

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council

**Date: April 16, 2014**

**POSTING:**

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**CALL TO ORDER**                      6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** and **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Reed	City Manager Ando
Vice Mayor Bustichi	City Attorney Powell
Council Member Aguilar	Comm Dev Dir/Deputy City Mgr Kates
Council Member Johnson	Public Wks Director Hamby
Council Member Lind	Police Chief Weiss
	City Clerk Ferrara

**SPECIAL SET MATTER**    Presentation of Mayor's Proclamations for April 2014:

- National Poetry Month
- California Safe Digging Month

In honor of National Poetry Month, Jim Brown, Santa Cruz Arts Council, introduced Ellen Bass, the Poet Laureate.

Ellen Bass, Poet Laureate, read a poem called *If You Knew*.

Mayor Reed presented a Mayor's Proclamation to Dawn Matthis, PG&E, for proclaiming April 2014 as California Safe Digging Month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) Board met and reviewed the long range transit plan they have been working on in order to meet current and future transit challenges.

CM Aguilar reported that AMBAG met and received comments on their Regional Transportation Plan, which includes San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties.

CM Lind reported that the Seniors Council Area Agency on Aging met today to discuss potential cuts and impacts to important programs due to reduced funding.

Mayor Reed reported that the Library Joint Powers Board met and received applications and interview applicants for a new citizen member. They also discussed a new governance agreement that will be coming before all the jurisdictions in the County, as the current agreement for the Library JPA Board expires in 2017.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

1. The insurance pool Scotts Valley is a part of with ten other cities offers reimbursement for items that will help reduce workplace injuries, such as ergonomically correct chairs, desks, and equipment (headsets for Recreation). I submitted a list for \$7,500 worth of items (the maximum amount) and the full amount was approved.
2. We have a contractor on site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant making the changes to allow us to take sludge to the City of Santa Cruz. They anticipate about 40 days to complete the installation. During that time the new truck will arrive. We should be ready by the end of the fiscal year to begin deliveries to the Santa Cruz treatment plant. By taking sludge to Santa Cruz rather than Marina, staff projects a costs savings of about \$70,000 annually.
3. There is a fund set up at Recreation for anyone who would like to donate towards Bocce Ball improvement projects, i.e. shade, sidewalks all the way around, ball racks, etc.
4. The Senior Center has now collected \$1,225,000 in revenues in their twenty-five year history.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Piret Harmon, Scotts Valley Water District General Manager, spoke regarding the drought situation that Scotts Valley and California are currently facing. She stated that Scotts Valley is not facing rationing at this time, however, they are requesting a 20% voluntary reduction.

CM Lind announced that the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast is being held on May 14 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the Cocoanut Grove Ballroom in order to recognize local heroes.

CM Lind announced that Capitola Police Detective, Jason Grogan, was exposed to and contracted a virus while on duty, and passed away at 40 years old. His memorial service is being held on April 22 at Twin Lakes.

VM Bustichi announced that he has been teaching a Sustainable Construction Tech class at Santa Cruz High through Santa Cruz ROP, and this year their group built a storage shed for Scotts Valley High School to store their instruments. The assembly of the shed is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at 9:00 am at Scotts Valley High School, and volunteers are welcome.

VM Bustichi announced that the Community Garden is under construction with volunteer labor, and it should be completed by mid-May.

### **ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA**

***M/S: Aguilar/Johnson***

***To approve the Consent Agenda.***

***Carried 5/0 (AYES: Aguilar, Bustichi, Johnson, Lind, Reed)***

**Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approve check register – 4-7-14
- B. Approve site rental agreement between the City of Scotts Valley and Jazzercise for use of the Scotts Valley Community Center
- C. Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 129.2 amending Chapters 8.20 and 8.25 of the City of Scotts Valley Municipal Code to regulate electronic cigarettes

**ALTERATIONS TO  
REGULAR AGENDA**

CM Ando requested that Items 2 and 3 be eliminated from the closed session agenda as there is no update available at this time.

***M/S: Aguilar/Johnson***

***To approve the Regular Agenda as amended eliminating items 2 and 3 from the closed session agenda.***

***Carried 5/0 (AYES: Aguilar, Bustichi, Johnson, Lind, Reed)***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Discussion/consideration of single-use plastic carryout bag regulations for the City of Scotts Valley**

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

Wendy Brannan, SV resident, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags everywhere except at restaurants and recommended a .10 cent charge for paper bags that is phased in.

Ed Price, Aptos resident, spoke in opposition to a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags as his scientific research shows that paper bags are more harmful to the environment

Eldon Haddicks, Ben Lomond resident, spoke in support of option 2, which would ban plastic bags in all businesses (except restaurants) and does not charge for paper bags.

Manu Koenig, Civinomics, spoke regarding a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and presented statistics resulting from polls taken on whether respondents would vote for a ban or not.

Ty Stills, SV resident representing the Valley Women's Club and the Environmental Committee for San Lorenzo Valley, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags.

Mr. White, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and gave a visual presentation to the Council.

Kent Okasao, spoke regarding a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags.

Patrizia Materassi, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags.

Dennis Norton, Save Our Shores, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and recommended a fee on paper bags.

Deanna White, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags.

Brad Hunt, Save Our Shores, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and recommended a fee on paper bags.

Lisa Foster, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and recommended a fee on paper bags.

Melanie Franklin, Felton resident, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags.

Sherry Woo, SV resident, spoke in support of a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and recommended no fee on paper bags.

Richard Wilkewitz, Friends of the California Current and retired physicist, spoke in opposition to a ban on single-use plastic carryout bags and based on his research, expressed concerns about the negative impacts of paper bags on the environment.

CM Aguilar stated that the City of Pittsburgh has enacted a ban on plastic and paper bags.

CM Lind expressed concerns regarding a fee on paper bags as she feels it will negatively impact seniors who are on a fixed income.

VM Bustichi read two letters regarding plastic bags from students, one in support of a ban and one in opposition to a ban due to the negative environmental impacts of paper bags. He expressed concerns about charging for bags and banning bags, and stated that he re-uses the bags he receives and would then have to purchase plastic garbage bags from the store to replace the bags he re-uses.

CM Johnson recommended educating the public in order to change behaviors as plastic is everywhere, not just plastic bags. He encouraged responsibility on a personal and individual basis to reduce the use of plastic in our everyday lives and recommended using CSA 9C monies to help educate the public, beginning in the schools and the major retail area by using \$2,000 to \$3,000 from the CSA 9C fund.

CM Aguilar stated that the City currently donates \$25,000 per year to the O'Neill Sea Odyssey to educate students about the environment. She recommended a ban with a 10 cent fee.

Mayor Reed recommended budgeting some funds to support education regarding the environment and evaluate how we currently spend the money that we donate.

VM Bustichi recommended looking at how we are spending the 9C monies and the best use for those monies.

CM Lind recommended working with merchants to include incentives in our stores for bringing in your own bags.

***M/S: Aguilar/***

***To approve Resolution No. 1891 adopting a mitigated negative declaration for the City of Scotts Valley single-use bag reduction ordinance.***

***Motion failed for lack of a second.***

**2. Future Council agenda items**

None.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened to closed session at 8:39 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, Mid Management Group, Management Group, Scotts Valley Police Bargaining Unit, Scotts Valley Police Supervisors Association.
2. ~~Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9a, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Name of Case: City of Scotts Valley vs. County of Santa Cruz, et al, Case No. CIV467230, San Mateo County Superior Court and Case No. A126357, Court of Appeal, First District.~~
3. ~~Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9a, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their legal counsel regarding existing litigation. Name of Case: City of Scotts Valley vs. County of Santa Cruz, et al, Case No. CV177221.~~

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:55 p.m.


**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Reed announced that there was nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Jim Reed, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk