



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: February 7, 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 2-2-2024 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 6:07 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Randy Johnson, Mayor
Derek Timm, Vice Mayor
Jack Dilles, Council Member
Donna Lind, 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
Scotts Garner, Police Captain
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Revenue and Taxation Committee that is part of the League of California Cities where they heard a present from the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) regarding the Governor's proposed budget. They heard the Assembly Majority Leader Aguiar-Curry talk about the ballot initiatives ACA 1 and ACA 13, and they also heard about the Taxpayers Government Accountability measure.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the County Library Financing Authority. This committee approves the estimated sales tax revenues from Measure S. He reported that these revenues for the library system are expected to increase next year by 1.5%.

Vice Mayor Timm attended the Visit Santa Cruz County board meeting. The Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue in Scotts Valley came in 17% over what they initially projected for December 2023. The expectation for hotels overall is that they should be back to 2019 levels this year. The Visit Santa Cruz County Director is working on making our area a certified autism center. They continue to search for a new office location for the Visit Santa Cruz County operation.

Vice Mayor Timm attended a meeting of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). He has requested that AMBAG take action with the state regarding the difficulties our residents are experiencing with obtaining and maintaining fire insurance.

CM Timms attended two meetings of the Santa Cruz County Youth Action Network - one was the spring workshop planning, and the other was a meeting of the Childrens Cabinet where they discussed the Childrens Bill of Rights and placing this on a future agenda. They also discussed coordination of activities for the month of April which is Child Abuse Awareness Month.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) and he did not have a report from that meeting.

CM Timms, along with CM Dilles and City Manager LaGoe were given a tour of the Sheraton Four Points in Scotts Valley. They discussed the increase in occupancy rates as well as the challenges the hotel is facing.

CM Lind attended an executive board meeting of the Criminal Justice Council and they discussed the press release regarding the behavior health report which highlights a lack of services.

CM Lind attended a board meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) as well as a METRO budget meeting where they discussed a potential tax measure for the November ballot. The Chief Executive Officer, Michael Tree, has resigned.

Mayor Johnson attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Committee (SCRTC). The zero emissions passenger rail and trail project preliminary report has been released, and they had public comments on both sides. The RTC will give a presentation at a future Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Thank You to Staff: A huge thank you to our crews who responded during the storms. These crews responded to downed trees, they filled potholes, and much more, even on the weekends and late into the evenings. The City acknowledges their dedication to our community in order to keep our City safe.

Little League Turf Project: The turf project that the City did in collaboration with Scotts Valley Little League has been completed in time for Little League to begin.

Tot Lot Playground at Skypark: The final walk-through was recently rained out but as soon as this step is complete, the Recreation Department will schedule a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Arts Commission: The Arts Commission had a meeting last week, and they are working on bringing back the poetry contest this year. They also discussed refreshing the fan mural at Siltanen Park.

Citizens Academy: The City has received and accepted eleven applications for the Citizens Academy, which starts on February 13th. These citizens will learn about the various services of the City as well as the Fire District, the Water District, and the School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Brian Youmans, a resident of Scotts Valley and an employee of the City of Scotts Valley, spoke regarding the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) negotiations.

A person spoke and gave his opinion that the City is not acting in a manner that is transparent to residents.

Connor Gera, an employee of the City of Scotts Valley, spoke regarding the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) negotiations.

Justin Granados, an employee of the City of Scotts Valley, spoke regarding the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) negotiations.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 01-17-2024

2. Approve check register dated 01-12-2024 through 02-01-2024
3. Ratify appointment to Arts Commission
4. Approve Resolution No. 1660.6 authorizing sanitary sewer hook up for 400 Old Coach Road (APN 056-102-07) which is outside the City limits but within the City's Sphere of Influence
5. Receive and file Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2023

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

City Manager LaGoe requested that Closed Session Item #2 be pulled from this meeting as it is not necessary at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Receive Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mid-Year Financial Report, including Proposed Budget Amendments and Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Budget

Administrative Services Director Hill presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council.

M/S: Timm/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 630.43.1 amending the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

M/S: Timm/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 630.43.2 adopting guiding budget principles for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

2. City of Scotts Valley Donation and Gift Acceptance Policy

City Manager LaGoe presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council.

M/S: Timms/Lind

To approve the proposed City of Scotts Valley Donation and Gift Acceptance Policy as written.

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

3. City of Scotts Valley Legislative Platform

City Manager LaGoe presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council.

A member of the public requested clarification on the policy regarding the process for handling responses to legislation.

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the proposed Legislative Platform as proposed.

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

4. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:27 PM to discuss Closed Session Item No. 1 and Closed Session Item No. 3. City Manager LaGoe requested that Item No. 2 be pulled as it is not needed at this time.

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Location: 127 Vine Hill School Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (Siltanen Pool)
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director, Recreation Division Manager
2. Conference with labor negotiator regarding employee negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Mid-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
3. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.95
Claimant: B. Polito
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

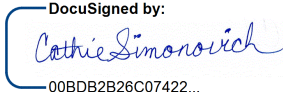
The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:57 PM.

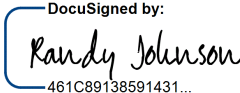
REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Randy Johnson, Mayor