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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: December 17, 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 12-12-2025 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 6:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Derek Timm, Mayor
 Donna Lind, Vice Mayor
 Steve Clark, Council Member
 Krista Jett, Council Member
 Greg Wimp, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
 Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
 Jayson Rutherford, Interim Police Chief
 Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
 Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
 Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Clark attended a joint meeting of the Senior Council Board and the Area Agency for Aging where they received updates from the service providers from both Santa Cruz County and San Benito County.

CM Clark attended the Economic Development subcommittee meeting where they discussed the upcoming plans for the FIFA World Cup and the Superbowl. The City's

Recreation Department is also engaged in the planning and has some exciting events planned.

CM Clark attended a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting and noted that he was selected as Vice Chair for 2026. The Commission adopted the Santa Cruz County Transportation Equity Action Plan, which documents transportation disparities in the county and updates the regional definition of disadvantaged communities and equity priority communities. Additionally, the Commission accepted the final project concept report for the Zero Emissions Passenger Rail Trail, and voted in favor of developing the interim trail in place of the existing tracks on Segments 9 through 11 (between the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz and State Park Drive).

CM Jett, as part of the Youth Action Network, attended the Pathways to Possibilities end of year listening session. The students shared what they learned, what they liked, and what they are hoping to accomplish in the future. They also discussed CM Jett's role and determined that she will be more involved in the future.

CM Jett attended a Town Center subcommittee meeting where they discussed the Town Center Environmental Impact Report, and changes to the Town Center Specific Plan based on the input at the Planning Commission meeting and from other public comments.

VM Lind attended the RTC meeting, as a representative of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), with CM Clark.

VM Lind attended the Kumon of Scotts Valley student awards event, and she noted that CM Clark received an award for being accessible and supporting their program.

VM Lind was involved in the planning of the Light up the Night event along with CM Wimp. She thanked the Police Officers Association (POA) for their hard work on the toy drive.

VM Lind represented the City at the retirement event for Carlos Palacios, the outgoing Santa Cruz County Chief Executive Officer.

CM Wimp attended a Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste Management meeting and learned about the California Redemption Value (CRV) program. They also received an update on SB 1053 which establishes the ban on plastic bags at grocery stores and large retailers, and they learned about SB 1215 regarding embedded battery recycling.

CM Wimp attended the Children's Network of Santa Cruz County meeting where they presented the Santa Cruz County Strategic Plan for 2026-2032. He noted that the Children's Network Symposium will be held in March 2026.

CM Wimp attended the Kumon of Scotts Valley student awards ceremony.

CM Wimp attended the Light up the Night event.

CM Wimp attended the Leadership Santa Cruz Health and Human Services day where they learned about the issues facing Watsonville Community Hospital.

Mayor Timm attended the Economic Development subcommittee meeting, and he is excited about how our county is engaging in the economic development surrounding the FIFA World Cup and also the upcoming Superbowl. He also met with volunteers who want to help with Scotts Valley's brand.

Mayor Timm encouraged everyone to shop locally in Scotts Valley and to frequent the restaurants as well.

Mayor Timm attended a Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) board meeting, and he noted that Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has been lobbying for things that will negatively impact consumer rates. Mayor Timm encouraged community members to take advantage of the rebate programs that are available through 3CE, such as switching from gas appliances to electric appliances, fully electric new construction, and battery backup power incentives.

Mayor Timm attended the Town Center subcommittee meeting and noted that we will hear more about the EIR and the Specific Plan this evening during the public hearing.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Holiday Staff Potluck: The annual Staff Potluck and toy drive for Valley Churches United was held last week in the Council Chambers. Along with the other toy drive events, the Police Officers Association raised a total of \$800 in donations and 3 pickup truck loads full of toys.

New Police Officer: The City's newest Police Officer, Fred Yoon, was sworn in last week. Officer Yoon has experience with both the Santa Cruz PD and the Santa Clara PD, and we're excited to welcome him to our team.

New Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Instructor: Officer King completed his two-week DARE instructor training and will begin a new assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) in January.

Interviews for Lieutenant and Sergeant: Interviews are underway for internal promotions in the Police Department for Lieutenant and Sergeant.

RING Master Governance Agreement: All Cities and Santa Cruz County have officially approved the RING master governance agreement, so the project is ready to move forward.

Check Received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): The City received a \$1.2M check from the FHWA to reimburse the City for the 2023 winter storm emergency repairs to Bean Creek road. In November, the City received a check for just over \$900K for the Green Hills road repairs. We are grateful for support from Congressional Representative Panetta's office as well as the staff at Caltrans who helped expedite our reimbursements.

Glenwood Drive Emergency Repair Work: Work on the emergency repair of the Glenwood slide began this week. City staff has been coordinating with Anderson Pacific on the design and construction of a retaining wall to stabilize the roadway. A temporary one-lane traffic configuration with stop control is in place to allow safe construction access and maintain vehicle safety. We ask that residents drive cautiously and follow all temporary traffic control measures.

Countywide Safety Action Plan: The countywide Safety Action Plan draft will be completed this week. City staff will review the draft and provide comments over the next few weeks, and all comments will be addressed in the final version of the plan.

Al Shugart Park Design Concept: Last night, the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Al Shugart park concept design. The next steps will include completing the environmental review and finalizing the design to bring to Council for final approval.

New Recreation Employee: A new employee in the Recreation Department started today. Claire McKinney will provide part-time temporary support to the Senior Center as a receptionist as well as other administrative help to the Recreation team.

Recreation Activity Management Software: Recreation also launched their new activity management software this week. This has been a yearlong process to select a more modern vendor, set up the system, and transition records. They also plan to launch a new app in January which residents can use to sign up for classes, make reservations and more.

Master Plan on Aging Policy Board Meeting: City Manager LaGoe attended a Master Plan on Aging Policy Board meeting today where they discussed collaboration in working toward the identified goals of the plan.

Housing for Health Partnership Board Meeting: City Manager LaGoe attended her last meeting on the Housing for Health Partnership Board today. Scotts Valley shares a seat on the board with Capitola, and Scotts Valley has had that seat for the last two years. The seat rotates back to Capitola in January. At the meeting, they received an update on the County's Strategic Plan, homeless services funding changes at the federal level, and they discussed a needs and gaps analysis.

Library Facilities Financing Authority and Joint Powers Authority Board

Meetings: City Manager LaGoe will attend the Library Facilities Financing Authority and Joint Powers Authority Board meetings tomorrow. This is the last meeting of 2025, and City Manager LaGoe noted that she is expecting to be named chair of those boards starting next year.

DUI Checkpoint: Tomorrow evening our Police Department will be conducting a DUI Checkpoint on Mount Hermon Road between 7:00 AM and 11:00 PM.

Shop Local Win Local Campaign: Our Shop Local Win Local campaign continues through the end of the month. Please shop at Scotts Valley businesses and turn in receipts to City Hall to be entered for a chance to win prizes. More information is available on the City's website and social media channels, and at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Baby Boom: We're experiencing a bit of a baby boom among our staff! This is exciting but will also stretch our resources thin over the next six months as various staff take maternity and paternity leave.

City Office Closure for Holidays: City offices will be closed to walk-in visitors between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, with limited staffing. Please call ahead if you need assistance.

January City Council Meeting: There will be no City Council meeting the first Wednesday of January, so the next City Council Meeting will be January 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Clark

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council special meeting minutes of 11-19-2025 and 11-26-2025, and regular meeting minutes of 12-3-2025
2. Monthly Treasurer's Report - September 2025

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2077 to Ratify the 2025 California Fire Code with amendments, as adopted by the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District
4. Local Agency Special Tax and Bond Accountability Act for Fiscal Year 2024-25 - CFD 97-1
5. Adopt Resolution Accepting the FY 2024-25 Annual AB 1600 Development Impact Fee Report
6. Update on Emergency Actions Taken for the Glenwood Road Embankment Failure Project
7. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 16.143 amending the Scotts Valley Municipal Code Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 17 (Zoning) to clarify requirements for accessory dwelling units, junior accessory dwelling units, urban lot splits, SB 9 residential development, and ministerial design review.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. A public hearing to adopt a resolution certifying the 2025 Town Center Specific Plan Final Environmental Impact Report and Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations with respect to significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the EIR, and to adopt a resolution approving the 2025 Town Center Specific Plan

CM Wimp recused himself due to the proximity of his business to the Town Center Plan area.

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item, and Consultants Troy Reinhalter from Good City Company and Akoni Danielsen from David J. Powers & Associates presented this item.

In the presentation it was noted that there was a typo in Exhibit B to Resolution No. 2081.1. The number of low-income units should be 427, not 497.

Mayor Timm opened the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

Comments were received from M. Thompson, D. Alvarez, R. Aldana, S. Draper, and D. Jones.

Mayor Timm closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM.

Staff and consultants responded to questions and comments from the public.

M/S: Clark/Jett

To Adopt Resolution No. 2081 certifying the 2025 Town Center Specific Plan

Final Environmental Impact Report, rejecting the environmentally superior alternative, adopting a statement of overriding considerations with respect to significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the DEIR, supported by substantial evidence in the record to move forward with the 2025 Plan, and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to implement the mitigation measures required for those impacts that were found to be less than significant with mitigation measures.

Carried 4/0/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; RECUSE: Wimp)

M/S: Jett/Lind

To Adopt Resolution No. 2081.1 approving the 2025 Town Center Specific Plan and accepting potential LOS D at the Kings Village Road & Mt. Hermon Road intersection.

Carried 4/0/0/1 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; RECUSE: Wimp)

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Nomination/Motion of Mayor/Chair (conducted by City Manager)

City Manager LaGoe opened the nomination period for the position of Mayor/Chair.

Council Member Clark nominated Council Member Lind for the position of Mayor/Chair, seconded by Council Member Jett.

Vote to approve the appointment of Council Member Donna Lind for the position of Mayor/Chair: Carried 5/0 (AYES: Timm, Lind, Clark, Jett, Wimp)

2. Nomination/Motion of Vice Mayor/Vice Chair (conducted by newly appointed Mayor)

Mayor Lind opened the nomination period for the position of Vice Mayor/Vice Chair.

Mayor Lind nominated Council Member Clark for the position of Vice Mayor/Vice Chair, second by Council Member Wimp.

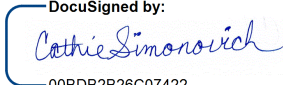
Vote to approve the appointment of Council Member Steve Clark for the position of Vice Mayor/Vice Chair: Carried 5/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Timm, Wimp)

3. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Attest: 
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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: 
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Donna Lind, Mayor