



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: May 7, 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 5-2-2025 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
Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
Steve Walpole, Police Chief
Jayson Rutherford, Police Captain
Scott Garner, Police Captain
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation - Peace Officers Memorial Day

Mayor Timm presented the proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day, and Officer Patrick Ahrens accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Police Officers Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Clark attended a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting where they adopted the 2025 unmet transit and paratransit needs list and also approved/allocated funds for specialized transportation services. CM Clark noted that the RTC will hold two in-person community workshops for the Zero Emissions Passenger Rail-Trail Project on 5/12 and 5/14.

CM Clark noted that the Senior Council became aware of two programs that are at risk due to federal cuts. These programs are the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion program, and both of these important programs help to address the harms of senior isolation.

CM Clark, as part of an Economic Development Subcommittee initiative, started the business outreach plan in order to understand the complex needs of the various businesses in Scotts Valley.

VM Timms attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting where they reviewed the overall budget.

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council (CJC) Executive Board meeting where they are working through the details of dissolving the Council next month, including the details of funds distribution and website hosting.

CM Lind met with the Regional Transit Commission's Executive Director, Sarah Christensen, to discuss issues common to METRO, RTC and the City.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) ad hoc meeting where they discussed the CEO's review as well as challenges in the upcoming year.

CM Lind attended the Chamber of Commerce preparation meeting for the awards gala event that will be on Friday, 5/9. The event is sold out but contact CM Lind or the Chamber of Commerce if you are still in need of tickets.

CM Lind attended Scotts Valley High School's 25-year anniversary gala.

Mayor Timm attended both Budget Subcommittee meetings which occurred since the last Council meeting. He noted that the subcommittee is closely monitoring the sales tax returns in the City, and he expressed thanks to all departments for searching for budget savings in the next fiscal year.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Budget Subcommittee: City Manager LaGoe expressed thanks to the subcommittee members for their many hours of work on the budget preparation. The City is anticipating a tight budget year for FY 2025-26 partially due to a projected sales tax revenue decrease, receiving only 50% of Measure X revenues in the upcoming fiscal

year, waiting for \$2 million from the federal government for road repairs, and the upcoming labor agreement increases that have already been negotiated. All departments have participated in cost-saving measures, and the City has researched the various special revenue funds that can be used to protect the general fund. The proposed budget will be presented at the 5/21 City Council meeting.

Strategic Plan Update: The update to the Strategic Plan for the first three quarters of the current fiscal year is published on the City's website and was also sent out in the newsletter.

Senior Center Board: There are three vacancies on the Senior Center Board. If you are interested in serving on the Senior Center Board, or would like to find out more information, please contact City Clerk Cathie Simonovich or Recreation Division Manager Allison Pfefferkorn.

Mt. Hermon Signal Timing Project: Engineering is finalizing the plan to modernize and improve the signal timing on Mt. Hermon Road and is waiting on equipment that has been delayed.

Bid Package for Pavement Management Plan (PMP): The bid package was posted this week for a large PMP summer project which includes 18 lane miles of roads in Scotts Valley. The optional pre-bid meeting is on 5/12. Please see the City's website for more information.

New Staff Members: The City welcomed a new Maintenance Worker I, Riley, who started last week. We also will welcome a new Associate Planner, Joshua, who will start next Monday.

Maintenance of Fields/Parks: The maintenance staff are doing a great job staying on top of irrigation, gopher control, and general maintenance, so the fields are in better condition than in the past.

Softball/Little League Meeting: The joint meeting between the City and representatives of Softball and Little League was productive. The meeting participants were able to talk through and clarify information to dispel the rumors that had been circulating, to discuss where we are at, to discuss what the process will be over the next several months, and to discuss what fees may look like in the future. The City asked the league representatives to list the projects that need to be completed to better support our youth athletes. City Manager LaGoe thanked CM Clark for his input and participation in this meeting.

Environmental Impact Scoping Meeting: An environmental impact scoping meeting for the Town Center Specific Plan update will be held on 5/22 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Reminders:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

John Marlow asked for information on when the budget will be available for public review.

CM Lind noted the great work being done by Damians Ladder which provide services free of charge to seniors in our community, such as plumbing, electrical, and more.

City Manager LaGoe noted that the agenda for 5/21 Council meeting will be published on 5/16, and it will have the staff report and links to the proposed budget. At the 5/21 Council meeting, the City will accept public comments on the proposed budget, and the final adoption of the budget is scheduled for 6/4. Anyone interested in receiving notifications when the agendas are published can sign up on the City's website.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Timms/Clark

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 04-16-2025
2. Approve check register dated 04-12-2025 through 05-02-2025
3. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2025
4. Selection and direction to enter into a professional services agreement for auditing services

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Public Hearing Item was heard immediately after Regular Agenda Item 1 as Public Hearings must be heard after 6:30 PM.

1. Public Hearing on Vacancies to Comply with Assembly Bill 2561

Administrative Services Stephanie Hill presented this item.

Mayor Timm opened the public hearing at 6:33 PM.

Public comment was received from John Marlow who asked how we evaluate staff to ensure that they are efficient.

City Manager LaGoe reviewed the City's annual evaluation process.

Mayor Timm closed the public hearing at 6:37 PM.

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Regular Agenda Item 1 was heard before the Public Hearing Item since the Public Hearing item could not be heard until 6:30 PM.

1. Consider request to display the Pride flag to commemorate Pride Month from June 1st to June 30th, 2025

City Manager LaGoe presented this item, and the Council Members expressed their support for displaying the Pride flag and the fact that it reflects that Scotts Valley values inclusivity.

M/S: Timms/Jett

To approve the display of the Pride flag from June 1st to June 30th, 2025 to commemorate Pride Month.

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

2. Scotts Valley Police Annual Activity Report

Police Chief Steve Walpole presented this item, and the Council Members expressed their thanks to the Police Department staff.

3. AB 481 Military Equipment Use Annual Report and Ordinance Renewing the Military Use Policy

Captain Scott Garner presented this item.

M/S: Lind/Timms

To review and renew Ordinance No. 22-200.2 by introducing and waiving further reading of Ordinance No. 22.200.3 approving Lexipol Policy 706 pertaining to the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment as mandated by Assembly Bill 481.

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

M/S: Lind/Jett

To approve the acquisition of the three new Colt rifles as listed in the Annual Report.

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

4. Introduction of Ordinance 7.8 amending Title 8 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code by repealing Chapter 8.04 in its entirety and by adding a new Chapter 8.05, Graffiti Abatement - Public Nuisance

Captain Jayson Rutherford presented this item, which is an item previously requested as a future agenda item by CM Clark and supported by the full Council.

CM Jett expressed concern about property owners who may not have the resources to clean up graffiti.

City Manager LaGoe noted that the City has a volunteer program which is run by the Recreation Division, and citizens can also email concerns to the Public Works Maintenance email address which is pwmaint@scottsvalley.gov.

M/S: Clark/Timms

To introduce Ordinance 7.8 amending Title 8 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code by repealing Chapter 8.04 in its entirety and by adding a new Chapter 8.05, Graffiti Abatement - Public Nuisance and waive the reading thereof.

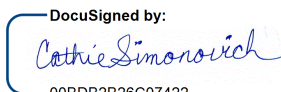
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Timms, Clark, Jett, Lind)

5. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Signed by: 
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Approved: _____
Derek Timm, Mayor