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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: May 6, 2026
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 5-1-2026 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:

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

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Jayson Rutherford, Police Chief
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Rodolfo Onchi, Public Works Director
Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director
Lauren Lambert, Acting Administrative Secretary

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation for Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15, 2026

Mayor Lind presented the proclamation declaring May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Police Chief Jayson Rutherford accepted the proclamation.

2. Mayor's Proclamation for Older Americans Month, May 2026

Mayor Lind presented the proclamation declaring May 2026 as Older Americans Month. Zachary Johnson, Administrative Services Officer for the Seniors Council, and Antonio Rivas, Seniors Council Board Member, accepted the proclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended a Special Board Meeting for Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), and he noted that the battery rebate program is oversubscribed and will be discontinued. However, there will be other programs in the future.

CM Timm attended the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Public Financing Authority (EIFD PFA) meeting where they discussed the bylaws, the make-up of the board, and important projects.

CM Jett attended a Pathways to Possibility (P2P) meeting, as part of her involvement with the Youth Action Network, where the students did some creative activities. She congratulated the students for presenting at the previous Council meeting.

CM Jett, along with CM Wimp, attended a Safety Advisory Committee meeting where they discussed a variety of safety concerns throughout the City. They also looked ahead to the repaving project on Scotts Valley Drive this summer, and they heard a presentation from Director Onchi on the Safety Action Plan.

CM Jett attended a Town Center Subcommittee meeting, and she noted that the Request for Proposals window has closed and the proposals are currently under review. They discussed the process for independently reviewing the proposals and they will meet again next week to review the independent scores.

CM Jett attended a Childrens Network meeting where they heard a presentation from Santa Cruz County about child welfare.

CM Wimp attended the Safety Action Committee meeting which CM Jett reported on above.

VM Clark attended a Seniors Council meeting where they covered the quarterly Master Plan for Aging workgroup.

VM Clark and Mayor Lind attended a couple of Budget Subcommittee meetings.

Mayor Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Planning and Projects meeting where they worked on budget items and the potential tax measure, and she also attended a METRO Board of Directors meeting where they focused on budget items and the Reimagine METRO program.

Mayor Lind, as Chamber Ambassador, has been attending the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala planning meetings.

Mayor Lind gave welcome remarks at the Home Hardening and Wildfire Prevention Workshop, which was a collaboration between the City of Scotts Valley and Assemblymember Pellerin.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager LaGoe noted that it is Public Service Recognition Week, and she thanked the staff, volunteers, commissions and the Council Members for their service to the Community.

City Manager LaGoe thanked Administrative Services Director Hill for filling in for her at the last Council meeting.

The Fiscal Year 26-27 budget is receiving finishing touches. The budget and the Capital Improvement Plan will be presented to the Council on May 20. She thanked the subcommittee members for their efforts during the long meetings.

The first Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Public Financing Authority board meeting was held on May 5. The Board provided direction to staff to draft bylaws and the Infrastructure Financing Plan (IFP) which will be the guiding document for the financing district. The bylaws and the IFP will be presented at the next meeting, likely this summer, and in the meantime staff will work on setting up a website and doing some public outreach.

The Citizens Academy participants toured the Wastewater Treatment Plan this week and heard presentations from Public Works Director Onchi and City Attorney Powell.

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) met today in the Council Chambers, and they took action to approve the Scotts Valley Service and Sphere of Influence Review.

The work on the Scotts Valley Drive sinkhole is complete and the remaining work that is being completed is a coordinated effort between the Scotts Valley Water District and Caltrans.

Governor Newsome recently declared a disaster for the storm event that caused the slide on Glenwood Drive. Staff has been working with CalOES on completing the funding request, and this disaster declaration should make it easier for the City to be reimbursed for the repair costs.

The Recreation team released a Senior Survey to gain input on what services they would like to see and also their opinion of the Senior Center. This survey went out in the May Senior Center Newsletter and QR codes are posted around town. Complete surveys can also be brought into the Senior Center or mailed in.

The City recently completed an employee engagement survey, and the results are being reviewed. Preliminarily, job satisfaction is high, employees feel supported, and employees plan to stay for several years.

The Police Department participated in the Race to Remember event last weekend.

The Police Department completed lockdown drills at Vine Hill Elementary School and at Scotts Valley Middle School last week.

The Police staff received a new motorcycle that was paid for with grant funding.

The Blue and Gold Dinner is next Friday, and big congratulations goes out to Officer Aaron Roberts for being awarded Police Employee of the Year.

The City received a \$700K check from the federal government for the funding reimbursement for the Skypark big kids' playground.

Reminder — follow the City on Social Media and sign up to receive the City's newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

VM Clark attended the Rotary Club Student Awards, along with Mayor Lind and CM Wimp.

VM Clark, along with Mayor Lind and CM Wimp, attended the candlelight vigil for crime victims hosted by the District Attorney's office.

VM Clark attended the Reserve Officers, Volunteers, and Explorers Recognition Dinner.

VM Clark attended the first Food Truck Friday event of the season, which supports the Scotts Valley Educational Foundation (SVEF).

VM Clark met with the new Comcast Government Relations Representative.

Mayor Lind noted that the Never Forget Relay benefits the Fallen Officers Foundation.

CM Wimp reiterated that the student awards and the vigil were moving events.

CM Wimp attended the Leadership Santa Cruz session on Art and Culture Day.

Mayor Lind announced that the Chamber Gala is Friday, May 8, and the Blue and Gold Dinner is the following Friday.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

CM Timm welcomed Genelle Chetcuti to the Senior Center Board.

CM Timm asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission was advised about the Skypark Master Plan contract award, and City Manager LaGoe confirmed that they were notified.

M/S: Timm/Clark

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 04-15-2026
2. Contract Award for Development of Skypark Master Plan in Amount of \$171,006
3. Ratify appointment of Scotts Valley Senior Center Advisory Commission Member
4. Approval of Wastewater Recycling Facility Membrane Bioreactor Preliminary Design (Phase 2) Agreement in amount of \$628,406.90
5. Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2026
6. Monthly Treasurer's Report - February 2026
7. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 15.14 an amendment to the Business License Tax Ordinance to establish economic development event exemption and associated administrative fee
8. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 22-200.4 approving Lexipol Policy 706 pertaining to the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment as mandated by Assembly Bill 481
9. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 202 designating no stopping, no parking areas

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Fire Facility Impact Fees to be collected by the City on behalf of the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

This item was presented by City Attorney Powell. Jeff McNeil, Battalion Chief of the Fire District, was in attendance to answer questions.

Mayor Lind opened the public hearing at 6:55 PM. There were no comments from the public, and the hearing was closed at 6:55 PM.

M/S: Clark/Timm

**To Introduce Ordinance No. 203, amending Section 15.20.030 of the Municipal Code to establish a Fire Facility Impact Fee and waive the reading thereof.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Timm, Wimp)**

M/S: Clark/Wimp

**To Adopt Resolution No. 2092, Adopting the Scotts Valley Fire District Fire Facilities Impact Fee Study and Impact Fees and authorize the City Manager to enter into that certain agreement with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District regarding the collection of the impact fees.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Timm, Wimp)**

2. Public Hearing to consider Resolution 1198.81 adopting proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 User Fee Schedule and Charges

Administrative Services Director Hill presented this item and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Lind opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM. There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Lind closed the public hearing at 7:01 PM.

M/S: Timm/Jett

**To adopt Resolution No. 1198.81 adopting the proposed FY2026/27 User Fee Schedule and Charges.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Lind, Clark, Jett, Timm, Wimp)**

3. Public Hearing for presentation of Vacancy Status and Recruitment Strategies per AB 2561

Administrative Services Director Hill presented this item.

Mayor Lind opened the public hearing at 7:03 PM. There were no comments from the public, and Mayor Lind closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Santa Cruz County Safety Action Plan

Public Works Director Onchi introduced this item and Zachary Ramalingam, the City's consultant from Kimley-Horn, presented this item.

M/S: Clark/Timm

To adopt Resolution No. 2090 authorizing the adoption of the Santa Cruz County Safety Action Plan, affirming the City's commitment to improving roadway safety, and authorizing staff to use the Plan to guide future project prioritization and pursue state and federal grant funding opportunities.

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

2. Santa Cruz METRO Transit District Presentation

METRO Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Corey Aldridge presented this item.

A community member inquired if there were any other available options for increasing revenues other than the 1/2 cent sales tax.

3. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM..

Attest: Cathie Simonovich
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: Donna Lind
Donna Lind, Mayor

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