



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: March 6, 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 03-01-2024 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 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESENT:

Derek Timm, Vice Mayor
 Jack Dilles, Council Member
 Donna Lind, Council Member
 Allan Timms, Council Member

ABSENT:

Randy Johnson, Mayor

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
 Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
 Steve Walpole, Police Chief
 Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
 Scott Hamby, Interim Public Works Director
 Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
 Allison Pfefferkorn, Recreation Division Manager
 Sarah Wickle, Senior Planner
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's proclamation celebrating Alfred Hitchcock Week: March 4th through March 10th

Vice Mayor Timm presented the Alfred Hitchcock Week proclamation to Dave Hodgins, from Scotts Valley Community Theater Guild, and Victor Alejandro, President of the Exchange Club of Scotts Valley. Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Alejandro spoke about the event scheduled for this weekend, March 8th through March 10th, and encouraged the community to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a board meeting for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO). METRO is in the process of recruiting a new Chief Executive Officer. The board received a report from the Regional Transportation Commission, and a report from the Reimagine METRO Phase II program. METRO received an award from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) for their *Youth Ride Free* program.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) where the board adopted the resolution approving the extraterritorial service agreement for the sewer connection on Old Coach Road. As a reminder, the initial resolution was adopted by the Scotts Valley City Council on February 7, 2024.

CM Timms attended several meetings of the Childrens Network/Youth Action Network where they are recording a podcast for Child Abuse Awareness Month, which is in April. They have lined up several speakers who are donating their time to the podcast.

CM Dilles and CM Timms attended a meeting of the Economic Development subcommittee where they are continuing with business outreach, and also continuing conversations on branding ideas for the City of Scotts Valley.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency where they approved the submission of the groundwater sustainability program report. He also learned some interesting statistics regarding rainfall, groundwater usage, and groundwater storage. He noted that the Scotts Valley Water District received a drought resiliency grant from the Department of Water Resources.

VM Timm attended a meeting of the Town Center Subcommittee along with Mayor Johnson and City Manager LaGoe. They are working on design concepts for the Town Center, and they have been actively engaging with the neighboring property owners. The next steps will be strategies for community engagement and working towards the environmental review process.

VM Timm thanked the staff for their hard work on the two-day Council Workshop, and he thanked all of the departments for their thorough presentations.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Citizens Academy: The fourth session was held last night. This is a very engaged group - they heard about Community Development, and they had lots of questions.

Community Development Block Grant Program Income Funds (CDBG PI): The City has about \$366,000 of CDBG PI that needs to be allocated to a project. Two public hearings were held this week to receive community input on ideas for this funding. In the next month or so, staff will be bringing ideas to the Council for potential uses of that funding that meet the federal and state guidelines.

Skypark Tot Lot: The Tot Lot will be open this weekend! The fencing will be taken down on Friday, and a grand opening will be scheduled for later this month.

Pothole Repairs: Potholes on the roadways have been an ongoing battle recently, but the Public Works Department, in collaboration with CalTrans, is using a new material for patching which looks promising. They are also working with CalTrans on long-term solutions.

Extreme Heat Grant: The City has submitted a letter of intent for a new grant program from the State. This Extreme Heat Grant, which is intended to help communities be more resilient to the changes in climate, could potentially be used for shade structures in the parks.

Jeremy Long, Wastewater Division Manager: City Manager LaGoe introduced the new Wastewater Division Manager, Jeremy Long.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Barbara Callahan, President of the Homeowners Association for Mountain Brook Mobile Home Park, spoke regarding the culvert and the redwood tree which is impinging on the fence in their community. She also spoke about the issues with parking at the tennis/pickleball courts.

CM Lind commended retired Lieutenant John Hohmann and the Police Department team who recently participated in the Polar Plunge which raised over \$62K for the Special Olympics.

CM Dilles thanked the staff for their work on repairing the asphalt in areas at the north end of the City, and also thanked the Police Department for apprehending the people responsible for the recent car burglaries.

CM Timms thanked the Public Works staff for the continued efforts on the pothole repairs.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Dilles, Lind, Timms; NOES: None;

ABSENT: Johnson)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 02-21-2024
2. Approve check register dated 02-16-2024 through 02-29-2024
3. Approve the First Amendment to Environmental Innovations Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$15,587 for expanded stormwater management services.

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Dilles/Lind

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Dilles, Lind, Timms; NOES: None;

ABSENT: Johnson)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Siltanen Family Swim Center lease agreement

This item was presented by Recreation Division Manager, Allison Pfefferkorn. RDM Pfefferkorn responded to questions from the Council.

Jeff Griffith-Jones, owner of Pacific Flow Swim School, also responded to questions from the Council.

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the proposed agreement with Pacific Flow Swim School to lease and operate the Siltanen Family Swim Center.

Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Dilles, Lind, Timms; NOES: None;

ABSENT: Johnson)

2. Consider approval of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorize the submittal of the Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development Department

This item was presented by Sarah Wikle, Senior Planner. Senior Planner Wikle responded to questions from the Council.

Public comment was received from Evan Siroky, a resident of Scotts Valley. Mr. Siroky expressed his dissatisfaction with the number of below market permits issued. He believes that the City should use its powers of local control to issue permits in the future.

M/S: Timms/Dilles

To accept the 2023 Annual Progress Report and direct staff to submit it to the Department of Housing and Community Development and Office of Planning and Research.

**Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Dilles, Lind, Timms; NOES: None;
ABSENT: Johnson)**

3. Future Council Agenda Items

Council Member Dilles requested that staff invite AT&T to give a presentation and address the issues that Scotts Valley residents are experiencing. The majority of the Council supported this request.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 6:52 PM to discuss the following item:

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:29 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Timm announced that there was nothing to report from the closed session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Approved: _____

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Randy Johnson, Mayor

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Signed by:

Cathie Simonovich

Attest:

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk