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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: June 5, 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 5-31-2024 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 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Randy Johnson, Mayor
Derek Timm, Vice Mayor
Jack Dilles, Council Member (attending remotely)
Donna Lind, Council Member
Allan Timms, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Steve Walpole, Police Chief
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Mark Falgout, Acting Engineer
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Council Member Dilles announced that he is attending remotely while on City business, and he stated that there were no other adults in the room.

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Johnson presented this proclamation and Tracey Heggum, Senior Social Worker with Santa Cruz County Adult Protective Services, accepted the proclamation and said a few words.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind thanked the Mayor for the Elder Abuse Awareness proclamation.

CM Lind attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) where they passed the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget. She noted that METRO is undergoing IT improvements so riders can more easily check the status of the buses.

CM Lind, as a representative of the METRO Board, attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Pacific North affordable housing development.

CM Lind, along with VM Timm, attended the ribbon cutting for the new location of the Santa Cruz County Community Credit Union.

CM Lind attended the League of California Cities Monterey Division California State Budget briefing.

CM Lind is working with the Police Department and the Parks & Recreation Division on the 4th of July Parade planning. The parade will be at 12:00 PM on July 4th and includes an extended route this year. More information on how to participate is on the City's website.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Tobacco Waste Subcommittee.

VM Timm attended a Visit Santa Cruz County board meeting, and they are getting closer to finalizing the new location for their office. They discussed hotel receipts, and these reflected an upward trend which is positive news as we head into the summer tourist season.

VM Timm attended the meeting that was co-hosted with the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding modernization of the City's business license taxes (see City Manager's report).

VM Timm attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting and he noted that the Finance Department has worked very hard to put together the budget that will be presented later this evening.

CM Dilles, as a member of the Affordable Housing Subcommittee and along with Mayor Johnson, attended the Virtual Affordable Housing Now presentation. He presented an overview of our Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers, and the City's Housing Element strategies to achieve these goals.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Santa Margarita Ground Water Agency where they received a groundwater sustainability update and heard that the water use in the Santa Margarita basin is trending downward from 2015 to present.

CM Dilles attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor where Henry Kim was awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout rank.

CM Dilles attended the grand reopening of the Siltanen Pool which is now being run by Pacific Flow Swim School.

Mayor Johnson attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Mayor Johnson attended the virtual affordable housing event and there was a lot of discussion about the availability of water.

Mayor Johnson attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for Henry Kim. He was happy that the Council showed up to support Henry.

Mayor Johnson attended the grand reopening celebration of the Siltanen Pool.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

New Public Works Director: City Manager LaGoe formally introduced Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director, to his first official City Council meeting. He will be presenting several items this evening.

Cabrillo College Government Fellow: City Manager LaGoe introduced Dustin Lopez who is our Cabrillo College Fellow and is joining the City as a summer intern. This is part of the Fellows program that the City supported financially through the Community Grant Program.

Engineering Division: The City is actively working to fill the positions in the Engineering Department. This evening, Mark Falgout, the City's Acting Engineer is here to assist with the presentation of the Public Works agenda items.

PG&E June 10-15: Crews will be working near the Mt. Hermon Road and Whispering Pines Drive intersection from June 10th through June 15th. The City has been actively pushing this information out through social media and other avenues to warn drivers that this will affect traffic in that area. Please help us to spread the word.

Sunridge Drive Culvert Project: This project is set to begin after a delay due to supply chain issues.

Candidate Information Night: The City Clerk will be hosting a Candidate information Night on June 11th at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers and on Zoom. Anyone interested in running for office is invited to attend. Please refer to the City's website or social media channels for more information.

Special Council Meeting: The next Council meeting will be a Special Meeting to be held on June 12th, due to the Juneteenth (6/19) holiday which falls on the 3rd Wednesday of the month this year. There will be no regular meetings in July, so the next regular meeting after 6/12 will be 8/7.

Regional Housing Authority: City Manager LaGoe and Community Development Director Bateman met with Jenny Panetta and Tom Graham from the Regional Housing Authority where they discussed their shared interest and strategies for increasing affordable housing in Scotts Valley.

Library Board of Directors: City Manager LaGoe will attend the Library Board of Directors meeting tomorrow, and on the agenda is the contract for the new Library Director, Christopher Platt.

Leadership Santa Cruz Class 37: The last session will be held this Friday, and City Manager LaGoe noted that it has been a positive experience. Two of the City's senior executives have applied for the next class of Leadership Santa Cruz.

Meetings co-hosted with the Scotts Valley Chamber: Two meetings were held - one in person and one virtual - and the purpose was to discuss the history of the City's business license tax program and review the considerations for modernizing this program in a way that could benefit both the businesses and the City. There will be a presentation and more discussion at the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

David Alreck, a resident of Scotts Valley, spoke about the fire preparedness event and thought that the meeting was professional and informative. He expressed that we should be doing the necessary fire preparedness because it is the right thing to protect the community, and he would like to see the City leading by example.

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 05-15-2024
2. Approve check register dated 05-10-2024 through 05-23-2024
3. One-Year Extension of Criminal Justice Council (CJC) of Santa Cruz County

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing: SB 1 Projects

Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director, presented this item.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:37 PM. No members of the public came forward, and Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:37 PM.

M/S: Lind/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 1946.6, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley incorporating a list of projects to be funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

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

2. Public Hearing: Measure D Five-year Plan

Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director, presented this item and answered questions from the Council. Mark Falgout, Contract Engineer, was also in attendance to answer questions.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:45 PM.

David Alreck, a resident of Scotts Valley, expressed his dissatisfaction with how much money the City receives from the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). He urged the Council to make a strong statement to the RTC.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:48 PM.

M/S: Lind/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 1923.7 approving the list of Measure D Projects for FY24-25 through FY28-29.

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

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)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public Meeting: Pinewood Estates Landscape Maintenance Assessment District

Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director, presented this item. No one from the public commented during this public meeting.

2. Public Meeting: Skypark Open Space Maintenance Assessment District

Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director, presented this item.

Public comment was received during this public meeting from the following people:

Larry Ray, a resident of Skypark, spoke about the management of the linear trail. He expressed that the trail and the adjacent slope are at high risk for fire. He indicated that he writes grants for fuel management, defensible space and weed abatement.

Sheryl McEwen, a resident of Skypark, expressed her dismay with the weed management, and she does not feel that K&D Landscaping is doing a good job.

3. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Draft Proposed Budget and Long-Range Financial Forecasts

Mali LaGoe, City Manager, and Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director, presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council.

The Council Members gave direction to staff.

4. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 8:07 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: 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

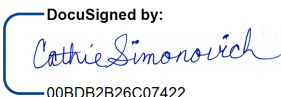
The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:37 PM.

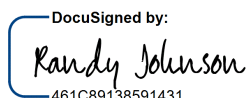
REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that there was nothing to report from the Closed Session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
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Randy Johnson, Mayor