

MINUTES

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

Date: November 1, 2006

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 10-27-06
at City Hall by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS CM Marigonda reported that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) met and discussed a request from a gentleman who lives on Canham Road (County of Santa Cruz), who wanted to connect to the Scotts Valley Water District line if they can come to an agreement. He stated that because of the location of this property, there may be a benefit to the Scotts Valley Water District for a future well.

CM Marigonda reported that he attended the retirement of Women's Crisis Support Director, Cecelia Organista, and presented a Mayor's proclamation to Ms. Organista from the City of Scotts Valley.

CM Marigonda reported that he attended the Chamber dinner where they honored the Man, Woman, Youth, Organization, and Business of the year.

VM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met to discuss and approve a variety of issues such as: review of their capital improvements; acceptance of a contract for \$17 million for a new fueling and wash station; a maintenance building contract; and, an operations building and administration building coming up in the future. He stated that a large amount of this money is from the State and grants, and that the SCMTD is trying to get into facilities that they own, and that are not so spread out, because they spend such a large amount of money on leases and rent.

VM Bustichi reported that the Economic Development Round Table Meeting/ Workshop, held last week was well attended and the City received a lot of support in helping us to update our economic development plan. He stated that there was much praise for City staff at the event that was well deserved.

CM Barrett reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin Subcommittee met and discussed grants, groundwater recharge, and recycled water conservation programs. He stated that they are also discussing the possibility of having tie-ins with the different water districts in order to borrow from each other for emergency and disaster use only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward.

**ALTERATIONS TO
CONSENT AGENDA**

VM Bustichi requested that item E on the consent agenda be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

M/S: Barrett/Marigonda

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

Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 10-18-06
- B. Approve check register – 10-23-06
- C. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 16-ZC-203 approving Planning Development Zoning District Overlay and Permit (PD05-002) to allow the reduction in lot size, lot width/depth, rear interior side yard setbacks, and an increase of paving (30%) in the required front yard setback for the creation of three lots and housing units at 12 Blake Lane (APN 022-172-36)
- D. Approve the 2005/2006 Annual Report for Development Impact Fees
- F. Approve “revised” contract for professional services between Bauldry Engineering and the City of Scotts Valley for peer review of geotechnical information and engineering design for debris wall located at 903 Whispering Pines Drive (APN 021-291-01)

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

M/S: Barrett/Marigonda

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

Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

- E. Approve contract for professional services between M.S. Davis Company and the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency for the preparation of application for and pursuit of Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding for planning assistance for the Skypark Specific Plan

VM Bustichi stated that he pulled this item because he feels this is a very important step in the process toward the Town Center, and he wanted the City Manager to present the written staff report.

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

M/S: Barrett/Marigonda

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Carried 5/0

1. Consideration of acoustical improvements at the Scotts Valley Community Center

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

VM Bustichi recommended that we include wording in our rental agreement to keep people from tearing the acoustical paneling when they put up decorations.

M/S: Barrett/Marigonda

To authorize the expenditure of funds from the Community Center fund in the amount of \$1,193.39 for the acoustical improvements at the Scotts Valley Community Center.

Carried 5/0

2. Consideration of City closure during holidays

DCM/ASD Ando presented the written staff report and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Barrett/Bustichi

To approve the closure of City Hall, Wednesday to Friday, December 27-29, 2006.

Carried 5/0

3. Consideration of cancellation of January 3, 2007 regular City Council meeting

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

CM Marigonda stated that he is opposed to cancelling the meeting. He feels that if a meeting is scheduled we should hold it.

VM Bustichi recommended postponing this decision to see if any critical issues arise.

CM Johnson stated that he was willing to wait a few weeks to make a decision regarding this issue. He stated that he does not see the point in having a meeting just to have a meeting, if there is nothing pertinent to review and discuss; however, if there is a reason to have a meeting we should hold one.

CM Barrett stated that he agreed with CM Johnson's comments.

The City Council requested that staff bring this item back to the November 15 City Council meeting in order to give staff and the City Council time to determine if there is a need to hold a meeting on January 3, 2007.

4. Discussion: Permit streamlining process

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

Mayor Aguilar stated that she was specifically interested in this issue in order to streamline the permit process via e-applications for permits. She stated that she feels it provides more freedom for people to apply for discretionary permits outside of the hours that we are open.

CM Johnson stated that he felt we should go to the customers for their input, as opposed to the Council, since they are the people who actually use the process. He stated that a matrix of how we are doing on a scale of 1 to 10 might be more effective to get feedback from customers and in order to remain excellent.

PI Alvarez stated that this questionnaire was to get input and direction from Council, and then we could go out to the end user to get their input.

VM Bustichi stated that there is always room for improvement, however, he feels that staff does a good job, they are business friendly, and our policies are business friendly. He stated that he feels this questionnaire is better suited for the customers who come into the City. He stated that his main priority is in helping small and large businesses improve and/or build. He recommended that staff look at improving, condensing, and consolidating our forms.

Mayor Aguilar stated that she knows it is expensive, however, she would like staff to look into e-processing in the future in order to benefit the community and staff.

CDD Russell stated that staff would be working with the Planning Commission on the survey.

5. Future Council/RDA agenda items

CDD Russell stated that he had received certification of our housing element this week, and that he would provide an update to the City Council at the November 15 City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved: _____

Stephany E. Aguilar
Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Ferrara
City Clerk / Secretary