



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: May 21, 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 05-16-2025 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
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation - Homeless Garden Project, California Nonprofit of the Year

Mayor Timm presented the proclamation for the Homeless Garden Project. Brendan Miele, Board President, and Paul Goldberg, Development Director, accepted the proclamation for the Homeless Garden Project.

2. Mayor's Proclamation - Older Americans Month

Mayor Timm presented the proclamation for Older Americans Month. Dana Wagner, the Director of Meals on Wheels, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Seniors Council and Meals on Wheels. Darshana Croskey, Senior Center Coordinator, also spoke regarding the proclamation.

3. Mayor's Proclamation - Public Works Week, May 18 - May 24

Mayor Timm presented the proclamation for Public Works Week and Public Works Director Onchi said a few words. A video showing the Public Works team in action was shown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council (CJC) board meeting where they discussed various programs in place to take over the functions of the CJC when it is dissolved. The County of Santa Cruz will continue to maintain the website.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Finance meeting where they discussed the acquisition logistics of the new buses. She also attended a Board Meeting and noted that METRO has received several awards.

CM Lind congratulated Chief Walpole and all the awardees for the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce awards that were presented at the annual gala.

VM Timms attended the Queer Youth Leadership Awards (QYLA) along with Mayor Timm and noted it was an amazing event honoring some very impressive and courageous members of our City and County.

CM Jett attended the Town Center Subcommittee meeting where they discussed the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the EIR scoping meeting, which will be held Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

CM Jett attended the Youth Action Network (YAN) Pathways to Possibilities (P2P) end-of-year listening party. About 10-12 Scotts Valley high school students attended this meeting and provided positive and valuable feedback.

CM Jett noted that there will be a Youth & Adult Partnership Summit on June 18 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Cabrillo College. Registration is available on the United Way website.

CM Clark noted that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) will be seeking input on the North Coast Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan and will host a virtual workshop on May 29 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The webinar link and more information can be found on the RTC website.

CM Clark attended an Economic Development Committee meeting and noted that the

business outreach program is in process and the Measure X business license implementation is underway.

CM Clark attended the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development meeting with City Manager LaGoe, and they reported on the pavement management plan, the Town Center progress, and the implementation of the new business license fee structure.

Mayor Timm attended the Town Center Subcommittee meeting and reported that they reviewed the temporary uses of the Town Center property.

Mayor Timm attended the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting, and he noted that AMBAG is now part of a new rural energy network. Through this program, approximately \$36M will be available to implement energy efficiency projects throughout our region. Additionally, they approved the draft 2025-2026 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and the budget.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Pavement Management Program: This is out for bid and will close May 23 at 2:00 PM and the bid opening will occur immediately after that. The PMP includes 18 lane miles of pavement resurfacing across the City.

Pothole Repairs: The Public Works staff members have been doing much-needed pothole repairs up and down Mt. Hermon Road. City Manager LaGoe thanked the public for their patience and for keeping the Public Works crew safe.

Signal Timing Improvements on Mt. Hermon Road: The signal light timing improvements along Mt. Hermon Road have been installed, so the signals have been synchronized during the peak traffic periods. There will be additional fine-tuning when the back-ordered equipment is installed.

Sports Fields/Grass Areas: City Manager LaGoe gave a huge thank you to the City's Maintenance staff, who have been doing a great job staying on top of irrigation issues, gopher issues, and making sure that the quality of grass is as good as it can possibly be for our amazing youth athletes and everyone who uses the fields.

Summer Events Walk-Through: In preparation for the Art, Wine and Beer Festival and other upcoming community events, City staff will be meeting with the Chamber representatives to complete a walk-through of the area to make sure needs are met and concerns are addressed

Planning Department Staffing: Last week the new Associate Planner Joshua Wozynski started, and interviews for the open Senior Planner position are next week.

Town Center Scoping Meeting: This meeting will be held on May 22 at 5:30 PM in

the City Council Chambers and the public will have the opportunity to provide input on what should be studied in the EIR.

Arts and Poetry Contest Winners: City Manager LaGoe congratulated the arts and poetry contest winners. The winners were honored at the Arts Commission meeting and also at the showcase event at the Community Center.

Reminders:

- Follow the City on social media
- Subscribe to the City's newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kristyn Glenn, the Development Manager for Dientes Community Dental Care, thanked the Council for the grant award through the City's Community Grant Program. She stressed how important proper dental care is for our most vulnerable citizens.

Robert Aldana, a resident of Scotts Valley, thanked the Council for displaying the Pride flag in the month of June, and he thanked the Council for honoring the Homeless Garden Project. He is pleased that Scotts Valley continues to be an inclusive community.

Darshana Croskey, a resident of Scotts Valley, thanked the Council for displaying the Pride flag in the month of June, but also questioned why the Council must follow the approval process in order to do so.

Dylan Jones, a resident of Scotts Valley, spoke regarding the residency requirements for the City Manager.

Cynthia Dzendzel, a resident of Scotts Valley, thanked the Council for the proclamation for Older Americans Month and for the vital Senior Center events and programming.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Dylan Jones dated 05-06-2025

Mayor Timm requested that City Attorney Powell address: 1) Process for display of flags, and 2) City Manager residency requirements. City Attorney responded with the following information:

1. Display of flags: The City has a flag policy that is to be followed anytime there is a request by a Council Member to display a commemorative flag (Resolution No. 2014).

2. City Manager residency requirements: The City has complied with both the Government Code and the City's Municipal Code regarding the residency requirements for the City Manager.

Dylan Jones spoke regarding the residency requirements for the City Manager.

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 05-07-2025
2. Approve check register dated 05-03-2025 through 05-16-2025
3. Road closure for City's 4th of July Parade
4. Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Casa Way Residential Subdivision, a Nine-Lot Subdivision Located at the Intersection of Casa Way and Sandra Heights Road/APN 023-113-36
5. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 22-200.3 AB 481 Military Equipment Use policy renewal
6. Second reading and adoption 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider Resolution 1198.79 adopting proposed FY2025/26 User Fee Schedule and Charges

Administrative Services Director Hill presented this item.

Mayor Timm opened the public hearing at 6:54 PM. No members of the public provided comment, and Mayor Timm closed the public hearing at 6:55 PM.

M/S: Clark/Lind

To adopt Resolution 1198.79 adopting the proposed FY2025/26 User Fee Schedule and Charges.

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

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Clark

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to Fiscal Year 2029-2030

Public Work Director Onchi presented this item and responded to questions from the Council Members. The Council provided input and CM Clark requested that the two Siltanen Park projects be revisited for funds availability at the mid-year review.

John Marlow, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked about when and how the City will consider the impact on the roads of the 100 new housing units and the related funding issues.

Dylan Jones, a resident of Scotts Valley, congratulated the Public Works Department on recent road work that was completed near his street. He also questioned the decision to have bike lanes in both directions on the Granite Creek overpass.

2. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, Long-Range Financial Forecast, and Fund Matrix

City Manager LaGoe presented the budget process, the strategic goals for 2025-2027, strengths/challenges, major initiatives, and the road ahead. Administrative Services Director Hill presented the details of the proposed 2025-2026 budget.

Dylan Jones, a resident of Scotts Valley, asked about the outstanding loans, and he suggested that volunteers could do work to free up staff to complete other tasks.

The Council reviewed the discussion items in the presentation and directed staff to include the \$50K for the Community Grant program, but to not issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) until a determination is made at the mid-year budget review.

3. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 8:36 PM to discuss the following items:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.95
Claimant: James Ross
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director
2. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Roseann Dudrick vs. Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, et al. Superior Court of California County of Santa Cruz, Case Number: 24CV00230
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

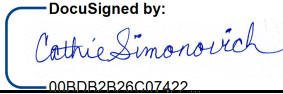
The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:47 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell reported that the City Council met in Closed Session regarding the existing litigation of Rosann Dudrick vs. the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, and the City Council voted unanimously to authorize the City Manager to enter into a settlement in which another party in the case will pay \$100K to settle the case and there will be no cost to the City of Scotts Valley.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Attest: 
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Signed by: 
Approved: 
Derek Timm, Mayor