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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: January 17, 2024
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 01-12-2023 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: Randy Johnson, Mayor Jack Dilles, Council Member Donna Lind, Council Member Allan Timms, Council Member ABSENT: Derek Timm, Vice Mayor	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Taylor Bateman, Community Services Director Steve Jesberg, Interim Senior Civil Engineer Scott Garner, Police Captain Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind thanked everyone on behalf of the Walpole family for their support during the memorial ceremony.

CM Lind announced that the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) will be issuing a press release regarding the results of the 2023 annual report on behavioral health. This is the second year of a three-year reporting period, and it will be posted on the CJC website.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) meeting, and they worked on the communication for the new routes which are part of the Reimagine METRO program.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Area Agency on Aging. The lease with the Live Oak school district has been extended and includes the Meals on Wheels program and also the senior facilities that are housed at the Live Oak location. The lease extension allows for some high priority repairs to take place, and these repairs will be funded mostly by the Community Bridges organization. At the meeting, they decided on the allocation of funding across the various programs. They are also working on some issues with the Ombudsman representative.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in the Watsonville City Council Chambers where he was added to the Personnel Committee.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz County Arts Council.

CM Dilles was reappointed to the statewide Revenue and Taxation Committee for the League of California Cities where they ran through a refresher on how legislation gets passed in the state. They also heard about the League's top four priorities: to safeguard local revenues and bolster economic development, to strengthen climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness, to improve public safety, to expand investments to reduce homelessness and increase supply of affordable housing.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz County Consolidated Development Successor Agency Oversight Board where they approved the 2024-2025 Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) and Administrative Budgets for Santa Cruz County, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Police Officer Trainees: The City hired two new Police Officer trainees over the holidays, and they will be starting the academy. These two hires make the City fully staffed in the Police Department.

Interviews for Key Positions: The City held interviews for the Senior Civil Engineer, and the interviews will be held this week for the Wastewater Division Manager.

Citizens Academy Cohort 2: The next Citizens Academy will start on February 13th and the application deadline is February 2nd. The application is on the City's website

and links have been posted on social media. We encourage residents to apply as this may be the only opportunity in 2024.

Governor's Budget: The City is closely following the release of the Governor's budget and unfortunately the REAP 2.0 program is slated to be cut by 50%, which is a loss to the City of planned revenue of \$152,000. At risk of being cut are two grants - one for the implementation of the housing element, and one for affordable housing as it relates to planning for the Town Center.

Housing for Health Policy Board Orientation: This Board oversees the way that Homeless Services and the continuum of care are administered across all of Santa Cruz County. The seat on the Board rotates with Capitola every two years, and the Scotts Valley City Council appointed City Manager LaGoe to this seat for the next two years. City Manager LaGoe attended the orientation and learned, among other things, that the County currently has 42 grants related to the homeless population. The next meeting is in February.

Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Subcommittee: The City Manager participated in this meeting and the subcommittee reviewed the draft survey that will go out to Scotts Valley businesses.

Leadership Santa Cruz Class 37: This class was hosted at Scotts Valley City Hall and was welcomed by Mayor Johnson. City Manager LaGoe presented virtually on the basics of local government. Presentations were also given by Carlos Palacios, County Administrative Officer; Bruce McPherson, Fifth District Supervisor; and John Laird, California State Senator. The participants also visited the Scotts Valley Library.

Skypark Tot Lot: The construction is moving forward, and the estimated opening date will be in early February. This will be dependent on the weather as dry weather is needed to pour the surface.

Green Hills and Bean Creek, Slide Repairs: These repairs are progressing well.

Town Center: The interviews with the Council Members are complete, and the next step will be conversations with the neighboring property owners.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Michael Uhwelling, a resident of Scotts Valley and a graduate of the first cohort of the Citizens Academy, thanked the City Manager for her leadership. He would like to see power blowers banned due to noise pollution, and he suggested a buyback program similar to the gun buyback program.

David Alreck, a resident of Scotts Valley, spoke in opposition to the 125 Bethany Drive project.

CM Lind announced that the annual Fallen Officers Ball will be on February 10th and includes dinner, dancing and an auction. This is a night to honor all first responders and tickets can be purchased on the website at www.scfof.org.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

Mayor Johnson called for a recess at 6:20 PM, and the meeting reconvened at 6:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 12-20-2023 and City Council special meeting minutes of 12-22-2023
2. Approve check register dated 12-15-2023 through 12-21-2023, 12-22-2023 through 01-04-2024, and 01-05-2024 through 01-11-2024
3. Approve the 2024 Scotts Valley Interjurisdictional Committee, Commission, Board and Council appointments, Standing Committee and Liaison appointments and adopt resolutions establishing project specific subcommittees
4. Approve job classification and salary schedule for Retired Annuitant Extra Help
5. Approve the amended 2024 City Council Meeting Schedule

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Review Final Grantee Performance Report for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract 20-CDBG-CV2-3-00151

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item, and a presentation was given by consultant Beth Dodd from Adams Ashby, and Lis DuBois from the Boys & Girls Club. The presenters responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:40 PM. No public comments were received, and Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:41 PM.

M/S: Timms/Lind

**To direct staff to submit documents per the state requirements
Carried 4/0 (AYES: Johnson, Dilles, Lind, Timms; ABSENT: Timm)**

2. Consideration of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA22-002) and Land Division Application (LD22-001) to allow a nine-lot subdivision of a 5.71-acre site south of Sandraya Heights Road

Community Development Director Bateman introduced Jonathan Kwan, Consultant Planner. Mr. Kwan gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Todd Cramer, the applicant, indicated that he is available to answer questions.

Richard Sage, a resident at 15 Casa Way, is concerned about the disrepair of the upper portion of Casa Way that extends south from Sandraya Heights to Hacienda.

Susie Yost, a resident at 212 San Augustine Way, suggested to Mr. Sage that the residents share the cost of the road repairs and possibly approach the owner of the project for assistance with these initial repairs. She added that the ongoing repairs will fall on the residents, as it does on San Augustine Way.

Daryl von Haunalter, a resident at 226 San Augustine, is concerned about the construction traffic, and also would like continued access via the walking path. She noted annoyance that the Sandraya residents were not in favor of having through traffic so now the traffic will go through San Augustine Way instead. She also does not want more density in this project.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:24 PM.

M/S: Dilles/Lind

**To adopt Resolution No. 2043 Approving Mitigated Negative Declaration
Carried 4/0 (AYES: Johnson, Dilles, Lind, Timms; ABSENT: Timm)**

M/S: Lind/Dilles

**To approve 2043.1 Approving Land Division
Carried 4/0 (AYES: Johnson, Dilles, Lind, Timms; ABSENT: Timm)**

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:43 PM to discuss the following item:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with labor negotiator re employee negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Mid-Management Group, Management Group, Scotts Valley Police Bargaining Unit and the Scotts Valley Police Supervisors Association.
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director, Negotiator

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:14 PM.

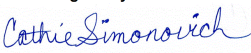
REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell indicated that there was no report from the closed session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

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Randy Johnson, Mayor