

MINUTES

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

Date: June 18, 2008

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 6-13-08
at City Hall, the SV Library, and the
SV Senior Center by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

City Manager Comstock
City Attorney Powell
Deputy City Mgr/Admin Svs Dir Ando
Police Chief Weiss
Public Wks Director Anderson
Recreation Division Manager Sudduth
City Clerk Ferrara

COMMITTEE REPORTS CM Aguilar reported that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) met to discuss issues with the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary regarding erosion and the protection of fishing.

CM Bustich reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) is in negotiations with bus drivers, and they are meeting frequently to facilitate the negotiations. He also reported that the SCMTD budget is being affected by decreased sales taxes, and the diversion of funds from the state and federal government, which is affecting the replacement of aging buses.

PUBLIC COMMENT Mike McMurry, Fire Chief, Scotts Valley Fire District, stated that due to extremely hazardous fire conditions and resource availability, the Fire District will be canceling the 4th of July fireworks show for this year. Chief McMurry introduced John Ferrara, Chief of Cal Fire, who stated that he supported Chief McMurry's decision.

RDM Sudduth stated that even though the fireworks are canceled, the City and Parks & Recreation Advocates, will still be holding the 4th of July parade, and the 4th of July event will still be going on at Skypark Park with support from local businesses and service clubs. He stated that admission will be free and the event will include kids games, bounce houses, water games, a climbing wall, a Bocce tournament, clowns, magic, food (including barbecue hamburgers and polish dogs, ice cream, nachos, pies, drinks, and free

watermelon), a Military Band concert from 5:30-6:30, and Mike Hadley and the Grove will be playing from 6:30-8:30. He stated that they would like profits to go toward fire relief for people who have been affected by the fires.

Diane Bianconi-McNeil, Scotts Valley Parks & Recreation Advocates, invited and encouraged everyone to attend the 4th of July parade and event at Skypark Park.

Bill Turner, Lintelle Engineering, presented a check for the 4th of July event in the amount of \$2,500.

Frank Kertai, President of the Heritage Parks Association, thanked City staff for their response to an email he sent about his safety concerns regarding hydrological work on the Target site near Monte Fiore. He read from a letter in opposition to Target due to his concerns about the size of the proposed Target store, negative economic impacts to Scotts Valley, environmental concerns, and increased traffic (written comments available in the Office of the City Clerk).

Sharolynn Ullestad, Executive Director of the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend a luncheon on Thursday, June 19, at the Scotts Valley Hilton from 11:30-1:00. She stated that the featured speaker will be Robert Bailey from Bailey Properties, and the topic is Real Estate in Santa Cruz County - "Where are We Now and Where are We Going?". She stated that anyone interested in attending should contact the Chamber of Commerce in the morning at 438-1010. She stated that the cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for prospective Chamber members. She also thanked CM Reed for his presentation regarding proposed development in Scotts Valley, including the proposed Scotts Valley Town Center, at a luncheon with the Santa Cruz County Women's Counsel of Realtors.

Mayor Johnson announced the passing of past-Mayor Phil Liberty, and expressed the City's condolences to the family.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Barrett/Aguilar

To approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to Item E, Resolution No. 630.28, adding the word "preliminary" before the word budget.

Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 6-4-08, 5-21-08, 5-7-08, 1-16-08 (corrected), 11-7-07, 3-27-07
- B. Approve check register – 6-3-08
- C. General Municipal Election resolutions:
 - (1) Approve Resolution No. 1814 ordering an election, requesting County Elections to conduct the election, and requesting consolidation of the election on November 4, 2008
 - (2) Approve Resolution No. 1814.1 calling a General Municipal Election for the election of members of the City Council; determining that

costs of Candidates Statement of Qualifications shall be paid by the candidate and its maximum number of words; and setting hours the polls will be open and closed

- D. Approve request for non-collection of fees associated with the use of Skypark on June 21, 2008 for the Third Smart Gardening Faire
- E. 2008/2009 Budget Adoption:
 - (1) Approve Resolution 630.28 approving the budget for the City of Scotts Valley for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and making appropriations for the amounts budgeted
 - (2) Approve Resolution No. 1501.15 approving the continued collection of the Utility Users' Tax for the budget Fiscal Year 2008/2009
- F. 2008/2009 Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency budget adoption:
 - (1) Approve Resolution No. CRA-94 adopting the proposed budget as amended for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year
 - (2) Approve loan agreement between the City of Scotts Valley and the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency
- G. Approve Resolution No. CRA-95 making a determination regarding the planning and administrative expenditures of the low and moderate income housing fund for Fiscal Year 2008/2009

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

***M/S: Barrett/Aguilar
To approve the Regular Agenda.
Carried 5/0***

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Presentation of Scotts Valley Arts Commission poetry contest winners

Jeanne Jensen-Shada, Scotts Valley Arts Commissioner, stated that this is the 6th year for the contest and that a book with all of the poems will be available for sale at the Scotts Valley Recreation Division offices at Skypark Park, and at the Art & Wine Festival, August 9-10, 2008 at Skypark Park.

Mayor Johnson presented award certificates for the 6th annual poetry contest, 1st grade through adult, and poetry contest winners recited their poems to the City Council:

1st Grade - Class Poem

Lisa Wilmoth's First Grade Class "Peter Rabbit Rhyming Couplets"

Primary Division (1st - 3rd Grades)

1st place: Annie Heinz "Greej"

2nd place: Rebekah Shulman "Spring"

3rd place: Devon Jones "Electricity"

Intermediate Division (4th - 5th Grades)

1st place: Heather Pressley "Sedrick the Gnome"

1st place: Dante Brosnahan "Shadows"

2nd place: Chrissy Mills "Under the Ocean"

3rd place: Becca Kastner "Misty Creek"

3rd place: Emma Parvizi "My Dream"

Middle School Division (6th - 8th Grades)

- 1st place: Tyler Stewart "The Apple"
- 2nd place: Matt Snider "A Change of Heart"
- 3rd place: Sonja Gustafsson "Flip the Switch...Now"

Adult Level

- 1st place: Kristian Jensen "Luna's Soliloquy"
- 2nd place: Nancy Hofmann "Gymnastics Before Breakfast"
- 3rd place: Michelle Stewart "Running Woods"

2. Discussion: Environmentally acceptable packaging materials

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

CM Barrett stated that he had requested this item because of his concerns regarding damage to the environment, and consistency with the County and other cities in the County. He stated that he had no problem with a three-six month time period for restaurants to comply.

CM Bustichi stated that he wants to be sure that grocery store hot and cold food bars and deli's are also restricted from using polystyrene foam.

Amalia Chamorro, Director of Local Government Affairs for the California Restaurant Association, stated that she would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the City Manager regarding this issue.

Sharolynn Ullestad, SV Chamber of Commerce, stated that she had met with the City Manager to discuss this issue. She stated that many restaurants are already in compliance and that almost everyone is on board; however, they would like enough time to use their current and ordered inventories.

Colin House, retired meat cutter, stated that raw meat products have been exempted because they have not been able to find a suitable product at this time other than polystyrene.

Gary Pezze, Surfrider Foundation, spoke in support of Scotts Valley adopting an ordinance for environmentally acceptable packaging material. He stated that the Surfrider Foundation is available to provide education and support in the implementation of an ordinance in Scotts Valley.

The City Council unanimously agreed to move forward with an environmentally acceptable packaging material ordinance and directed staff to bring back an ordinance that includes a three to six month time period for compliance.

3. Consider approval of new affordable housing program for for-sale units

CA Powell presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

CM Aguilar stated that she had requested that this item because she felt it would be beneficial in increasing Scotts Valley's affordable housing programs for "for-sale" units, by enticing developers to participate in providing additional units. She stated that in the past, the 15% inclusionary housing requirement for a housing development would require 1.375 housing units to be affordable, and often times the developer will build one unit and pay the financial equivalent of the .375 to the affordable housing fund. She stated that she feels this plan would allow the City to contribute the difference of the .375 so that an additional unit could be constructed. She also stated that it was not her intent to include very-low in the program, because the majority of very-low units are rental units and not for-sale units.

The majority of the Council stated that they would need additional information before they could make a decision on this new program for "for-sale" units as follows:

- Research and obtain information from other cities on how they go about this type of program, and how they go about subsidizing "for-sale" units.
- Additional information on the 55-year deed restriction for affordable units.
- Include specific information on the programs that the City of Scotts Valley currently offers when this comes before the Council again.

CA Powell questioned if Council wanted staff to analyze information based on subsidizing – paying the difference – on the fractional obligation only. The City Council concurred with this statement.

CM Aguilar requested that very-low units be excluded from this proposed program.

CM Aguilar requested that DCM Ando provide information on the status of the excess surplus in the affordable housing fund.

VM Barrett stated that he would like to see calculations for working with Habitat for Humanity (HFH), such as how much it would cost to have a moderate, low, and very-low unit.

4. Future Council/RDA agenda items

CM Barrett requested a future agenda item regarding junk truck signs around the City.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their labor negotiator regarding employee negotiations with SEIU and Mid Management Group.

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, APN 022-211-36.
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding real property negotiations, APN 022-211-33.
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council met in closed session regarding public employment. Position: City Manager.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:20 p.m.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Johnson announced that there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved: _____

Randy Johnson, Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary