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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: February 21, 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 2-16-2024 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works Building, and on the Internet at www.scottsvalley.gov .

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 Steve Walpole, Police Chief Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director Steve Jesberg, Interim City Engineer Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a meeting of the Criminal Justice Council board where they voted to continue with the next phase of the behavioral health study. This will be the third year of this study and will be focused on counseling and behavioral health services.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Childrens Network/Youth Action Network where they are preparing for the activities in the month of April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. They plan to produce video podcasts with local experts to raise awareness and try to normalize talking about this subject, which can be uncomfortable for some people.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Area Agency on Agency where discussion was focused on the Live Oak Senior Center. CM Timms reported that the agreement to extend the lease for the Senior Center for an additional two years is almost complete. Community Bridges has tendered an offer of \$2.4 million to purchase the property and the Live Oak School District is considering the offer.

VM Timm attended a meeting of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) where they received the annual financial report. They finalized the carbon reduction program criteria and will have \$7 million across the three counties to spend on transportation projects. The AMBAG Complete Streets Policy is open for public comment through March 15th. Anyone interested in commenting can find more information on the AMBAG website.

VM Timm attended a meeting of the subcommittee for Visit Santa Cruz County (VSCC) and they are still looking for a new location for the VSCC offices.

VM Timm attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting with Mayor Johnson and staff. He reported that it is sobering to look at the outlying years in terms of the significant shortfalls that are built into the budget. This will be discussed at the workshop next week.

CM Dilles, as Mayor Johnson's alternate to the Regional Transportation Commission, was invited to have coffee with the Interim Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission. They had an informal chat about transportation.

Mayor Johnson attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting and agreed that the budget situation is daunting. He reiterated that this is on the minds of the Council and staff, and that this will be addressed as the year moves forward.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Citizens Academy: This week was the second session of the second cohort of the Citizens Academy, and the participants received tours of the Fire Station and the Police Station.

Government Finance Officers Award (GFOA): -The City received the GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the year 2022. The audit for 2023 is wrapping up and will be submitted for consideration for this award once complete.

Green Hills Road Repair: This repair should be finished this week.

Tot Lot at Skypark: One issue with the manufacturer is still being addressed and should be resolved soon.

Housing for Health Board Meeting: - City Manager LaGoe attended this meeting for the first time - the City of Scotts Valley and the City of Capitola do a two-year rotation, so it is Scotts Valley's turn. They discussed the County's plans for addressing the spectrum of services from transitional housing to permanent housing, as well as the funding they are applying for to support those efforts.

Sales Tax Consulting Firm meeting: City Manager LaGoe met with the sales tax consulting firm and received the sales tax report from the 3rd quarter of 2023 (July-September). Unfortunately, sales tax was down 2.3% and future projections are predicted to be flat. This is relatively on trend with the region and with the State, but definitely something that the City will watch closely. City Manager LaGoe noted that the sales tax from Target is allowing this revenue to hold steady rather than decline.

The Council Members congratulated City Manager LaGoe and staff for receiving the award for excellence in financial reporting.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mayor Johnson announced the City Council received a petition seeking a resolution from the City Council about the violence in Gaza, and the City Council has also received correspondence from residents who do not want the Council to weigh in on matters that do not directly involve the City of Scotts Valley. The City of Scotts Valley has a long-standing practice of not taking positions on issues that are not within the purview of the City, and do not directly affect its residents or businesses; rather, the City maintains its focus on issues that directly impact and benefit the City, its residents and its businesses. The City is continuing its practice on this issue. As always, we welcome anybody wishing to express their comments on this issue. Mayor Johnson announced that the public comment time is two minutes per individual.

Cassandra from 211 Santa Cruz County United Way reported the call and referral statistics for 2023, and she reported that February 11th is *211 Day*.

Three people spoke in favor of a cease-fire resolution.

CM Lind announced that the 2nd annual Alfred Hitchcock Festival will be from March 8th through March 10th. The tickets are now available to purchase at the Scotts Valley Community Theater Guild or online at www.hitchcockfestival.com. She thanked the Exchange Club, the Theater Guild, and all the volunteers working on this event.

CM Lind announced that the Santa Cruz Warriors are hosting a special game supporting the Fallen Officers Foundation. Our own Scotts Valley Police Officer Nick Stoeberl will be singing the National Anthem. This event is on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 PM. There will be a section available for those supporting the Fallen Officers Foundation and tickets can be purchased on the SC Warriors website or the Fallen Officers Foundation website.

CM Timm thanked the people who signed the Gaza petition and the people who spoke during public comment time. He noted that he understands that there is disappointment that the City does not weigh in on international matters. This is not specific to this issue, rather this has been the stance of our local government since its inception. CM Timm requested that staff forward the petition to our elected officials at the federal level.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Lind

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 02-07-2024
2. Approve check register dated 02-02-2024 through 02-15-2024
3. Ratify appointment to Arts Commission
4. Amend agreement between the City of Scotts Valley and Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for preparation of the 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Lind

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Zero Emission Passenger Rail and Trail Project Preliminary Purpose and Need

This item was presented by Sarah Christensen from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission. Ms. Christensen responded to questions and comments from the Council.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Christensen for the informative presentation.

2. Consider a Permanent Local Housing Allocation Resolution

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

M/S: Lind/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 2044 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Application with the 5-year plan, the PLHA Standard Agreement, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the Program or the PLHA grant award.

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

3. Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update

City Manager LaGoe presented this item. The Council Members thanked the City Manager and staff for the accomplishments achieved.

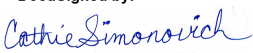
4. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

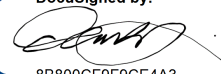
The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

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Derek Timm, Vice Mayor