



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
Date: May 17, 2023
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/85241215404	The agenda was posted on 05/12/2023 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
 Jim Reed, Vice Mayor
 Jack Dilles, Council Member
 Randy Johnson, Council Member
 Derek Timm, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
 Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
 Steve Walpole, Chief of Police
 Chris Lamm, Public Works Director
 Jayson Rutherford, Police Captain
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
 Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTER

1. Public Works Week Proclamation

City Manager LaGoe introduced this item, and Mayor Dillies read the proclamation. The Council congratulated and thanked the Public Works staff for their hard work, despite limited resources and staffing. PWD Lamm accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Public Works Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended an Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting and they discussed the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 grants. As part of this grant funding, more money will be allocated to jurisdictions for the housing element process, and this funding will also include up to \$500k for regional competitive grants. The regional competitive grants will also be available to school districts, so the city could potentially partner with the school district to apply and utilize the funds.

CM Johnson attended a meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The North Coast Trail, which goes from Wilder Ranch to Davenport, is now fully funded (\$37 million from the federal government, and approximately \$13 million from Measure D). This is a phased project and will most likely be completed between 2025 and 2026. The Regional Transportation Commission is still divided regarding the plans for the train.

CM Timms noted that the month of May is the 60th anniversary of Older Americans Month. He attended a meeting of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (Seniors Council) and he reported some surprising statistics from the *State of Santa Cruz* report regarding seniors. The Live Oak Senior Center eviction may be postponed until December 30, 2025, as this proposal will be voted on next month. Community Bridges has offered to make any needed repairs to the Live Oak Senior Center. Finally, the Live Oak School District may be open to a sale of the property, which would be a more permanent solution. The Council elected Assemblymember Antonio Rivas to represent the Seniors Council.

CM Lind attended the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) budget meeting and reported that the fare box recovery is still down after the storms, but METRO ridership is still above the national average. Ridership for youth is up almost 20 percent, and ridership for non-students is up 17 percent. Highway 17 is still reflecting a decrease in ridership, however UCSC ridership is up significantly. METRO will be receiving ten electric buses in the June to July timeframe.

CM Lind attended a meeting of the Criminal Justice Council (CJC). She noted that the Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance group has applied for grant funding, and they are adding 16 chairs for youth and four chairs for adults in order to expand services for individuals with behavioral health issues. The CJC received a report regarding the number of guns seized this year, and the report shows that more guns have been seized in 2023 to date than were seized in the entire year 2022.

CM Lind attended a Youth Action Network meeting. The City of Capitola is working on

a program for interns (youth) to work in city government, the police department, and at local businesses. The City of Scotts Valley would like to implement a similar program as resources allow.

CM Lind attended the Blue and Gold Dinner, sponsored by the Exchange and she congratulated the police person of the year and the firefighter of the year.

CM Lind noted that May 15th is National Peace Officers Memorial Day and that week is deemed Police Week. She honored the peace officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

CM Lind attended the Chamber Ambassadors Meeting where they are working on the Art, Wine & Beer Festival and they are looking for volunteers and artists for the booth rentals. The next Chamber mixer will consist of the Scotts Valley Chamber, the San Lorenzo Chamber, and Think Local First. This event will be at Bruno's on May 18th at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Dilles presented the Mayor's Proclamations at the Blue and Gold Dinner to Police Employee of the Year Forrest Brown, and Firefighter of the Year Andy Sundermier.

Mayor Dilles, along with CM Timm, participated with Affordable Housing Now regarding the City's evolving Housing Element, and he also spoke to the Santa Cruz Local media group about housing.

Mayor Dilles presented the Mayor's Proclamations at the Scotts Valley High School Senior Awards Celebration to senior Riley Bryant Shaefer-Whittall who was honored with the Democratic Ideals Award for Outstanding Youth.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Website Update - CivicClerk: The second phase of our website improvements consists of a product called CivicClerk which is a new agenda platform. CivicClerk will look a little different and will improve the way that the public can view the various agendas for the Council, the Commissions and the Boards. Please note that if members of the public were subscribed to receive new agenda notifications, they will need to re-subscribe on the new platform.

Draft Housing Element: The City's staff are working diligently to get the draft housing element published for public input and review this week, and it will be available for 30 days for the public to provide input. The revised draft will be presented to Council by the end of June so it can be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development within the specified timeframe.

Visit Santa Cruz: They are looking for a new CEO, and City Manager LaGoe and the

other City Managers in the County have been invited to be on the search committee.

Multicultural Fair: Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered to make the Multicultural Fair a success, despite the chilly weather!

Parks Master Plan: The Parks Master Plan is moving forward. The survey has gathered 800 responses which provides valuable input on what the community is interested in for the purpose of moving the parks plan forward.

Summer Activity Guide: The Recreation Division is busy completing the Summer Activity Guide and it will be mailed to Scotts Valley residents soon.

Memorial Day Observed: City offices will be closed on May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Victor Alejandro, a resident of Scotts Valley, provided public comment to congratulate the Public Works Department for the proclamation for Public Works Week next week. He also thanked the Council for mentioning the Blue and Gold Dinner as he appreciates the support.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Consent Agenda.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve City Council minutes of 05-03-2023
2. Approve check register dated 05-11-2023
3. Adopt resolution approving the road closure for the City's 4th of July Parade
4. Remove Arts Commissioner Katherine Rathe and Ratify the appointment of Lisa Simon to serve on the Arts Commission, with an effective date of May 17, 2023
5. Receive and file Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2023

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA AS AMENDED

City Manager LaGoe requested that Item 2, Pavement Management Update, be pulled. This item will be placed on a future City Council agenda.

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026 supporting state funding for Family Resource Centers

City Manager LaGoe presented the background information regarding this request.

M/S: Timm/Timms

To adopt Resolution No. 2026 supporting state funding for Family Resource Centers.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

2. Pavement Management Program Update

This item was pulled by staff and will be included on a future City Council agenda.

3. Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Fiscal Year 2027-2028

PWD Lamm presented this item in order to receive feedback on the draft capital improvement plan. The Council provided feedback, comments, and asked questions. The discussion included protocol for grant requests, improving timelines for project completion, the Mt. Hermon Road corridor project, the process for prioritizing the projects, the City's limited resources, re-allocating some of the pavement management funds, and the use of Measure D funds.

Victor Alejandro, a resident of Scotts Valley, provided public comment and stated that he appreciates the visibility that this report provides. He noted that the Exchange Club helped fund the split-rail fence and he thought that other local groups might be willing to assist in this manner. He also presented the idea of possibly having local private investors assist with funding some of the level B, C, and D projects (similar to what the Exchange Club did with the split-rail fence).

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

Captain Rutherford presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council. The Council commended the Police Department for having no complaints, no use of force incidents involving military equipment, and no violations of military equipment policies.

Victor Alejandro, a resident of Scotts Valley, noted that he appreciates the feeling of

safety we have in our community and he thanked the Police Department for their service, especially during National Police Week.

M/S: Timms/Lind

To review and renew Ordinance No. 22-200.1 by introducing and waiving any further reading of the ordinance, and to approve the acquisition of the two new rifles.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)

5. 2022 Scotts Valley Police Department Annual Activity Report

Chief Walpole presented this item and responded to questions and comments from the Council. He also congratulated Captain Jayson Rutherford for 25 years of service to the City of Scotts Valley.

Victor Alejandro, a resident of Scotts Valley, provided public comment and echoed all of the positive comments from the Council regarding the City's Police Department. He also indicated that he downloaded the agenda packet and he encouraged others to review the agenda packets because they contain a lot of great information.

6. Future Council agenda items

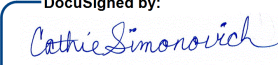
CM Lind proposed a future agenda item regarding the Council's opposition to the proposed bill that limits the use of canines in the Police Force. Mayor Dilles and CM Timm voiced support for this future item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Jack Dilles, Mayor

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk