTV.

CM Lind gave thanks and appreciation to Henry Kim for his great work on the Eagle Scout project to repair the BBQ stand at Skypark. She also thanked San Lorenzo Valley Lumber and Jared Lewis Construction for their donations and work on this project.

CM Timms attended a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting. The fire district merger between Scotts Valley Fire Protection District and Branciforte Fire Protection District has entered the protest period.

CM Timms attended the first meeting of the Tobacco Waste Committee, titled *Ban the Butts Coalition*. Their mission is to target and reduce single-use and non-biodegradable waste in tobacco products. The group has formed a subcommittee to look at ordinance wording that could potentially be used across multiple jurisdictions, and they may recommend that individual jurisdictions adopt resolutions expressing concern over the environmental impact of these products.

CM Timms spoke at the North County Democrats meeting, and he thanked Community

Development Director Bateman for assisting with the facts surrounding the City's Housing Element.

CM Johnson attended a special meeting of the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Committee (SCCRTC) for the purpose of selecting a consultant to recruit a new Executive Director. The regular meeting of the SCCRTC will be held at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers tomorrow at 9:00 AM.

CM Timm attended a Town Center Subcommittee meeting, and they reviewed 8 applicants who responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for selecting an architect to update the Town Center Specific Plan. The interviews will be this week.

Mayor Dilles attended a meeting of the Economic Development Committee. They continue to discuss branding the City in a way that will positively represent the City to businesses, residents and visitors. The committee members are also preparing to reach out to businesses and receive input on conducting business in Scotts Valley.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Eagle Scout Project: Thank you to Henry Kim for refurbishing the Skypark BBQ stand.

Bocce Improvements: Thank you to former Council Member Dene Bustichi for leading the effort to refurbish the bocce courts.

Skypark Playground Equipment: The playground equipment for the 2-5 year old playground has finally arrived. This equipment was ordered with Prop 68 funds over a year ago, and it will take at least a month to complete this large scale project once it has begun. The design of the playground is inclusive of all abilities.

Pension 115 Trust: Per the directive from Council, \$2 million has been transferred into the pension 115 trust account.

AMBAG Competitive Grant Application: The City submitted an application to AMBAG for the Competitive side of the Reap 2.0 program for predevelopment work related to the Town Center. This competitive grant is in addition to the City's allocation portion of the REAP program which will be used to continue to implement the Housing Element.

Housing Element: The City received the preliminary comments back from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and there will be a 7-day public comment period before submission back to HCD.

Pitch In Santa Cruz: The *Pitch In Santa Cruz* decals will be placed on trash receptacles throughout Scotts Valley by the *Trash Talkers Coalition*, so residents will be seeing those around town soon.

Citizen's Academy: The application period for the inaugural cohort of the Citizen's Academy closes this Friday. If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking a deep dive into the services, limitations, challenges, and focus areas of the City and Special Districts, please apply to be a part of this cohort.

September 20th Council Meeting: There will be no Council Meeting on September 20th so that two Council Members can attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference. The next Council Meeting will be held on October 4th.

Gun Buyback Program: Scotts Valley Police Department, along with agencies across the County, is participating in the Gun Buyback Program on 9/16.

Police Department Annual Inspection: The annual inspection will take place on 9/21.

State of City Address: Mayor Dilles, Police Chief Walpole, and City Manager LaGoe will be participating in the annual State of the City Address hosted by the Senior Life Association on 9/23.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

David Alreck, a resident of Scotts Valley, commented that he completed his application for the Citizen's Academy, and he thanked the staff for putting together this program. He feels that there was a lack of communication with citizens regarding this application process, and he is unhappy with the question regarding the applicant's present occupation.

Mayor Dilles commented that the next Music at Skypark is on 9/24, and will start at 1:30 PM, which is a change from what is on the flyers.

Mayor Dilles commented that the Felton Library has a display regarding Scotts Valley history which will be open from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday.

Council Member Lind commented that the Valley Churches United Gala is on 9/22 at 6:00 PM at Roaring Camp.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timm/Lind

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 8-16-2023
2. Approve check registers for the period of 08-14-2023 through 08-30-2023
3. Sunridge Drive Drainage Improvement Project Award of Construction Contract
4. Wastewater Collection System Inspection and Monitoring Program – Rejection of All Bids Received
5. Update to the Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws
6. Receive and file Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

City Manager LaGoe requested that the Closed Session be moved prior to the Regular Agenda.

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Regular Agenda with the alteration of moving Closed Session prior to the Regular Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Council convened to closed session 6:35 PM to discuss the matter below.

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Location: APNS: 022-721-07, 022-721-08, 022-721-09 (Town Center)
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Council reconvened to open session at 6:54 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Dilles reported that the Council took no reportable action during the closed session.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve agreements related to the Town Center Site Environmental Clean Up

City Manager LaGoe presented this item and answered questions from the Council. The City of Santa Cruz recently requested an amendment to the published agreement to extend the repayment period from 15 days to up to one year.

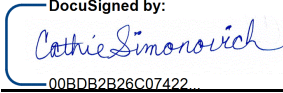
M/S: Timm/Johnson

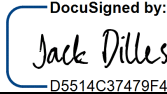
To approve the agreement with the amendment to extend the repayment period from 15 days to up to one year.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Jack Dilles, Mayor