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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: May 20, 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 5-15-2026 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 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

ELECTED OFFICIAL ABSENT:

Derek Timm, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Mayor's Proclamation declaring May 17 to May 23 as Public Works Week

Mayor Lind presented the proclamation to recognize Public Works Week, May 17 to May 23, 2026. Public Works Director Rodolfo Onchi accepted the proclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Jett attended the Town Center Subcommittee meeting where they reviewed the proposals as a group, and they discussed the next steps in the process which will include interviews and site visits.

VM Clark attended a Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting where they approved amending the RTC programming in the FY25/26 and FY26/27 budgets. The Commission drafted the unmet transit and paratransit needs, and they entered into an Administration, Coordination and License agreement with Santa Cruz County Coastal Rail. VM Clark noted that the Ribbon cutting ceremony of Panther Beach parking lot is postponed.

VM Clark attended an Area Agency on Aging meeting where they appointed two people to serve on the California Senior Legislature.

Mayor Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Board of Directors meeting where they reviewed the projected budget for 2027, and they reviewed cost-saving measures. They also held meetings for the purpose of labor negotiations.

Mayor Lind coordinated a meet and greet at Heron Power, a company new to Scotts Valley.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager LaGoe thanked the Public Works Staff who have been working incredibly hard to catch up on maintenance needs. They have completed several capital projects this year and they have an ambitious plan for citywide improvements in the next year.

The City's two summer interns started today, and we're excited to have them. Daniel and Maddie have returned home from their first year of college and will be working on a variety of projects, including updating some sections of our Municipal Code. They will present their work to the Council at the first meeting in August.

Citizens Academy wrapped up this week. City Manager LaGoe thanked Tanya Krause and David McNair for presenting on schools and water last week, and she thanked Mayor Lind for attending and answering the group's questions this week. The participants expressed gratitude to all the staff who stayed late and prepared presentations for them, and they all found the experience very valuable. City Manager LaGoe also thanked City Clerk Simonovich who ran the program this year, and managed all communications and logistics to make the program a success.

The Police Department will be participating in the Special Olympics Torch Run tomorrow morning on West Cliff.

City Manager LaGoe thanked everyone who attended the Blue and Gold dinner on Friday honoring the Police and Fire employees of the year.

The Police Department will have extra DUI enforcement funded through the OTS grant on Memorial Day.

The Public Works staff is working on permits for a lot of work along Scotts Valley Drive and Mt Hermon Road. The work is related to developments, and extensive utility work is being planned for early this summer.

Through a CalRecycle grant, 13 new combination recycling and trash disposal units were installed in Skypark today. These are "crow proof" so it will cut down on a lot of the mess caused by birds getting into the receptacles.

The Public Works crew also improved pedestrian safety in the Skypark neighborhood today by painting the crosswalk and adding a stop stencil at the intersection of Sky Park Drive and Coast Range Drive, closest to the tennis courts. They used reflective paint to increase nighttime visibility.

The City Clerk and County Clerk will be hosting a Candidate Information Night on Tuesday, June 9th, at 5:30 PM here in the Council Chambers and online for anyone interested in running for City Council. More information will be posted on the City's website and social media channels.

City Manager LaGoe attended a Library Facility Financing Authority (LFFA) and Joint Powers Association (JPA) board meeting on May 7th where they reviewed the draft budget and adopted a new strategic plan. City Manager LaGoe shared that there's a new partnership between the Boys & Girls Club and the Library to provide youth programming on early release days, and it's going very well.

City Manager LaGoe participated in interviews for the 26/27 Cabrillo College Fellows program, and two Fellows were selected. Based on their interests, one will intern with the City of Watsonville, and a second will intern next summer with the Library system.

City Manager LaGoe attended the inaugural RING Executive Committee meeting last week where they received updates and appointed representatives to a subcommittee to work on a future JPA formation.

This afternoon City Manager LaGoe attended the quarterly meeting to review sales tax reporting. This meeting covered the data from October 2025 through December 2025 and, as expected, the results were lack luster. Some dips were offset by a few gains, but overall sales tax is flat, and projections keep it that way. This will be discussed more in the budget presentation later tonight.

Tomorrow, the City Staff will participate in an emergency preparedness exercise to practice the roles in responding to a natural disaster such as a wildfire.

City offices will be closed next Monday for Memorial Day.

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PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Megan Range, PG&E's Government Relations Liaison, introduced herself.

All Council Members in attendance reported attending both the Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala and the Blue and Gold Dinner.

CM Wimp attended the Scotts Valley High School senior awards ceremony.

CM Wimp and VM Clark participated in the Heron Power tour.

VM Clark recognized the Public Works staff for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Lind announced that the Kissed By An Angel ribbon cutting event is scheduled for May 28.

Mayor Lind attended a Chamber event for the Valley Women's Network.

Mayor Lind announced the upcoming Mission Springs 100-year anniversary event in June, and she announced that the next Food Truck Friday event at Skypark will be May 29.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Clark/Jett

To approve the Consent Agenda with no alterations.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 05-06-2026
2. Road closure for City's 4th of July Parade
3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - March 2026
4. Pinewood Estates Maintenance Assessment District Request for Engineer's Report
5. Skypark Open Space Maintenance Assessment District Request for Engineer's Report

6. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 203, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley amending Section 15.20.030 of Title 15, Chapter 15.20 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code to establish a Fire Facilities Impact Fee and providing for its adoption by resolution of the Scotts Valley Fire District Board of Directors

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Clark/Wimp

To approve the Regular Agenda with no alterations.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to Fiscal Year 2030-2031

Public Works Director Rodolfo Onchi presented this item and responded to questions from the Council.

M/S: Jett/Clark

To direct staff to incorporate the Capital Improvement Plan into the proposed FY2026-27 budget for final consideration, with no additional direction.

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

2. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget and Long-Range Financial Forecast

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item and thanked the Finance staff for their continued hard work on the budget. Administrative Services Director Stephanie Hill presented this item and responded to questions from the Council. The Council provided feedback and the budget will be brought back to the Council on June 3, 2026.

3. Award Contract to VSS International, Inc. for the Scotts Valley Drive/Mt. Hermon Road Improvements Project No. P26-002 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,536,211.00

Public Works Director Rodolfo Onchi presented this item and responded to questions from the Council.

Sue Draper asked a question about the improvements to Mt. Hermon Drive, specifically if they would be similar to the Scotts Valley Drive improvements.

M/S: Clark/Jett

To adopt Resolution No. 2094 which awards contract for the Scotts Valley Drive/Mt. Hermon Road Improvements Project to VSS International, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,536,211.00; authorize a 20% construction contingency in the amount of \$307,242.20, for a

total project authorization not to exceed \$1,843,453.20; and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract and approve change orders within the authorized contingency amount.

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

4. Future Council Agenda Items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 8:28 PM to discuss the following items:

CLOSED SESSION SUBJECT(S)

1. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Stacy Murphy Claim
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Police Chief
2. Conference with legal counsel regarding real property negotiations
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8
Location: 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:57 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell reported that the Council voted unanimously to deny the claim filed by Stacy Murphy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Attest: Cathie Simonovich
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

Approved: Donna Lind
Donna Lind, Mayor

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Final Audit Report

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