



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: April 16, 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 04-11-2025 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:

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
Steve Walpole, Police Chief
Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Clark attended a Senior Council meeting where they updated the Area Plan on Aging.

CM Clark attended a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting and announced that the auxiliary lanes on Highway 1, including the bus-on-shoulder lanes, are open ahead of schedule. This work will continue on Highway 1 towards State Park Drive.

VM Timms attended the Economic Development Committee meeting where they discussed the implementation of the business license tax, potentially having Administration Services oversee the Arts Commission in the future, ideas for improving the arts throughout the City, and possible approaches to build awareness for the Autism Certification program.

VM Timms attended a Budget Subcommittee meeting, which is one of two meetings scheduled to review the proposed 2025-26 budget. They reviewed the Police Department, Community Development Department, and Administrative Services Department at this meeting. The remainder of the departments will be reviewed at the next meeting.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) meeting where they are working on the strategic plan and the annual review of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

CM Lind continues to assist with planning for the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala event, which will be on May 9th. She noted that the early bird discounted ticket price ends on April 25th.

CM Lind attended the Candlelight Vigil for victims and survivors of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

CM Lind attended a multi-Chamber event for West Coast Community Bank (WCCB), formally Santa Cruz County Bank.

Mayor Timm attended a City Selection Committee meeting where they confirmed the nomination of Justin Cummings to the California Coastal Commission.

Mayor Timm noted that during the Budget Subcommittee meeting they discussed changes at the state and federal level that will likely affect cities, and they also discussed potential challenges if consumer spending slows down.

Mayor Timm announced that the April meeting of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) was cancelled.

Mayor Timm attended the Insurance Town Hall where Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara gave updated information. A key point that could benefit Scotts Valley residents is regarding recent legislation that will require insurance companies to write policies within impacted areas. Commissioner Lara also encouraged residents to build Firewise communities.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

National Public Safety Communication Appreciation Week: City Manager LaGoe announced that this week we are celebrating our dispatchers for all that they do to answer emergency and non-emergency calls, greet the public, maintain the police records, and much more.

Concrete Grinding for Safety: This current project aligns with the City's risk management safety program to eliminate trip hazards around town. City Manager LaGoe noted that you can see the work in front of City Hall that was completed this week.

Skypark Soccer Fields Vandalized: The fields were damaged by a car being driven on them. Repairs to the field are in process and physical barriers will likely be installed to discourage this behavior.

Town Center Property Purchase: Escrow is open for the purchase of the Town Center parcels from the City of Santa Cruz. Escrow will close around the end of the fiscal year.

Town Center Meetings: The meetings are ramping up as we move through the Specific Plan and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process. Director Bateman, City Attorney Powell, and City Manager LaGoe have been meeting regularly with the Town Center consultants to ensure that the project stays on track.

Monterey Bay Area Self Insurance Authority (MBASIA): City Manager LaGoe is on the MBASIA Board as Treasurer. MBASIA is the risk management pool consisting of 10 small cities all located in the Monterey Bay Area. At the recent meeting they discussed the budget, and she noted that Scotts Valley's property insurance costs are predicted to be flat, and workers' compensation costs are predicted to decrease slightly. They also discussed a new earthquake protection insurance policy. The MBASIA budget will be finalized in June and the City will use this information in the annual budget.

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Operations Board: At this meeting they discussed the electrification incentive program, including options to streamline the program.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Meeting: This is a countywide organization created to address homelessness and affordable housing. The discussion at this meeting was heavily focused on the changing landscape of federal and state funding. They also discussed Affordable Housing Month which is coming up in May. There are several events around the county to celebrate affordable housing month. Please go to housingsantacruzcounty.com for more information.

Measure X Implementation: Communication is being prepared to inform businesses about the implementation of Measure X, which changes the business license tax structure.

Advocacy Letters: Two letters of support that align with Scotts Valley's Legislative Platform were sent out this week. The first was requested by the League of California Cities (CalCities) and is a letter of support for AB 650 which will help cities comply with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process in a number of ways. The

second letter went to Senator Laird and Assemblymember Pellerin and was regarding e-bike safety for youth.

Reminders:

- Sign up for the City's newsletter
- Follow the City on social media

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

CM Lind announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month. She shared information from Monarch Services regarding the events taking place in the month of April and all the information can be found at <https://www.monarchsc.org>. Mayor Timm added that Monarch has done great work for our community, and they are also the recipient of a grant from the City through the Community Grant Program. He noted that Monarch accepts private donations as well.

Paul Murphy, a resident of Scotts Valley, inquired about the status of the Bocce court roof. Although the public comment period does not allow for a question-and-answer process, Mayor Timm indicated the City Manager has relevant information on this topic. City Manager LaGoe reported that the City is researching shade options around the bocce area that will provide more immediate relief, as well as looking long-term by implementing a Skypark Master Plan as an overarching plan to address the entire Skypark facility.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council Special Meeting and Regular Meeting minutes of 04-02-2025
2. Approve check register dated 03-29-2025 through 04-11-2025
3. Ratify appointment of Parks and Recreation Commissioner
4. Aeration Basin System Upgrades Project - Cushman Contracting Agreement Amendment

5. Wastewater Recycling Facility Membrane Bioreactor Preliminary Design Agreement Amendment
6. Amendment to Employment Contract between the City of Scotts Valley and Mali LaGoe
7. Consider Resolution Designating No Parking on El Pueblo, Carbonero Way, Victor Square Extension and Technology Drive on Tuesdays from 5:00am to 7:00am

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Clark/Timms

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Future Council Agenda Items

Mayor Timm requested staff to place the consideration of displaying the Pride flag during the month of June 2025, commonly known as Pride Month, on an upcoming City Council agenda. A majority of the Council Members supported this request.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 6:21 PM to discuss the following item:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Justin Nordgreen vs. City of Scotts Valley, et al. United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case 5:25-cv-02574-NW
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Police Chief

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

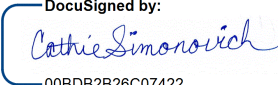
The City Council reconvened to open session at 6:45 PM.

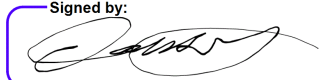
REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
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Derek Timm, Mayor