



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: November 29, 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 11-21-2023 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 Special City Council meeting was called to order at 6:08 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
 Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
 Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
 Sarah Wickle, Senior Planner
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration of a Planning Commission recommendation that the City Council adopt the Scotts Valley General Plan update to replace the existing adopted General Plan, adopt a statement of overriding considerations for significant and unavoidable impacts, and certify the General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

Community Development Director Bateman introduced Consultant Bill Wiseman from Kimley-Horn who presented this item.

Mayor Dilles opened the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

Steve Park, a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve on the committee. He acknowledged Bill Wiseman and Kimley-Horn as excellent partners to work with, he acknowledged his fellow GPAC members, and he thanked Community Development Director Bateman for his perseverance. He congratulated the Council and the Staff and noted that he is proud to live in Scotts Valley.

Ruth Stiles, a resident of Scotts Valley, expressed concern that the maps would be used for unintended purposes, and she also expressed concern that the Ohlone and other tribes that resided in Scotts Valley at the point of contact were not included in the plan. She would like these included if it is not too late.

Mayor Dilles closed the public hearing at 6:29 PM.

The Council members discussed the process and the excellent community engagement, and they asked clarifying questions to the Consultant and to the Staff.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 1119.33 to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the significant and unavoidable impacts of the Project and certify the General Plan Final EIR

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

M/S: Timms/Johnson

To adopt Resolution No. 1119.34 approving the updated General Plan to replace the existing adopted 1994 General Plan.

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

2. Consideration of a Planning Commission recommendation that the City Council establish a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Policy inclusive of establishing VMT as the appropriate metric for evaluating transportation related impacts under CEQA, establishing VMT thresholds of significance, establishing screening criteria, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies.

Community Development Director Bateman introduced Consultant Bill Wiseman from Kimley-Horn who presented this item. Two minor amendments to the policy were reflected in the presentation through track changes (redline). The Council Members discussed the VMT policy and asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Dilles opened the public hearing at 7:17 PM

Ruth Stiles, a resident of Scotts Valley, commented about the mitigation to add more charging stations. She noted that there are many electric vehicles in Scotts Valley, and she wondered if credit is received for that.

Mayor Dilles closed the public hearing at 7:19 PM.

After further discussion, Mayor Dilles recommended removing parking strategies 27-31 and the other Council Members agreed.

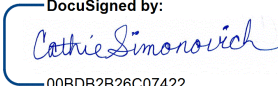
M/S: Timm/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 2041, with the amendment by staff as noted in the presentation and with the amendment of dropping parking strategies 27-31, approving a VMT Policy inclusive of establishing VMT as the appropriate metric for evaluating transportation-related impacts under CEQA, establishing VMT thresholds of significance, establishing screening criteria, establishing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies; and Authorizing the Community Development Director to update the VMT thresholds of significance, screening criteria and TDM strategies for land use projects and plans as necessary; and finding approval of a VMT Policy, including the VMT Mitigation Banking Program is not a “project” under CEQA, or if a “project,” exempt under the “common sense” exemption (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)).

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
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Jack Dilles, Mayor