



MINUTES

Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council

Date: March 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	Zoom Videoconference	The agenda was posted 3-12-21 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Library and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.org .

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Derek Timm, Mayor
Jim Reed, Vice Mayor
Jack Dilles, Council Member
Donna Lind, Council Member
Randy Johnson, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Friend, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Steve Walpole, Chief of Police
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Daryl Jordan, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Tracy Ferrara, City Clerk

SPECIAL SET MATTERS

- (1) Mayor Timm presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Rayvon Williams proclaiming March as Red Cross Month.
- (2) Maggie Ivy, CEO of Visit Santa Cruz County, gave a presentation on the state of the hospitality and tourism industry and responded to questions from Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Dilles reported that the Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force met and discussed the new transfer station that is planned at the San Andreas Landfill. They also

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heard that the County has a conceptual design for a \$13 million organics processing facility at the San Andreas Landfill to comply with upcoming state legislation.

CM Dilles reported that the Joint Scotts Valley City/Scotts Valley Water District Committee met and discussed common issues, including updates on operations and rate studies. They also discussed the presentation from the Soquel Creek Water District (SCWD) at their previous meeting about the SCWD's proposed pure water project they are currently working on.

CM Dilles reported that the Seniors Advisory Council met and they received the following information: In Santa Cruz County the number of residents 60 or older has increased 58% since 2010 and 40% statewide; the average cost of nursing homes in California is over \$100,000 per year; more than 60% of seniors in Santa Cruz County have been vaccinated; and, a County-wide meeting to discuss the Master Plan on Aging, which was adopted by the State of California, has been scheduled for May 19th from 9:00 am to Noon on Zoom and everyone is invited to participate.

CM Dilles reported that the Monterey Bay Air Resources District met and heard more about SB 1383, the Bill that is mandating organics recycling for all cities in California. He announced that there are still incentives of \$1,500 to \$2,000 available to change out woodburning stoves. They also discussed AB 2766, which is money for grants from the \$4 motor vehicle emission reduction fee on annual vehicle registrations.

CM Lind reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) Finance Committee met and they are continuing to work on the budget. She also reported that the SCMTD has purchased some electric busses with grant monies and bus drivers have been approved to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

CM Lind reported that the Joint Scotts Valley City/Scotts Valley Water District Committee met and heard what a great job our Wastewater Division Manager, Kati King, and Public Works Director, Daryl Jordan, have been doing in communicating and working with the Scotts Valley Water District.

CM Lind reported that the Criminal Justice Council Regional Policy Review Committee met and they are working on consistency throughout the agencies.

CM Lind reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District and the City are working with Cruz Coffee to fill the vacant space at the Cavallaro Transit Center in Scotts Valley.

Mayor Timm reported that AMBAG met and adopted their overall workplan budget and they are working on the 2045 Draft Transportation Plan.

Mayor Timm reported that the COVID-19 Local Business Recovery Subcommittee met helped distribute information that has been coming from the state and federal government for small business funds, grants and loans.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

COVID-19 Update: The County moved to the Red Tier last week and it's looking like we will be in the Orange in the next few weeks. Our metrics meet the Orange tier criteria but the Economic Blueprint rules require a county to be in a tier for three weeks before it can move to a less restrictive tier. Thank you to all of our community members who continue to stay vigilant with social distancing, masking and following COVID protocols.

Recreation Update: With the move to the Red Tier and the release of adult and youth league guidance, the City had to quickly adapt and respond to increasing community demands to access City parks. For an update on the current operating parameters:

- **Skypark Fields:** With the use of Skypark as the CZU Complex Wildfire CalFire Basecamp in 2020, the park fields endured substantial damage that needs to be repaired before the fields can be used safely for recreation. The City is in the process of contracting for repairs, but it will be at least summer before the fields are available for recreational use. Please remain off the Skypark fields until the work has been completed. We have signed the fields as off limits and are adding snow fencing to keep you safe.
- **Gatherings in City of Scotts Valley Parks:** At this time, per State mandate, outdoor gatherings are limited to three households. The skatepark, playgrounds and public restrooms continue to be open. We encourage all park users to strictly practice COVID-prevention protocols.
- **Youth and Recreational Adult Sports:** The City has worked out a solution for all of our Spring 2021 leagues to share in the use of Siltanen Park until Skypark comes back online. Thank you for the wonderful flexibility and support from our League partners!
- **City Facility Rentals:** As of 3/17/21, the City will now start accepting rentals for public facilities in our parks. Please note that rentals can be for no more than three households to comply with COVID-19 regulations. We will continue to assess the regulations and will post any changes in what is allowed under public health guidance.

This information appears on our Parks and Recreation webpage and we are pushing out messages on social media. We will continue to assess and update our procedures as we move deeper into the recovery.

Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Award: The City was pleased to receive the 2020 Claire Hodgin Beautification Award for the Glenwood Preserve. Mayor Timm and Recreation Division Manager Kirstin Ard attended the virtual Community Awards Gala on March 13th to accept the award on behalf of the City.

Scotts Valley Library Virtual Community Open House: The City hosted a virtual Open House to showcase the City's upcoming \$3.75 million renovation. The meeting was well-attended. The library's renovation is expected to commence in July/August and take 3-4 months.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, expressed concerns regarding a recent power outage at 12:30 in the afternoon, due to a traffic accident, and the lack of notification from PG&E that the power was being shut down. She also expressed concerns about Lockwood Lane being used as an evacuation route due to traffic problems on Graham Hill Road or Mt. Hermon Road, the flooding problems on Lockwood Lane, and the future traffic impacts due to the proposed development of the Valley Gardens. She stated that Whispering Pines Drive is also an evacuation route and recommended that it be included in any future development review, including the potential development of the Valley Gardens.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, requested that Item C be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

M/S: Lind/Dilles

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended moving Item C to the regular agenda for discussion.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve regular and special City Council meeting minutes of 2-17-21 and 3-3-2021
- B. Approve check registers dated 3-5-21, 3-11-21

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Reed

To approve the Regular Agenda as amended moving Item C from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for discussion.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- C. **Approve Agreement for Professional Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for planning related services for the Valley Gardens Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement**

CDD Bateman presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, expressed concerns regarding the scope of work. She recommended including Whispering Pines Drive as it is one of the designated emergency evacuation routes.

M/S: Lind/Johnson

To approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for planning related services for the Valley Gardens Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

1. **Consider acceptance of the City of Scotts Valley Active Transportation Plan**

CM Friend presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Amelia Conlen, Ecology Action, gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from Council.

The below list of residents on Bluebonnet Lane spoke in support of the ATP and recommended the following for Bluebonnet Lane due to traffic and safety concerns: center line of Bluebonnet Lane not be widened; do not place raised reflectors on Bluebonnet Lane due to increased car and road noise; prioritize National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) standards for 10' traffic lanes on Bluebonnet Lane; provide separation of bike lanes; a stop sign on Bean Creek Road and Bluebonnet Lane; a crosswalk on Bean Creek Road; and consideration of a traffic circle at Bluebonnet Lane and Bean Creek Road:

Ilo Nilsson
David Jones
Erik Nilsson
Elizabeth Johansen
Griffon Walker
Karin Meyer
Cheryl Hackworth
Kathryn Grifo

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, stated that she feels the City Council needs to address flooding and ADA regulations on Lockwood Lane prior to any ATP recommendations being implemented.

Debbie Benham, member of the ATP Committee, spoke in support of the City Council accepting the ATP.

M/S: Lind/Dilles

To approve Resolution No. 1994 accepting the City of Scotts Valley Active Transportation Plan (SVATP).

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

2. Study Session: Implementation of Senate Bill 1383 “Reducing Short Lived Climate Pollutants in California” (Organics Recycling and Waste Management Mandates)

CM Friend and CA Powell provided a PowerPoint presentation on Senate Bill 1383 and its impacts on the City and responded to questions from Council. This item was presented for information only and no action was taken.

Hoiyin Ip, Sierra Club, spoke in support of organics recycling.

3. Future Council agenda items

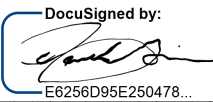
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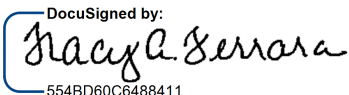
~~**CANCELLED CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council was scheduled to meet in closed session on the following item:~~

- ~~(1) Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim.~~
- ~~Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54964~~
- ~~Name of Case: Majid Yamin~~
- ~~Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney~~

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Approved: 
Derek Timm, Mayor

Attest: 
Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk