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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: August 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 8-2-2024 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 6:00 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 Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director Jayson Rutherford, Police Captain Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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SPECIAL SET MATTER

- Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) annual member agency presentation
Judi Young, Senior Customer Accounts Manager for Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), gave the annual member agency presentation and responded to questions from the Council Members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Dilles attended a virtual meeting of the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee where they heard a review of the state budget, a review of the bills in process, and the ACA-1 initiative which will be on the November ballot.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz County Library Financing Authority where they approved the revised library sales tax report for 2023-24 as well as the estimates for 2024-25. They also approved the budget for 2024-25.

CM Dilles went to the Netherlands Consulate in San Francisco as a follow-up to the recent trip to the Netherlands with Ecology Action. He listened to a talk about strategies for community outreach and planning for alternate modes of transportation.

CM Dilles and CM Timms attended the Economic Development subcommittee meeting where they continued to talk about business outreach. They also discussed the Autism Certified City program, and the business license tax measure (see Regular Item 1). They reviewed an economic development webpage draft, as well as the business license tax calculator associated with the proposed new tax. CM Dilles thanked staff member Jordan Taylor and intern Dustin Lopez for their work in putting those items together.

VM Timm attended the Visit Santa Cruz County (VSCC) board meeting and reported that there was a strong tourist season for the summer, with rates down slightly year over year but still above the other regions in the area. The VSCC board is finalizing the lease for the new office space.

VM Timm attended the Town Center subcommittee meeting and the architects presented their report which was based on information received from the outreach to neighboring property owners and others who have direct stakes due to their proximity to the Town Center site. There will be community outreach events at the Art, Wine & Beer Festival August 17-18, at the Community Center August 22, and at the Multicultural Fair September 7.

CM Timms thanked Jordan Taylor and Dustin Lopez for the excellent work on producing a new outline for the Economic Development page on the website, and also for other work they have done such as their work on the business license tax calculator.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) but there was no information to report from that meeting.

CM Lind attended a special meeting of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) to vote on an action item to direct the CEO to execute an exclusive agreement with Mid-Peninsula Housing Corporation for the Watsonville Transit Center project.

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council (CJC) executive board meeting where they approved a contract for the third and final year of the behavioral health study.

CM Lind attended Coffee with a Cop, and she thanked Starbucks for hosting the event and she thanked the Scotts Valley Police Department and the California Highway Patrol for participating.

CM Lind attended the First Responder appreciation BBQ and thanked Robert Aldana and Team for organizing the lunch.

CM Lind attended National Night Out and thanked all who attended. She is proud that the City continues to hold this annual event.

Mayor Johnson attended the Town Center subcommittee meeting and he is excited at the progress of moving this project forward.

Mayor Johnson attended a meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) where they approved a new Executive Director.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

National Night Out: City Manager LaGoe thanked everyone who attended National Night out, and she thanked the businesses and non-profit organizations who participated.

Operation Safe Passage: The first day of school is tomorrow and the Police Department will be participating in Operation Safe Passage to increase student safety commuting to and from school at the beginning of the new school year. Extra officers will be working to strictly enforce traffic violations in and around all local school zones, including a focus on electric-powered bicycle violations due to the numerous complaints received in the past few months of riders disobeying the rules of the road.

City Newsletter: The City published its first biweekly newsletter this week! Interested residents can sign up online to receive the newsletter via email by going to the City's website.

Town Center Outreach: We are excited to share the future ideas for the Town Center at the three events that were mentioned in Vice Mayor Timm's report. There will also be a survey on the Town Center webpage for people who are unable to attend the outreach events but would still like to provide feedback.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project: The aeration basin upgrade project has started and is estimated to be completed by the end of next summer.

Bean Creek Road Slide Repair: This project is currently underway with PG&E

finishing some preliminary work related to the power lines, and then the City's contractor can begin the permanent repairs.

Public Works Staff: The City welcomes two new staff members to the Public Works Department - Dat Nguyen, is the Senior Engineer, and Carly Blanchard is the Senior Administrative Analyst. Dat comes to the City with 20 years of engineering experience, including roadway and active transportation engineering projects. Carly will be essential to assisting with grants, reports, budgeting and CIP projects.

Reserve Officer John Hohmann: He was selected for the 2024 Distinguished Career Award by the California Reserve Peace Officers Association and will be presented this award at the annual conference in Burbank this Friday. Congratulations to Officer Hohmann for being recognized for this prestigious award out of the many thousands of reserve officers who serve throughout California. We appreciate Officer Hohmann's efforts to keep Scotts Valley safe over the past 40 years of service to our local community.

Election update: The City Council has three seats which are up for election this November. So far nine interested residents have pulled papers, expressing interest in those seats. The deadline to file is this Friday, 8/9, unless and incumbent does not file in which case the deadline would be extended to next Wednesday, 8/14.

Recreation Division: The Recreation Division just wrapped up July which was Parks Month with many fun activities. Please check out all the fun events coming up, such as the movie in the park and a family overnight campout at Siltanen Park.

Mayor Johnson commented further on eBike safety. He also thanked everyone involved in putting together the National Night Out event.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Dilles

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council special meeting minutes of 06-12-2024 and 07-10-2024
2. Approve check register dated 07-03-2024 through 08-02-2024
3. Approve 2024 Local Agency Biennial Report

4. Approve Designation of Voting Delegate for 2024 League of California Cities Annual Conference
5. Approve Second Amendment to the Good City Company Agreement for Town Center development project
6. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Innovations
7. Lot Line Adjustment Between APN 024-182-04 (317 Sherman Drive), and APN 024-182-05 (411 Sherman Drive)
8. Lot Line Adjustment Between APN 021-132-06 (235 Twin Pines Drive), and APN 021-132-07 (255 Twin Pines Drive)

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. Resolution 2047.2 calling a Municipal Election for November 5, 2024, requesting that the County consolidate the election with the General Election and submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Scotts Valley a measure to modernize the Business License Tax

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

Public Comment in support of placing the business license tax measure on the November ballot was received from Phil Newman, owner of Cyber Ascend Technologies; Susan O'Connor Frasier, owner of Tam Communications; and Nick Kerns, community member.

The Council discussed the two phase-in options and chose Option 2 to add the following language to the ordinance:

Municipal Code section 5.04.310 Gross Receipts Tax - Rates

Paragraph C: In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the license tax owed shall be limited to 50% of the increase from the prior fiscal year. In the event the license tax owed for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is less than the prior fiscal year, the license tax owed shall be the amount calculated in accordance with Sections A and B above. Beginning Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the license tax owed shall be the amount calculated in accordance with Sections A and B above.

M/S: Timm/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 2017.2 calling for a Municipal Election for November 5,

2024, requesting that the County consolidate the Municipal Election with the General Election on November 5, 2024, and submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Scotts Valley, at the November 5, 2024, consolidated General Election, a measure to modernize the business license tax and directing staff to add the phase-in language in paragraph C as stated above.

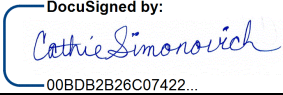
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Johnson, Timm, Dilles, Lind, Timms)

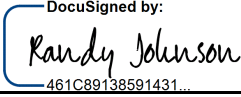
2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Randy Johnson, Mayor