

MINUTES

Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council

Date: August 6, 2014

POSTING:

The agenda was posted on 8-1-14
at City Hall, the SV Senior Center, and
the SV Library, by the City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Reed
Vice Mayor Bustichi
Council Member Lind

City Manager Ando
City Attorney Powell
Comm Dev Dir/Deputy City Mgr Kates
Public Wks Director Hamby
Police Lieutenant Walpole
City Clerk Ferrara

Absent:

Council Member Aguilar
Council Member Johnson

Police Chief Weiss

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Atlas, the new K-9 dog for the Police Department
was introduced by K-9 Officer Brandon Polito.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VM Bustichi reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has a structural deficit and they are holding meetings and workshops to look at ways to make changes without cutting service.

Mayor Reed reported that the Joint Library Powers Board met to discuss and address current and future facility needs of the library system.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- (1) Congratulations to the Police Department for once again for receiving the favorite award in the annual Banner poll for the government agency category. The City's own Skypark received the favorite award for parks.
- (2) Received an e-mail today from Physicians Medical Group (PMG) that they are moving into the former Borland Building this Friday. They will be bringing 60 employees here.

- (3) The City recently received final approval for funding the Mt. Hermon Road Improvement Project. Public Works will issue a RFP to hire an engineering firm to design the project with construction slated for next summer. We will be adding a left hand turn lane from Mt. Hermon Road onto Whispering Pines Drive by modifying the landscape median to make room for a second left hand turn lane. The entire intersection and approaches will be smoothed out and paved as part of the project.
- (4) City crews installed the new solar powered radar speed indicator sign on Glenwood Drive last week. This sign is located on the southbound side on Glenwood just before the Casa Way / Kerry Court interchange.
- (5) Construction crews will be breaking ground this week on the two safe route to school projects. The Tabor Drive and Vine Hill School Road project will install new sidewalk from the main entrance to Siltanen Park on Vine Hill School Road and connect to the existing sidewalk located approximately 1,000 feet up Tabor Drive. The second project involves installation of a sidewalk and two bridges that will provide a pathway from Glenwood Drive to the back northwest corner of Siltanen Park.
- (6) The City has been awarded an On Bill Financing loan from PG&E for the installation of a new high speed blower and variable frequency drive unit for the City's wastewater plant. The interest free loan amount is \$158,395. This loan will be paid off over 10 years with the savings recognized by using the new high efficiency equipment. The City's contribution is \$47,312 of this \$205,708 project. City staff have worked closely with PG&E and AMBAG officials over the past several months to secure this funding.
- (7) City Maintenance crews repaired 120 feet of existing fence by the tennis courts at Skypark and installed an additional 80 feet.
- (8) Final results of the July 4 fireworks event netted \$40,000 after expenses. The highest amount prior to that was \$25,000, which is a 60% increase.
- (9) A post-July 4 parade meeting was held. Discussed the issue of continued water spraying. People think we are just trying to spoil their fun at the event by not allowing water spraying. In fact, we are trying to protect people and their property. It was pretty evident that we had very few classic cars in the parade this year. Last year their cars were sprayed with water and damaged their leather seats, so they opted to not return. This year we were fortunate to have more music in the parade, but spraying water on their instruments, particularly an accordion, almost ruined those instruments. The accordion is thousands of dollars to replace. We will be getting the word out better next year for the reason for no water spraying and have more people at the parade to walk alongside those parade entries that could get damaged by water.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Patterson, Santa Cruz County American Red Cross Board Member, announced their upcoming gala event, Celebrate the Red, being held at the Coconut Grove on September 27, 2014. This will be a champagne reception, dinner, and auction, with live music, and the event will commemorate the recovery of the 25th Anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Proceeds from the Gala go directly towards the Red Cross mission of helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

CM Lind announced that the Scotts Valley Art & Wine Festival will be held this weekend, August 9 and 10, at Skypark Park.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Bustichi/Lind

To approve the Consent Agenda.

Carried 3/0/1 (AYES: Bustichi, Lin, Reed; ABSENT: Aguilar, Johnson)

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve City Council meeting minutes of 7/16/14
- B. Approve check register – 7/28/14, 7/25/14, 7/11/14
- C. Authorize City Manager to execute an agreement for professional services for audit of annual financial statements
- D. Approve change to job specification for Wastewater Plant Superintendent
- E. Approve the use of development impact fee funds for the library and community center monument signs

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Bustichi/Lind

To approve the Regular Agenda.

Carried 3/0/1 (AYES: Bustichi, Lind, Reed; ABSENT: Aguilar/Johnson)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Consider agreement with the Scotts Valley Water District to allow recycled water sales outside the Scotts Valley city limits**

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

Piret Harmon, Scotts Valley Water District General Manager, explained the proposed project and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Bustichi/Lind

To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Scotts Valley Water District (SVWD), with the City Attorney's approval, to allow for recycled water sales to contractors for use at construction sites outside the city limits of Scotts Valley, and the City would receive 20% of the base amount charged by the SVWD for such sales to compensate the City for the impact on City streets from the tank trucks.

Carried 3/0/1 (AYES: Bustichi, Lind, Reed; ABSENT: Aguilar/Johnson)

2. **Future Council agenda items**

Mayor Reed requested a future agenda item to have the Water Subcommittee discuss the potential for expanding the City's credit program as it relates to water

VM Bustichi requested a future agenda item regarding ADA accessibility of the City's website.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council convened to closed session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, the City Council met in closed session with their legal counsel regarding real property negotiations. APN 022-211-80.
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council met in closed session to confer with their labor negotiator regarding employee negotiations with the management group.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Reed announced that there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved: 
Jim Reed, Mayor

Attest: 
Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk