



MINUTES

Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
In-Person and Remote Access
Date: February 1, 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 and Zoom Video Conference	The agenda was posted at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Public Works and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.org .

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
 Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
 Laurent Lambert, Deputy City Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) meeting, and they are launching a Countywide program for youth (grades K-12) to ride free beginning March 1, 2023. METRO is also launching Transit Equity Week on February 4, 2023 by providing free fares for Transit Equity Day, and they will host several other events throughout the week. CM Lind attended the unveiling of the newly wrapped transit buses. A portion of the proceeds from the fares on these buses will support the Bay of Life Program and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (for every 25 rides, \$10 will be donated to one of these two charities as designated by the rider).

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council meeting, and they are starting the next study on behavioral health which will deal with the courts and jails.

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CM Lind reported that several of the Council Members attended an event hosted by Comcast today where they provided free laptops to needy families. They also had free movies, food, and they presented \$50k check that will be shared equally by Community Bridges and the United Way to assist with the flood recovery in our community. A huge thank you to Comcast for doing this.

Mayor Dilles welcomed the Leadership Santa Cruz Group to Local Government Day which was held in the Council Chambers. He spoke to the group about why he ran for Council, and both Mayor Lind and City Manager LaGoe also presented to the group.

Mayor Dilles attended a meeting of the Library Financing Authority where they approved the revised library revenues for this year.

Mayor Dilles attended the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, along with CM Timm and CM Lind. CM Lind presented a Mayor's proclamation to Chris Maffia who was being celebrated by the Chamber for her long career and years of service to the community. Santa Cruz Mayor Fred Keeley spoke at this event.

Mayor Dilles attended the Second Harvest Food Bank Blue Ribbon Committee where they discussed the selection of the Hunger Fighter of the Year. The recipient will be announced soon.

Mayor Dilles attended a meeting of the Santa Margarita Ground Water Agency along with CM Timms who attended virtually as the alternate representative. They discussed the \$2.6 million State grant application which will assist with groundwater sustainability plans.

Mayor Dilles, along with City Manager LaGoe, attended the City Selection Committee and CM Timm was appointed as a representative from Scotts Valley City Council to the Visit Santa Cruz Board. The Mayor's Selection Committee also provided names to the Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon identifying people who might be considered for an appointment to the Coastal Commission. They heard from Santa Cruz County about cash flow issues associated with the recent storms, and they are talking about having to borrow money to bridge the gap while waiting for money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mayor Dilles attended the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee. This Committee is currently advocating for more housing dollars and no financial takeaways from local government. There is \$100 million in the budget to fight Fentanyl drug abuse and at the same time the State is considering closing more jails. Also discussed was the need for more incentives for Cities to add more housing. They heard information on the State budget, and they heard a presentation about sales taxes. Finally, they discussed concerns over a new State initiative called the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, which would make it much harder for Cities to pass or expand taxes.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Vision Zero Grant: The Public Works Department partnered with Santa Cruz County and other Cities to submit a grant application to the Federal Traffic Safety program for Vision Zero, and this grant has been fully funded. The City will now work with other Cities to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths across the County.

Shaded Fuel Break: City Manager LaGoe attended a meeting with the Resource Conservation District regarding a shaded fuel break which will stretch 5.5 miles along the ridge between Zayante and Lockhart Gulch and is funded through CalFire. This project will take approximately one year in the planning and environmental assessment stage, and they expect to begin construction near the end of 2024. This is an important regional project and is already a great collaborative effort between Santa Cruz County, CalFire, the Cities and the Fire Protection Districts.

City of Scotts Valley Website Redesign: The launch of the newly redesigned website is on track for mid-March. City Manager LaGoe thanked the staff involved with working on this project, as this will be a huge improvement to our City's website.

New Senior Planner: City Manager LaGoe introduced Sarah Wikle who is the new Senior Planner for the City. We are very excited to have Sarah as part of the City of Scotts Valley team!

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Victor Alejandro, a resident of Scotts Valley and also the President of the Exchange Club and the Treasurer of the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke about National Hitchcock Day on March 12th and the plans for an inaugural National Hitchcock Festival in Scotts Valley with a series of activities to engage the community and provide a fundraiser for the Scotts Valley Community Theater. Activities will include speakers, movies, a costume party, and more. Sponsors and volunteers are needed for this event.

CM Lind announced that the Fallen Officers Ball will be on February 25, 2023 at the Cocoanut Grove and tickets can be purchased on the website at www.scfof.org. If you would like to donate to the silent or live auction please send a message through the website or contact CM Lind directly.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Lind/Timm

To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve City Council regular meeting minutes of 12-07-2022 and 01-18-2023; and special meeting minutes of 01-18-2023
- B. Approve check registers dated 01-19-2023 and 01-26-2023
- C. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 16-ZC-232 to change the zoning on Lot 1 from Service Commercial (C-S) to Medium High Residential (R-M-6) and Ordinance No. 16-ZC-233 approving a planned development district overlay (PD18-002) for the development of mixed-use commercial and residential development which includes 24,973 sf. of commercial, eight townhomes, and 44 apartments, on a 3.56 acre parcel located at the intersection of Mt. Hermon Road and Glen Canyon Road/APN 022-162-76

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Lind/Timms

To approve the Regular Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Future Council agenda items
None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell announced that the City Council will convene to closed session at 6:23 PM to discuss the following item:

- (1) Public Employee Annual Performance Evaluation
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Position: City Manager
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:30 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Dilles announced that there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Jack Dilles, Mayor

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk