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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: January 15, 2025
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 1-10-2024 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: Derek Timm, Mayor Allan Timms, Vice Mayor Steve Clark, Council Member Krista Jett, Council Member Donna Lind, Council Member	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk Steve Walpole, Police Chief Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

VM Timms attended the Consolidated Oversight Board meeting where they approved the three Successor Agency resolutions that the City Council adopted on December 18, 2024.

CM Lind attended the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador meeting, and they are requesting nominations for their annual awards. See the Chamber of Commerce website homepage for more information. The gala is scheduled for May 3rd.

Mayor Timm attended the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development meeting where he introduced CM Clark as the City's designated liaison for 2025. The plans for the upcoming year were discussed.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Annual Audit Complete: City Manager LaGoe commended the City's fiscal staff for timely completion of the 2023/2024 audit. Congratulations to Director Hill and the Finance team for this excellent work.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Application Submitted: This grant application was submitted just before the holidays and if we are awarded this funding it will help to fund additional staffing and programming at the Senior Center.

Fields Closed: The fields at Skypark and Siltanen Park have been closed for reseeding and quality improvements to the grass. City Manager LaGoe thanked the community for their patience while this important rehabilitation is completed.

Storm Damage Reimbursement: The City has been working with State and Federal partners regarding storm damage reimbursement costs. A meeting was held last week with California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to discuss the damage to the City's infrastructure due to the tornado and the process to receive reimbursement.

Federal Reimbursement for 2023 Storm Damage: City Manager LaGoe, along with Administrative Services Director Hill, had a conversation with Congressman Jimmy Panetta's staff to hopefully keep the reimbursement process moving forward as this \$2M+ is needed to pay back the General Fund.

Leadership Santa Cruz: The City hosted the Leadership Santa Cruz current cohort last Friday. City Manager LaGoe thanked VM Timms for welcoming the group and kicking off the day.

4575 SV Drive Project: The Planning Department approved a proposed housing project last Friday. This is located at 4575 Scotts Valley Drive and was submitted to the City under AB 2011, which means that the Planning Commission, City Council and public will not have input on the design or features of the project. The scope of the project includes demolition of an existing office building (44,000 feet), and the construction of three new apartment buildings to accommodate 100 multi-family apartments with 107 parking spaces. The project involved various state housing laws that modify the City's building requirements, including increasing height and reducing parking. Building plans have been submitted and are under review. The City will add a

webpage dedicated to this project to keep the community informed.

New Police Officer Trainee Larson Graff: Our newest Police Officer Trainee is set to graduate from the academy on January 24th, will be sworn in January 27th, and then begin field training here in Scotts Valley.

Aeration Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Project: This project is in full swing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

New Recycled Water System: This reached the 10% design milestone recently.

Congratulations to Freddy Avalos: City Manager LaGoe congratulated Wastewater employee, Freddy Avalos, for passing the Grade One Operator test.

Quien Sabe Road Repair: Today the maintenance crew worked on Quien Sabe Road performing repairs. Additionally, designs are being finalized for repairs and improvement projects to 12 other roadways this year. Information regarding these projects will be posted to social media to keep the community informed.

Mid-Year Budget and 2025/2026 Budget: The mid-year budget will be presented to the City Council at the next meeting, and preparations are well underway for next year's budget.

Other Updates:

- City offices closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Follow the City on social media!

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Sini Bava spoke about the wildfires in Southern California and noted that, as a community, we need to focus on ways to help the victims and we also need to focus on prevention and preparedness.

CM Lind announced that the Theater Guild is holding an open house on February 1st from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. They will release the new name and logo at the event.

Mayor Timm asked City Manager LaGoe to elaborate on what the City is doing for wildfire preparedness, and City Manager LaGoe responded that the City held a very well- attended event last year that covered preparedness and insurance issues. The City continues to put together resources and work on the insurance issues. The Mayor sits on a League of California Cities committee that is working on insurance advocacy. City Manager LaGoe thanked the fire fighters from Scotts Valley who are helping with the

fires in Southern California.

On the topic of preparedness, CM Jett noted even small steps can make a big impact. For instance, her neighborhood is getting together to discuss what they can do collectively to be more prepared.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Lind

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Regular Meeting minutes and Special Meeting minutes of 12-18-2024
2. Approve check register dated 11-13-2024 through 1-10-2025
3. Approve the 2025 Scotts Valley Interjurisdictional Committee, Commission, Board and Council appointments, Standing Committee and Liaison appointments and adopt resolutions establishing project specific subcommittees

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Lind

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Community Grant Program

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

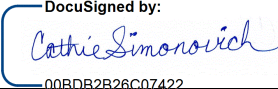
After discussing both staff recommendations, the City Council Members gave direction to the City Staff to move forward with the recommendation of allocating \$10K of the \$50K available to be used to assist Scotts Valley businesses with the cost of becoming autism certified businesses.

2. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Signed by: 
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Approved: _____
Derek Timm, Mayor