

MINUTES

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

Date: December 17, 2008

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 12-12-08
at City Hall, the SV Library, and the
SV Senior Center by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 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
Council Member Lind

City Manager Ando
City Attorney Powell
Public Wks Director Anderson
Police Chief Weiss
Community Development Dir Wooden
City Clerk Ferrara

COMMITTEE REPORTS CM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) met and will be meeting again soon regarding the loss of transportation funding. He stated that reduced retail sales tax revenues are negatively impacting the SCMTD budget. He also stated that they buy diesel in bulk, which was much more expensive a year ago. He stated that with reduced gas and diesel prices they are trying to purchase diesel now in order to lock in lower prices, which will help a little with the budget situation. He stated that the State is also looking at cutting funding for this year, which would have been used to replaced buses. He stated that the SCMTD has buses going over Highway 17 that have over one million miles on them, and they are standing room only. He stated that they may have to start cutting services, because they may not be able to replaces buses, or repair buses, and keep them safe on the streets much longer. He encouraged citizens to write to their Congressman to request transportation funds.

CM Aguilar reported that the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) met. She stated that the building that AMBAG started to build a year and a half ago is now halted because of a lack of funding. She stated that they also discussed SB 375 (Steinberg), which is a bill to coordinate transportation and housing elements. She stated that AMBAG was hoping to get monies to implement SB 375 by 2012, however, that funding is also in danger of being cut.

CM Reed reported that the Library Joint Powers Authority Board met last week. He stated that since the library is largely funded by a 1/4 cent sales tax, they are also being adversely affected by reduced sales tax revenues. He stated that they are looking at a number of ways to reduce the budget such as freezing currently open positions, restricting open hours, etc. He stated they will be discussing this in more detail at the Library JPA Board meeting on January 12.

CM Reed reported that Library Construction Subcommittee held their first meeting today. He stated that they are trying to get the process started to try to leverage stimulus funds that may be available after President-Elect Obama is inaugurated. He stated that projects that are ready for construction in the near future will probably have a better opportunity for funding. He stated that as part of jump starting the process, the City Council will possibly be holding a special meeting on Friday, December 19, in order to give formal approval for staff to prepare a formal request for proposal (RFP) for library architectural services.

SPECIAL SET MATTER

- a) **Approval of Resolution No. 1814.2 declaring the results of the consolidated Presidential General Election held on November 4, 2008**

M/S: Barrett/Aguilar

To approve Resolution No. 1814.2 declaring the results of the consolidated Presidential General Election held on November 4, 2008. Carried 5/0

The City Council individually thanked past CM Barrett for his hard work and dedication to the City. Past CM Barrett thanked the City Council and staff for their hard work and support during his time on the City Council.

Vice Mayor Barrett left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- b) **Swearing in of re-elected City Council Members Bustichi and Johnson and newly elected City Council Member Lind**

City Clerk Ferrara administered the Oath of Office to re-elected City Council Members Bustichi and Johnson and newly elected City Council Member Lind for 4-year terms.

- c) **Nomination/Motion of Mayor/Chair**

M/S: Bustichi/Reed

To appoint Council Member Johnson as Mayor/Chair 2009. Carried 5/0

- d) **Nomination/Motion of Vice Mayor/Vice Chair**

M/S: Bustichi/Aguilar

To appoint Council Member Reed as Vice Mayor/Vice Chair 2009. Carried 5/0

City Council recessed until 6:42 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Roth, President of the Scotts Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) Board of Trustees, clarified the School District's position regarding their increased developer school impact fees.

Norman Schwartz, resident of Santa Cruz County, stated that he had been in development for several years and he is a huge supporter of public education. He urged the Council Subcommittee to meet with the SVUSD Board on the subject of developer fees. He stated that he feels it is difficult for the development community to understand why the SVUSD fees are significantly higher in Scotts Valley than in other districts in the County.

Mayor Johnson responded to Ms. Roth's comments regarding the SVUSD developer school impact fees.

VM Reed responded to Ms. Roth's comments regarding the SVUSD developer school impact fees.

CM Aguilar thanked Ms. Roth for serving during very difficult budget times and encouraged Ms. Roth to continue to dialogue with the City regarding developer fees.

**ALTERATIONS TO
CONSENT AGENDA**

CM Aguilar requested that Item F be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

M/S: Bustichi/Reed

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

Carried 5/0

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Joint City Council/RDA meeting minutes of 12-3-08
- B. Approve check register – 12-1-08
- C. Second reading and approval of Ordinance No. 182 amending title 8 of the Scotts Valley Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.01 Entitled "Environmentally Acceptable Food Packaging"
- D. Approve annual report for development impact fees for 2007/2008
- E. Acceptance of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008

**ALTERATIONS TO
REGULAR AGENDA**

M/S: Aguilar/Bustichi

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

Carried 5/0

REGULAR AGENDA

F. Acceptance of Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008

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

M/S: Aguilar/Bustichi

To accept the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Carried 5/0

1. Consideration of funding request for visitor related market research

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

Christina Glynn, Santa Cruz County and Visitor's Council (CVC), spoke regarding the program and their efforts to seek funding using a collaborative approach, stated that the CVC is contributing \$15,000, and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Bustichi/Reed

To approve the contribution of \$5,000 from the Redevelopment Agency to the Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council for visitor related market research.

Carried 5/0

2. Consideration of approval of agreement between the Scotts Valley Redevelopment Agency and Giro for Redevelopment Agency assistance

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

M/S: Bustichi/Aguilar

To approve an agreement for Redevelopment Agency assistance, in the amount of \$75,000, between the City of Scotts Valley and Bell Sports, Inc. to be paid over two years in two \$37,500 increments.

Carried 4/1 (NOES: Reed)

3. Presentation of 2008 accomplishments and 2009 projects

City Department Heads gave a presentation of their accomplishments for calendar year 2008, upcoming plans for projects in 2009, and responded to questions from Council:

- Steve Ando, City Manager: Administration and Finance Departments
- April Wooden, Community Development Director: Planning and Building Departments

- John Weiss, Chief of Police: Police Department
- Ken Anderson, Public Works Director/City Engineer: Engineering, Wastewater, and Recreation Divisions

4. **Future Council/RDA agenda items**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: _____

Randy Johnson, Mayor / Chair

Attest: _____

Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk / Secretary