



# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council

**Date: September 16, 2020**

**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 9-11-20 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Library and on the Internet at <a href="http://www.scottsvally.org">www.scottsvally.org</a> .

### CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ROLL CALL

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Randy Johnson, Mayor  
Derek Timm, Vice Mayor  
Jack Dilles, Council Member  
Donna Lind, Council Member  
Jim Reed, 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 Johnson presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Frank Ashmore from 1440 Multiversity
- (2) Mayor Johnson presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services representative Brittany Maldonado recognizing September 2020 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CM Lind reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit Board (SCMTD) met and is working to increase rider levels and reporting on safety steps and precautions to keep riders and employees safe.

CM Lind reported that the SCMTD Finance Committee met and continue to review budget impacts.

CM Lind reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency met and they are continuing to work on objectives and impacts to water due to the recent fire.

CM Lind reported that KSCO Radio held a Think Local program that involved a variety of local agency representatives.

CM Lind announced that she had the honor of reading a page of names at the local 911 Memorial in Aptos that was coordinated by Aptos and La Selva Firefighters.

CM Lind reported that she attended a meeting held by the Senior Living Association regarding fire recovery steps and processes.

CM Dilles reported that he attended the AMBAG Board meeting as the City's Alternate Board Member where they discussed the regional growth projections forecast draft, which leads to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). He reported that they also accepted the Highway 1 Climate Resiliency Study.

CM Dilles reported that he attended a couple of Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board meetings where they received an annual report on the District's Air Toxics Program.

CM Dilles reported that the Integrated Solid Waste Task Force met and discussed organics recycling implementation and impacts.

CM Dilles reported that the Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) Board (previously Monterey Bay Community Power) met where they discussed the impacts of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) on electricity bills. He also reported that they changed their procurement policy and established a new goal of being 100% renewable energy by 2030.

CM Dilles reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency met and discussed climate change and its effect on our water supply and protected species.

CM Dilles reported that the Seniors Advisory Council met they are advocating for more monitoring of senior services, they are considering expanding Meals on Wheels to disabled people, and the State's Master Plan for Aging is still on track for completion in December.

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VM Timm reported that the Local Economic Recovery Committee met and stated that the City has to follow State Tier guidelines as it relates to business operations. He stated that they are working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to provide information as quickly as possible, and also assist with preparations for winter and its impacts.

VM Timm reported that the Joint City/School District Committee met and discussed school reopening plans, which is a very complicated process that is also impacted by State guidelines, and recommended that people contact the School Board or School District Superintendent with any questions. He also reported that the School District is working on a Bond Measure for the November ballot to address their fiscal concerns.

VM Timm reported that he attended an AMBAG Board meeting where they discussed the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Sustainable Communities.

Mayor Johnson reported that the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission met and reviewed the five-year plan for Measure D and how the money has been spent. He reported that costs for the proposed wildlife tunnel under Highway 17 have increased from \$6 million to \$12 million. He also reported that the costs per mile on the rail trail are extremely high and the project has been pushed out for another four to five years.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT

**CZU Fire:** Air quality is improving and the fire is 93% contained. The active firefighters on the line are down from 2,300 to 650 and evacuation orders are being lifted daily. She stated that the CalFire Base Camp, which has been located at Skypark, should be fully vacated within a week.

**Scotts Valley Library:** Curbside service is resuming on Monday, September 21, 2020.

**Skypark:** The Park will not be opening to the public until inspections and assessments have occurred and necessary repairs have been made.

**County Emergency Operations Center (EOC):** The County EOC is still operating, however, they are shifting into recovery mode. Due to COVID-19 and Fire impacts, and in order to help the community, the County is working to streamline some of their permit processes.

**Debris Removal:** The County is providing debris removal and preparing for potential problems related to debris and the winter rains. Additional information is available on the County's website at the following link:

<https://www.santacruzcounty.us/FireRecovery/DebrisRemoval.aspx> .

**COVID-19:** Santa Cruz County is currently in the red tier and is projected to not move to the purple tier until at least September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Economic Recovery:** CM Friend reviewed all of the actions that have been taken by the City in support of the community and businesses. She stated that the City is very focused on local economic recovery and is working on processes for outdoor dining, has delayed business license renewals from July 1 to October 1, has passed a special order allowing fitness classes in parks, and is working to streamline permit processes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, expressed concerns regarding what she believes is a hazardous tree that needs to be removed and questioned the City's response to the fires.

Leah, Felton resident, thanked local Fire Departments and outside jurisdictions for their work. She questioned where she could obtain information on whether her home is susceptible to landslides and encouraged trying to keep emergency funds local. Mayor Johnson recommended that Leah contact the County of Santa Cruz for assistance as her home is located in the County, as Scotts Valley does not have the information necessary to respond.

Ilo Nilsson, Scotts Valley resident, thanked the first responders and stated that she appreciated their response, support and communications.

Mayor Johnson thanked CM Friend and Chief Walpole for all of their hard work throughout the emergency in keeping the community informed.

CM Lind encouraged everyone to go online to register on Nixle and Code Red, which allows the individual to identify how they would like to be notified.

#### **ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA**

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, requested that Item G be moved to the Regular Agenda for discussion regarding the Fire response.

***M/S: Reed/Dilles***

***To approve the Consent Agenda as amended moving Item G to the Regular Agenda for discussion regarding the Fire response.***

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve City Council minutes of 8-5-20 Special City Council Closed Session meeting, 8-24-2020 Special City Council meeting

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- B. Approve check registers dated 7-16-20, 7-24-20, 7-30-20, 8-7-20, 8-14-20, 8-27-20, 9-4-20, 9-10-20
- C. Approve Resolution No.1985 confirming the order of the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster to issue emergency temporary permits for fitness classes in certain City parks
- D. Approve Resolution No. 1986 confirming the order of the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster authorizing a process for use permits for businesses affected by Shelter In Place Orders
- E. Approve the Operation & Maintenance Agreement for a private stormwater management facility at 22 Blake Lane, APN 022-902-16, Scotts Valley
- F. Approve Resolution No. 1955.1 amending the City Clerk/Administrative Manager Job Class Specification
- H. Approve the appointment of the Vice Mayor serving as the alternate on the Interagency Advisory Committee
- I. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Wizix Technology Group, Inc. for the City's fleet of Multi-Function Peripherals, in a form approved by the City Attorney

<b>ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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**M/S: Dilles/Lind****To approve the Regular Agenda as amended adding Item G from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.****Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)**

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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1. **Discuss Scotts Valley Police Department updates on training, use of force policy and transparency**

Chief Walpole presented the written staff report and responded to questions from City Council.

The City Council unanimously agreed to accept the report on the Scotts Valley Police Department updates on training, use of force policy, and transparency.

- G. **Approve the following responses to the 2019-2020 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury reports and authorize submittal to the Grand Jury:**
  - (1) **The Tangled Web: Oh, What a Mangled Web We Weave ...**

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- (2) **Managers of Risk or Victims of Risk – Rocked by the Shocks**
- (3) **Homelessness: Big Problem, Little Progress: It's Time to Think Outside The Box**
- (4) **Ready? Aim? Fire! Santa Cruz County on the Hot Seat**

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

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, recommended that the City draft an ordinance in conjunction with the Fire District regarding vegetation management and expressed concerns about what she feels are fire concerns/vegetation issues around town. She also expressed concerns about City evacuation notifications and recommended that the Police Department promote education regarding notifications.

***M/S: To approve the following responses to the 2019-2020 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury reports and authorize submittal to the Grand Jury:***

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  - (3) ***Homelessness: Big Problem, Little Progress: It's Time to Think Outside The Box***
  - (4) ***Ready? Aim? Fire! Santa Cruz County on the Hot Seat***
- Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)***

## **2. Future Council agenda items**

None.

## **CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Johnson announced that the City Council would be holding a separate meeting to discuss the following Closed Session subjects. He stated that public comment would be taken at this time.

- (1) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b), the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation; 2 cases.

No public comment.

- (2) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding real property negotiations; 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA (Scotts Valley Community Theater Guild [SVCTG] and Library).

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Larry Smith, representing the SVCTG, requested that the City release the \$95,000 that the City had earmarked for the theater. He stated that the dollars had already been expended by the SVCTG and receipts were available.

- (3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54961, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding liability claim; Justin Milroy.

No public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Randy Johnson, Mayor

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk