

MINUTES

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

Date: July 21, 2010

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 7-16-10 at City Hall and the SV Senior Center. and on 7-16-10 at the SV Library, by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

City Manager Ando
City Attorney Powell
Public Wks Director Anderson
Police Chief Weiss
City Clerk Ferrara
Interim Community Dev Dir Westman

Absent:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VM Bustichi reported that the Economic Development Subcommittee met with commercial real estate brokers to discuss possible ways the City can help get businesses into the vacant commercial space available in the City. He reported that the brokers said one of the problems happening in the county right now is that most of the commercial property leases are businesses making lateral moves, and there are not many new businesses coming in. He also reported that they met with someone interested in leasing or purchasing over 50,000 square feet of commercial property in Scotts Valley.

CM Lind reported that LAFCO received the UCSC North Campus Final EIR and stated that there will be hearings regarding this EIR in the near future. She also reported that there is a lawsuit pending, which is challenging whether UCSC can be an applicant for extra-territorial city water and sewer services, and stated that the hearing on that is scheduled for August 20 at 8:30 pm.

CM Lind reported that the Seniors Commission is working on putting together a forum with local committees and agencies to look at senior legislation that they want to sponsor.

CM Aguilar reported that the League of California Cities Board of Directors met and discussed Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act, which specifically focuses on the issue of the State of California stealing monies from cities, counties, and special districts. She reported that the State has recently taken \$2.6 billion from cities, counties and

special districts (\$1.4 million from Scotts Valley and \$26 million from the City of San Jose). She stated that today the Democratic legislators and assembly members voted in opposition to Proposition 22.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Kertai, SV resident and President of the Heritage Parks Homeowners Association, speaking on behalf of his community, commended the Economic Development Subcommittee for actively meeting with local brokers and real estate people regarding open commercial space. He urged the City to be a bit more proactive in terms of chasing alternative economic development in the City, and not just pure retail at the expense of other economic impacts, which he feels shortchanges the community.

CM Aguilar thanked Sgt Mark Lopez from the Scotts Valley Police Department and all of the volunteers for their hard work on the Cops and Rodders car show.

**ALTERATIONS TO
CONSENT AGENDA**

***M/S: Bustichi/Lind
To approve the Consent Agenda.
Carried 5/0***

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 7-7-10, 4-7-10
- B. Approve check register – 6-28-10
- C. Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 16-ZC-219.1 amending planned development zoning (PD09-001) for a 14,394 square foot two story dining hall/student center in place of a previously approved 23,868 square foot three story dining hall/student center on the Bethany University campus // APN's 023-041-09 & 023-033-05
- D. Approve temporary employment agreement between the City of Scotts Valley and Joe Strasser for Building Official services
- E. Approve part-time temporary job class specification for Senior Center Program Administrator and authorize City staff to fill the position
- F. Approve award of bid for special inspection and materials testing services for the Scotts Valley Library project to Consolidated Engineering Laboratories in the amount of \$32,730

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

***M/S: Bustichi/Lind
To approve the Regular Agenda.
Carried 5/0***

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Presentation of utility box art winners

Jeanne Shada, President of the Scotts Valley Arts Commission, announced the four utility art box winners and introduced Vanessa Stafford, one of the artists. She also invited everyone to attend the Scotts Valley Art & Wine Festival being held on August 14 and 15 at Skypark.

Art Work	Artist	Utility Box Location
<i>Bean Creek</i>	Vanessa Stafford	Scotts Valley Dr/Bean Creek Rd
<i>SV Theme Parks</i>	Vanessa Stafford	ScottsValley Dr/Disc Dr
<i>Sunrise in the Valley</i>	Alana Rey	Scotts Valley Dr/Mt Hermon Rd
<i>Whimsical Characters</i>	Mandy Spitzer	Mt Hermon Rd/Kings Village Rd

2. Consideration of joining petitions filed with the California Public Utilities Commission seeking delay of the installation of SmartMeters or taking other action

CA Powell presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council. She stated that the City does not have the authority to impose a moratorium over PG&E.

Joshua Hart, resident of Granite Creek Road, representing Scotts Valley Neighbors Against SmartMeters, spoke in opposition to the PG&E SmartMeter program due to health concerns about EMF wireless radiation and its potential to cause cancer. He stated that his group would like Scotts Valley to support the EMF Safety Network petition to the CPUC based on electro-magnetic radiation, and the petition filed by San Francisco with the CPUC based on billing inaccuracies and overcharging.

The following people spoke in opposition to the PG&E SmartMeter program due to health concerns and billing inaccuracies, and asked that the City Council join the petitions to delay the installation of SmartMeters:

Kevin Collins
Nina Beatty
Heidi Pisano, SV resident
Gene Michelak, SV resident
Norene McCutchen, Santa Cruz County resident
Elizabeth, Boulder Creek resident
Lorraine Caton, SV resident
Tammy Donnelly, Aptos resident
Rachel Hays
Frank Kertai, SV resident
Cathy Root, Bean Creek Road
Reba Nielson, Santa Cruz County resident
Alan Smith, SV resident
Tali Rossi Rosalini
Marilyn Garrett, Wireless Radiation Alert Network
Kim Tinella

Wendy Sarsfield, Government Relations Manager for PG&E on the West Coast, introduced two of her co-workers, Michael Herz, the EMF Program Manager for PG&E, and Gabriel Martinez. Ms. Sarsfield, Mr. Herz, and Mr. Martinez responded to questions from Council.

CM Lind questioned if there were pacemaker and/or life support concerns related to the SmartMeters.

Ms. Sarsfield stated that approximately 2 to 4 weeks prior to installation of a SmartMeter, customers are sent a letter from PG&E notifying them of the installation. She stated that specifically highlighted is a notice that if a customer has any type of medical equipment that they may be concerned about, they are urged to contact PG&E immediately so that PG&E can resolve the issues and make special arrangements for the installation of the SmartMeter.

Gabriel Martinez, PG&E, gave the following SmartMeter customer contact number, 1-866-743-0263, and stated that it is available 24/7.

Mayor Reed recommended that the public contact their State representatives, specifically Assembly Member Bill Monning, with any concerns about SmartMeters as the City has no jurisdiction or control over PG&E or the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

M/S: Bustichi/Aguilar

To join both the City and County of San Francisco petition and the EMF Safety Network petition.

Carried 4/1 (NOES: Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Skypark Open Space Maintenance Assessment District No. 1: Resolution No. 1555-SP-021; Annual Engineer's Report Skypark

VM Reed recused himself from consideration of this item, since he lives within this District.

PWD Anderson presented the written staff report and responded to questions from the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED - 8:27 PM

No one came forward.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - 8:27 PM

M/S: Aguilar/Lind

To approve Resolution No. 1555-SP-021 ordering and authorizing the levy and collection of assessments therein pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 for the Skypark Open Space Maintenance District.

Carried 4/0/1 (ABSENT: Reed)

4. Pinewood Estates Landscape Maintenance Assessment District: Resolution No. 1213.23; Annual Engineer's Report Pinewood

PWD Anderson presented the written staff report and responded to questions from the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED - 8:29 PM

No one came forward.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - 8:29 PM

M/S: Aguilar/Lind

To approve Resolution No. 1213.23 ordering and authorizing the levy and collection of assessments therein pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 for the Pinewood Estates Landscape Maintenance District.

Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA
(Resumed)

5. Future Council/RDA agenda items

None.

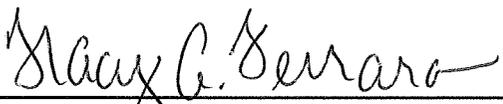
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: _____


Jim Reed, Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____


Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary