



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: April 3, 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 3-29-2024 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 6:01 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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Derek Timm, Vice Mayor

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
 Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
 Steve Walpole, Police Chief
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month

Mayor Johnson presented the proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Lis DuBois, a long-time board member of Positive Discipline Community Resources (PDCR), accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Executive Director of PDCR, Stephanie Barron Lu. Ms. DuBois invited the community to the activities scheduled this month to honor Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On April 26th there will be a flag raising ceremony in front of the County Courthouse (701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz) which will be paired with a moment of silence. There will be prevention tipsheet packets from First Five Santa Cruz which will be made available both digitally and as physical resources across the county. A four-episode podcast series will be debuting this weekend and will highlight 15 of the local community resources available to youth and families in our community. These podcasts will be hosted by Stephanie Barron Lu and Robert Aldana, and will be available on the MyScottsValley platform, the Childrens Network Facebook page and the PDCR YouTube channel.

Rhonda Reyna thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and highlighted her deep ties to the subject matter.

James Ewing Whitman spoke regarding the education system and indicated a need to correct certain issues in the community.

The Council Members discussed the need to talk about the uncomfortable subject of child abuse in order to make strides in solving it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) where they received a state legislative budget update. They are waiting for the final state budget to find out if there will be cuts to transportation.

CM Lind, along with other Council Members, participated in the presentation of the annual chamber awards. The gala to celebrate the recipients will be on May 10th.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) where they interviewed seven candidates in order to select one public member and one public member alternate. After a thorough and transparent process, John Hunt and Roger Anderson were reappointed.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the statewide League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee where they received a presentation about the state budget. Key takeaways were that the state unemployment rate has increased, and the Initial Public Offerings (IPO) receipts have decreased substantially. They also heard about a potential plan that would shift money from cities to school districts, a ballot initiative that Cal Cities opposes (Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Initiative), a bill that would require cities to be transparent about sales taxes sharing agreements, and they heard a presentation from Caltrans regarding federal grant opportunities.

CM Dilles along with VM Timm and City Manager LaGoe attended the Joint City/Schools subcommittee meeting and heard about the Vine Hill School project (see Regular Agenda Item 1), and they discussed future facilities needs and opportunities by looking broadly at ways that the City and School District could help each other by providing recreation programs and facilities to the public.

Mayor Johnson attended the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference along with VM Timm and City Manager LaGoe, and they learned about retail opportunities and development opportunities.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City of Scotts Valley Housing Element: The City of Scotts Valley is proud to announce that the Housing Element has been certified. Scotts Valley is the second jurisdiction in Santa Cruz County to receive this certification. City Manager LaGoe gave a huge shout-out to the staff and consultants who worked tirelessly on the Housing Element. We are now entering the implementation phase, which will also be a lot of work.

Public Works Project: The Public Works Department is currently working on updating the bike lanes on Glenwood Drive from Scotts Valley Drive up to Scotts Valley High School (SVHS). An SVHS student raised \$1600 towards this project as her senior project.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Audit: The audit is 100% complete – many thanks to the Finance staff for their hard work on this.

Police Department Canine Officer: The Police Department is anticipating the retirement of Canine Officer Xena as she has been experiencing some health challenges.

Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (DARE) Graduation: The Police Department will be hosting three DARE graduations next week at Vine Hill Elementary, Brook Knoll Elementary and Baymont Christian School.

Recreation Department: The Recreation Department is hosting a Volunteer Day on May 11th and is advertising this event through their newsletter and social media accounts.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

James Ewing Whitman spoke regarding his opinions on recent events in the country that he feels could affect our city.

Rhonda Reyna spoke regarding her experience with domestic violence, and her experience taking a domestic violence counselor training course.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Dilles

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Special Study Session Minutes from 02-28-2024 through 02-29-2024, and City Council Regular Meeting Minutes from 03-20-2024
2. Approve check register dated 03-15-2024 through 03-21-2024

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Dilles

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Vine Hill School Project Update and Award Contract for Playground Equipment

City Manager LaGoe presented this item. The Council noted that they are happy to see that the City and School District continue to work together collaboratively.

M/S: Timms/Lind

To authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase agreement with Ross Recreation in a form approved by the City Attorney, and to authorize the City Manager to expend additional grant funding available for improvement to the Vine Hill School project.

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

2. Resolution Recognizing Tobacco Waste as a Public Health and Environmental Threat

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item and thanked Council Member Timms for bringing this item forward. Council Member Timms participates in a countywide work group that looks at tobacco waste and coordinates awareness and reduction efforts across the county.

City Manager LaGoe introduced Tara Leonard, Project Director of the Tobacco Education and Prevention Program; and Rachel Kippen, Co-Chair of the Santa Cruz County Tobacco Education Coalition, who presented this item in tandem.

Charlotte Smith and Tessa Sanders, both seniors at Scotts Valley High School, spoke on this topic which they are very passionate about. They are members of Scotts Valley High School's Green Team, the Surfrider Foundation SVHS Chapter and the Sustainable Clothing Club. They see tobacco waste firsthand, and they understand the dangers to the environment. They urged the Council to adopt the resolution to take steps towards a brighter, more environmentally cautious Scotts Valley.

Rhonda Reyna spoke regarding her opinion on the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and she urged Council to look at what is really poisoning our community.

James Ewing Whitman spoke regarding his opinion on toxins, and he feels people should call other people out when they litter. He is glad there is participation from the youth in the community.

The Council thanked the high school students for attending and participating in the meeting.

M/S: Timms/Lind

To adopt Resolution No. 2045 recognizing tobacco waste as a public health and environmental threat.

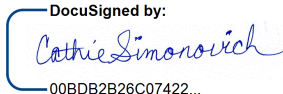
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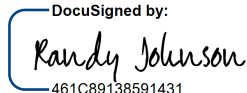
3. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Randy Johnson, Mayor