

MINUTES

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

Date: November 3, 2010

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 10-29-10 at City Hall, the SV Senior Center, and the SV Library, by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:12 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

Interim Community Dev Dir Westman

City Clerk Ferrara

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) met and discussed the purchase of the Greyhound property by the Pacific Garden Mall for the expansion of bus capacity parking and possibly a future mixed use development. He reported that the funds for this purchase are funds that have been received over the last five years, many of them grant funds that cannot be used for any other purpose, and they are moving forward with that purchase. He reported that there is some concern that the site may have some contamination, and that must be cleaned up prior to the close of escrow. He stated that this will allow for a smoother operation in Santa Cruz, however, SCMTD will still be looking at 30% cuts next year.

CM Lind reported that LAFCO met and granted a time extension for the authorization for City of Watsonville Water Department to provide extra-territorial water service. She reported that the LAFCO Water Policy Committee also submitted their report with an update for water policies for LAFCO, which has been sent to legal counsel for review.

CM Aguilar reported that the League of California Cities passed on their thank you to all the voters for voting on November 2, 2010 to pass Proposition 22, which will protect city, county, and special district funds.

Mayor Reed reported that the Library Joint Powers Authority met and reviewed the volunteer program that is currently underway at the La Selva Beach Library. He reported that with this difficult fiscal time we are all in, the Library JPA is looking to maximize the hours that the libraries are going

to be open, and one obvious resource is the use of volunteers. He also reported that the Library JPA received an update from the Library Task Force, which will be reporting in the early part of next year on sustainable library models

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liz Paulin, Visual Arts Coordinator for the Scotts Valley Library, invited everyone to attend an exhibit by Steve Bonnel called "Shopkeepers, A Small Towns' Perspective", which is a multimedia documentary project that explores the importance of small, locally owned businesses. She stated that the exhibit will be at the Santa Cruz Public Library - Scotts Valley branch, from November 1, 2010 to January 28, 2011.

Jondi Gumz, Scotts Valley School Board Member, invited everyone to attend upcoming community forums on whether the community would be willing to support a parcel tax for Scotts Valley schools: 11/3 at 1:00 pm Vine Hill Elementary School; 11/8 at 6:00 pm Brook Knoll Elementary School; 11/9 at 6:30 pm Scotts Valley High School; 11/13 at 10:00 am at Scotts Valley Senior Center; and 11/15 at 1:30 pm at Scotts Valley Middle School.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Reed requested that Item F be deleted from the consent agenda.

M/S: Reed/Aguilar

***To approve the Consent Agenda as amended deleting Item F from the consent agenda.
Carried 5/0***

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 10-20-10
- B. Approve check register – 10-21-10
- C. Approve lot line adjustment between APN 022-271-55 and 022-271-14 in Monteville
- D. Approve closure of City Hall offices December 27, 28, and 29, 2010
- E. Approve cancellation of January 5, 2011 regular City Council meeting
- F. ~~Approve letter to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the County of Santa Cruz proposed vacation rental ordinance~~

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Aguilar/Johnson

***To approve the Regular Agenda.
Carried 5/0***

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consider formation of City Council subcommittee to evaluate consolidation with the Scotts Valley Water District

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

CM Aguilar requested that staff obtain a copy of the report from approximately 10 years ago regarding this issue so that we can do a comparative analysis.

Mayor Reed questioned if LAFCO had an opinion regarding this potential consolidation.

CM Bustichi stated that he has questioned if there are benefits and what the pros and cons if consolidation might be. He stated that he is concerned that there may be a redundancy in staff and facilities, and he feels it is worth evaluating this issue as there may be ways to save money and streamline. He recommended setting up a subcommittee made up of 2 Council Members, 2 Water Board Members, and 2 rate payers from the public to look at including: organizational charts for both jurisdictions; assets and liabilities; where there may be duplication; and evaluate the overall feasibility of this issue. He stated that it would have to be beneficial to both agencies for it to work. He stated that he had spoken with LAFCO regarding this issue and LAFCO stated that it requires a majority approval of each board to consolidate, setting up an independent fund, and approval by LAFCO. He stated that if 25% of the rate payers put in complaints or protest the consolidation, it would go to a vote of the people.

Joe Miller, Scotts Valley Water District Board Member, spoke in support of forming this subcommittee and stated that he had recommended this in 1994.

Jay Mosley, Scotts Valley Water District Board Member Elect, spoke in support of forming this subcommittee.

M/S: Bustichi/Lind

***To create a subcommittee of 2 council members, 2 water board members, and 2 rate payers who will apply for the subcommittee (1 within the city limits and 1 outside the city limits).
Carried 5/0***


2. Future Council/RDA agenda items

CM Aguilar requested that a meeting of the Water Subcommittee be set up with the SVWD to discuss water recharge issues and concerns expressed by Joe Miller.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved:



Jim Reed, Mayor / Chair

Attest: 

Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary