



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: November 20, 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 11-15-2024 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 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Randy Johnson, Mayor Derek Timm, Vice Mayor Donna Lind, Council Member Allan Timms, Council Member ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT: Jack Dilles, Council Member	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Taylor Bateman, Community Services Director Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director Scott Garner, Police Captain Sarah Wikle, Senior Planner Ben Noble, Contract Planner Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
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SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's proclamation for the Honorable Bruce McPherson

Mayor Randy Johnson presented this proclamation to the Honorable Bruce McPherson for his 30 years of public service. Supervisor McPherson spoke about his positive experiences working with the City of Scotts Valley, including the residents, the City Council and the City Staff. The Council Members thanked and honored Supervisor McPherson for his many years of dedicated service to our community, the County and the State.

Supervisor McPherson presented proclamations to our outgoing Council Members, Mayor Johnson and Council Member Dilles, for their years of service and commitment to the City of Scotts Valley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council board meeting where they received information about the Caminos Hacia el Éxito program, which is a diversion program for Watsonville youth. Due to the success of this program, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education will be launching a similar countywide program, Ascend, in April 2025.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Personnel Board meeting where they received a report on the wage study program for management and the associated salary adjustment policy.

CM Lind has been working with the Exchange Club on the Light up the Night event to be held on December 7th at the Community Center from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The event includes Santa and Mrs. Claus entering on a fire engine, entertainment from local youth and adults, the Scotts Valley Police Officers Association (SVPOA) toy drive, and a food drive for Valley Churches United.

CM Lind attended the 25th anniversary celebration for ParaCruz. Mayor Johnson elaborated on the importance of this service and requested that his appreciation be passed on to ParaCruz.

CM Lind, along with the other Council Members, attended the grand opening celebration of Great Clips in the Target shopping center.

CM Lind attended the Scotts Valley Senior Center's Thanksgiving Luncheon and she thanked the Brookdale Senior Living Community for donating the food.

VM Timm attended the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting where they received an update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

VM Timm attended the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee meeting and noted that the restaurant business in Scotts Valley is down. He urged the Council and the public to support our local restaurants and to 'think local first' when dining and shopping.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Shop Local Holiday Bingo Card: This is a fun way to encourage people to shop locally. Twenty-four businesses have signed up to participate and each are offering a unique incentive. Once residents receive a Bingo, they can bring their card to City Hall and be entered into a raffle. The Shop Local Holiday Bingo will run from November 30th through January 3rd.

Police Officers Association (POA) Toy Drive: The Scotts Valley Police Officers Association will be collecting toys on Black Friday, 11/29, outside of Target on Mount Hermon Road.

Storm Preparations: Our crews are prepping for the forecasted storms.

FY 2024-25 Strategic Plan Update: The update for the first quarter of the 2024-25 fiscal year is posted to the website and social media, and it contains the 39 strategies and 106 tactics to work on to achieve the City Council's 10 goals, including summaries of the activities toward those goals.

PG&E Meeting: City Manager LaGoe and Public Works Director Onchi met with PG&E to discuss their vegetation management program, their plans for tree trimming throughout the City, encroachment permit processes and community outreach strategies.

New Council Members: City Manager LaGoe met with the two new Council Members, both in the audience tonight, to start talking about the onboarding process, committee assignments and commission appointments.

Budget Calendar for FY 2025-26: Administrative Services Director Hill is finalizing the budget calendar to set the timeline for the FY 2025-26 budget. The Finance staff is also working on the audit for FY 2023-2024.

Playground Equipment Surveys: We have received over 350 surveys for the big kid playground equipment at Skypark.

Reminders:

- City Hall and City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Follow the City of Scotts Valley on social media!
- Subscribe to the City of Scotts Valley's bi-weekly newsletter!

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Robert Aldana, a resident of Scotts Valley, thanked Mayor Randy Johnson for his 28 years of service. He also thanked CM Dilles for his 8 years of service.

City Manager LaGoe noted we will be honoring our outgoing Council Members during the December 18, 2024 City Council Meeting, and she encouraged the public to join us.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

ABSENT: Dilles)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 11-06-2024
2. Approve check register dated 11-02-2024 through 11-15-2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend Scotts Valley Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning), to include two new chapters regulating Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and other changes to the Zoning Code and General Plan required to implement the 2023-2031 Housing Element of the General Plan.

CDD Bateman introduced Ben Noble, Consultant Planner with Kimley-Horn, who presented this item. Consultant Planner Noble and Director Bateman responded to questions and comments from the Council Members. The Council Members discussed an amendment to remove the owner occupancy requirement for houses with Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs), and all Council Member present supported this amendment.

Mayor Johnson opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM.

Krista Jett, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked if the JADU occupancy requirement is designed to protect the renter.

Robert Aldana, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked if this new ordinance creates any restrictions on landlords renting their ADUs.

Mayor Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 PM.

Director Bateman addressed the public comments.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To introduce Ordinance No. 16.142 with amendments to Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning) to implement the Housing Element, and to waive the reading thereof as amended to remove section 17.58.030(C) Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) Owner Occupancy Requirements.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 1119.36 to amend General Plan Policy CSP-1.9 concerning the use of private wells.

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

ABSENT: Dilles)

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Timm

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

ABSENT: Dilles)

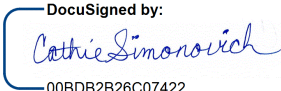
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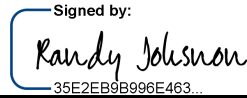
1. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
Randy Johnson, Mayor