

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors

Date: February 7, 2007

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CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Bustichi
Vice Mayor Johnson
Council Member Aguilar
Council Member Barrett
Council Member Reed

City Manager Comstock
City Attorney Powell
Deputy City Mgr/Admin Svs Dir Ando
Police Chief Weiss
Public Wks Director Anderson
Community Development Dir Russell
City Clerk Ferrara

COMMITTEE REPORTS VM Johnson reported that the Library Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors met and discussed general library topics, including potential improvements to the current tier library system.

VM Johnson reported that the Skypark Subcommittee met and discussed the process they will be going through to obtain consultants to assist the City. He stated that a consultant selection committee has been formed that includes himself, Mayor Bustichi, PWD Anderson, CDD Russell, and two ex-officio council members Joe Miller, and Mike Shulman.

CM Barrett reported that LAFCO met and stated that two major projects are coming forward in the next year: (1) the Bonny Doon Fire District potential set up; and (2) some annexations around Watsonville.

CM Reed reported that he attended a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) meeting with Mayor Bustichi and Council Member Barrett, at Cabrillo College, regarding the results of an annual survey of approximately 440 businesses in the county. He stated that some disappointing news is that there is a limit to what government can do to retain particular businesses or recruit new businesses to town. However, some good news was that based on the survey questions, 91% of the businesses in Santa Cruz County plan to stay where they are, and 4% of the 9% who plan to relocate, would like to do so within Santa Cruz County. He stated that he sees this as a potential opportunity for us to recruit some additional business from other locations in the County.

Mayor Bustichi reported that the City Selection Committee met and he was elected as Chair for 2007. He stated that they discussed Proposition 90 (the eminent domain proposition), which was defeated in November. He reported that there is talk about bringing it back in 2008, and that the League of California Cities is working on some language and compromises. He stated that at their next meeting they will be discussing alternative energy and solar power. He stated that a public/private partnership is going on with investors to install solar power on city facilities, such as the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that it is an amortized program that helps the environment and allows the city to save money.

Mayor Bustichi reported that he attended the WIB meeting and learned that there is very little we can do to attract or retain large businesses, other than helping with housing, traffic, and education, which can be very hard for a small jurisdiction to do. He said that they had a good discussion regarding businesses with under 100 employees, which is really the only time a City can provide assistance, and which would still be limited.

Mayor Bustichi reported that the Transportation Funding Task Force has approximately five meetings coming up this year to discuss transportation funding needs in the county. He stated that he would like to have one of those meetings in Scotts Valley.

Mayor Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) met and he was appointed as the SCMTD representative on the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC). He also stated that they took a tour of the new fueling facility being constructed on River Street, which has some very interesting components such as pylons that go 30 feet into the bedrock and the building is designed to remain in place if there is a flooding problem. He stated that there will be two 15,000 liquid natural gas tanks at this location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bustichi welcomed the students and faculty of Cabrillo College who just opened up their new campus in Scotts Valley and stated that this is a great thing for Scotts Valley and Cabrillo.

Mayor Bustichi reported that the 37th Annual Cioppino Feed and Dance, hosted by the Scotts Valley Lions Club, will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at the CPDES Hall at Harvey West Park in Santa Cruz. He said to call 438-2356 for tickets.

CM Reed spoke regarding current appointments to City commissions. He thanked all of Paul Marigonda's appointments for their hard work, and stated that it was his intention to reappointment the following commissioners at this time: Planning Commission, Michael Shulman; Mobilehome Rent Review Commission, Eric Seib; Parks & Recreation Commission, Wendy Brannan; Senior Center Board, Evelyn Anderson; and Arts Commission, Lisa Agliano.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

CM Aguilar requested that item C, regarding the allocation of STIP funds, be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

M/S: Barrett/Aguilar

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

Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve check register – 1/16/07 and 1/29/07
- B. Approve Resolution No. 1435.19 approving the destruction of obsolete records by the City Clerk
- D. Approve Resolution No. 1790.1 approving a parcel map for 59 Old El Pueblo Road

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

Mayor Bustichi requested that item 4 be removed from the agenda. He stated that additional information is required, and this item will be brought back at a future Council meeting.

M/S: Aguilar/Barrett

To approve the Regular Agenda as amended, removing item 4 from the agenda.

Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

- C. **Approve the allocation of the City's share of STIP funds to modernize the City's traffic signal system and approve Resolution No. 1796 approving the submission of applications to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (SCRTC) for transportation funding**

CM Aguilar stated that when there are adequate monies, she would like to use future funding to synchronize the traffic lights on Scotts Valley Drive to provide for less wear and tear on the Drive.

M/S: Aguilar/Barrett

To approve Resolution No. 1796 approving the submission of applications to the SCRTC for transportation funding, and possibly utilize future funding to synchronize the traffic lights on Scotts Valley Drive to provide for less wear and tear on Scotts Valley Drive.

Carried 5/0

- 1. **Appointments to interjurisdictional, standing local, and project specific committees**

Mayor Bustichi made the following changes to appointments to interjurisdictional, standing local, and project specific committees:

- Criminal Justice Council Bustichi/Johnson
- City/School District Joint Committee Barrett/Reed
- Seniors Advisory Council Jim Reed
- Traffic Safety Committee Barrett/Aguilar
- Budget Subcommittee Barrett/Bustichi

He recommended that the current Mayor always serve on the Budget Subcommittee in the future.

M/S: Aguilar/Barrett

To approve Mayor Bustichi's appointments to interjurisdictional, standing local, and project specific committees.

Carried 5/0

2. **Establishment of new ad hoc subcommittees:**
 - a. **Green Building Permit Process Subcommittee**
 - b. **Glenwood Trail Subcommittee**

- a. Green Building Permit Process Subcommittee: Mayor Bustichi recommended a Green Building Permit Process subcommittee be formed for residential and non-residential construction. He stated that he would like to create a green building code requirement for green building construction to be adopted into our current building code, working on a point basis system, similar to the guidelines set forth by the US Green Building Council. He stated that the City of Santa Cruz has already adopted green building standards and that the City of Watsonville is currently looking at adopting standards, and recommended working with Santa Cruz and Watsonville on this issue.

M/S: Aguilar/Reed

To establish new ad hoc subcommittee, Green Building Permit Process Subcommittee, and appoint Council Members Barrett and Reed to serve on the subcommittee.

Carried 5/0

- b. Glenwood Trail Subcommittee: Mayor Bustichi recommended that CM Aguilar and CM Reed serve on this subcommittee. CM Aguilar recommended adding Debbie Muth to this subcommittee. Mayor Bustichi stated that the subcommittee could add members as the felt necessary.

M/S: Barrett/Reed

To establish new ad hoc subcommittee, Glenwood Trail Subcommittee, and appoint Council Members Aguilar and Reed to serve on the subcommittee.

Carried 5/0

3. **Girls softball funding request / Siltanen Park improvements**

PWD Anderson presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council. He introduced Dave Payne of Scotts Valley Girls Softball (SVGS).

Mr. Payne gave a Power Point presentation of the improvements that SVGS has made to date at Siltanen Park. He stated that the work they have done would have cost \$34,500 if they had contracted it out. He also went over improvements that they would like to make, and asked for any support the Council felt they could provide.

M/S: Johnson/Aguilar

To provide contribution of \$5,000 from the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency to go toward future improvements at Siltanen Park by the Scotts Valley Girls Softball league.

Carried 5/0

CM Aguilar recommended that Mr. Payne make a presentation to the Scotts Valley Parks & Recreation Advocates to request possible additional funding.

5. Future Council/RDA agenda items

Mayor Bustichi requested that the draft economic development plan be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved: _____

Dene Bustichi, Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary