



MINUTES

Meeting of the Scotts Valley City Council

Date: March 3, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	Zoom Videoconference	The agenda was posted 2-26-21 at City Hall, SV Senior Center, SV Library and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.org .

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Derek Timm, Mayor
Jim Reed, Vice Mayor
Jack Dilles, Council Member
Donna Lind, Council Member
Randy Johnson, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Friend, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Steve Walpole, Chief of Police
Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director
Daryl Jordan, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Tracy Ferrara, City Clerk
Melanie Freitas, Planning Consultant

SPECIAL SET MATTER

Conor Boughey, Monterey Bay Area Self-Insurance Authority (MBASIA), gave a PowerPoint presentation on the state of the insurance market and responded to questions from Council.

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, questioned whether MBASIA still provides facility and playground inspections and audits. She also asked if they review records retention related to facility and playground maintenance.

Conor Boughey responded that MBASIA does not have a loss control employee on staff to provide this service. They hold an annual workshop where they identify needs and deal with practical realities of what may be happening for each member of MBASIA. They have

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done loss control surveys as needed. MBASIA also has a grant program where members identify a need and MBASIA then provides a grant to help. MBASIA is currently focused on risk financing and claims management. Regarding document retention, he stated that retaining plans related to any infrastructure improvements, i.e. parks, streets, facilities, intersections is very important for each agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Dilles reported that the Joint Scotts Valley City/Scotts Valley Water District Committee met and heard a presentation from the Soquel Creek Water District (SCWD) about their proposed pure water project they are currently working on. He stated that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency is looking into how to increase their capacity over the next four years, and one option would be to tap into the SCWD, as they have overbuilt their capacity and may have the ability to share some of their recycled water product in the future.

CM Dilles reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Surface Water Technical Advisory Group and they are looking at some of the details that are required to support the sustainability plan that is being prepared to meet State law. They discussed the complex relationship between surface water and ground water in the basin and what will be needed to meet environmental guidelines and impacts.

CM Dilles reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board met and reviewed an update to their water projections over the next 40 years. They have not seen a large increase over the years, however, climate change may have future impacts.

CM Dilles reported that the Affordable Housing Subcommittee met and reviewed the history and background of affordable housing in Scotts Valley. He reported that the Subcommittee discussed the possibility of expanding the inclusionary area in Scotts Valley, promoting ADU's and creating a formula to assist developers better understand affordable housing requirements.

CM Lind reported that the Joint Scotts Valley City/Scotts Valley Water District Committee met and heard a presentation from the Soquel Creek Water District (SCWD) about their proposed pure water project they are currently working on. She reported that they built the project to twice their capacity and future opportunities may be available for a partnership.

CM Lind reported that the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency Board met and most of the projects for water have been in the south area of Scotts Valley and they are looking into the possibility of projects in the north area of Scotts Valley.

CM Lind reported that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) Board met and she has been appointed as Chair. She reported that the SCMTD Fiscal and Personnel Committees also met. She stated that there is a large amount of lost property, i.e. bikes, cell phones and laptops left behind on buses, and the SCMTD is currently

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updating its lost property policy to help get these items to their owners. She also reported that the SCMTD is looking at providing free or reduced fares on a temporary basis to increase ridership. They have also received some new electric buses that should be online soon.

CM Johnson reported that the Town Center Opportunity Subcommittee met and listened to a very informative presentation from Bob Gibbs, the consultant that the City has hired to study the retail and economic needs of Scotts Valley and assist with the Town Center. He stated that Mr. Gibbs provided information that challenges the assumptions that the City and community have been under over the years regarding the Town Center. He announced that Mr. Gibbs will be providing a twenty-minute presentation to the entire Council to help inform them of his findings.

Mayor Timm reported that the Town Center Opportunity Subcommittee received a presentation from our consultant, who was hired to study the retail and economic needs of Scotts Valley. He stated that the presentation was very informative and helpful, and this will be coming to the entire City Council for review in the future.

Mayor Timm reported that the Affordable Housing Subcommittee met and discussed the need for affordable housing in Scotts Valley and the challenges that are being faced with the 20% increase in housing costs over the past year.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Target: The City continues to closely coordinate with Target. There have been some community questions of whether Target is still opening so we want to reassure that yes—the lease is signed and Target is coming. Target is in the process of designing the interior and exterior improvements to their new store and the City is working closely with them to offer support. Once plans are approved, Target will have a multiple-month remodel and store opening is still slated for 2022.

Scotts Valley Library Virtual Community Open House: Please join the City, the Santa Cruz Public Libraries and the Group 4 design team for a virtual preview of the Measure-S funded renovations to the Scotts Valley Library on March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtual on Zoom: <http://bit.ly/3kHksFO> to pre-register!

COVID-19: Numbers continue to improve on COVID-19 in our County and it's expected we will return to the Red Tier next week, which will allow greater openings of businesses and activities. Restaurants would open to 25% indoor capacity, retail would move to 50% indoor capacity, movie theaters with 25% indoor capacity, gyms opening with 10% indoor capacity.

Today, Scotts Valley Unified School District opened its doors for Kindergarteners and 1st graders. Thank you to the teachers and administrators for reopening our schools safely and for their ongoing dedication to reach and educate our students.

City Recreation: The new guidance on youth and adult sports leagues has generated a lot of interest in use of Siltanen and Skypark fields. The City is fielding requests and working to determine how we will reopen our parks. We are challenged because of severe staffing shortages and also grappling with the damage to Skypark from its use as the CZU Fire CalFire Basecamp. As we discussed as part of the Mid-Year Budget Review, we are working with FEMA and CalFire on reimbursement, while getting bids and timelines for its reconstruction. Staff are working to be as quick and responsive as we can be and ask for patience while we finalize our approach.

SV Chamber Community Awards: Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce Scotts Valley Community Awards Gala will be held virtually on Saturday, March 13, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The City of Scotts Valley is receiving recognition for Beautification Project of the Year for The Glenwood Preserve.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, recommended that the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Commission for any recommendations they may have regarding projects that fall under their purview.

Joshua Warren expressed concerns related to the social media practices of the Scotts Valley Police Department.

PC Walpole provided an update on policy changes that have been implemented related to posting by the Scotts Valley Police Department.

ALTERATIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

CM Friend requested that Item G be moved to the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

Wendy Brannan requested that Item A be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

M/S: Lind/Dilles

To approve the Consent Agenda as amended moving Items G and A to the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)

CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Approve check registers dated 2-19-21, 2-26-21
- C. Approve Resolution No. 1896.1 approving the updated bail schedule, accommodating the court-imposed fees and bringing the City in alignment with other local jurisdictions

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- D. Approve Resolution No. 1928.6 accepting the 25' Open Space Public Trail Easement on Parcel "B" Public Trail Easement, for pedestrian trail access, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Trail Easement and Maintenance Agreement
- E. Approve Resolution No. 1973.4 approving the Parcel Map for 33 Polo Heights, MLD 18-004, two-lot subdivision, APN 024-021-28
- F. Ratify the appointment of Steve Horlock to serve on the Planning Commission
- H. Approve Resolution No. 1955.12 amending the salary schedule for the Human Resources/Payroll Analyst job specification

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Dilles

To approve the Regular Agenda as amended moving Item G and A from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for discussion and consideration.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)

REGULAR AGENDA

- G. **Approve the 2020 Annual Progress Report and authorize the submittal of the 2020 Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and State Office of Planning and Research (OPR)**

Melanie Freitas, Contract Planner, for the City presented the written staff report, gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from Council.

M/S: Reed/Dilles

To accept the 2020 Annual Progress Report and authorize the submittal of the 2020 Annual Progress Report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Carried: (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)

- A. **Approve regular and special City Council meeting minutes of 2-3-21**

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, requested that the 2-3-21 minutes regarding her ATP comments related to sidewalks on Lockwood Lane be amended. She stated that in her statement on 2-3-21 she told the Council that the ATP says that there are full sidewalks on Lockwood Lane, which is inaccurate.

CC Ferrara explained that the City prepares action minutes, therefore, detailed and verbatim comments are not included in the minutes. She stated that an audio recording of Council meetings is available on the City's website.

M/S: Lind/Reed

To approve the regular and special City Council meeting minutes of 2-3-21 as presented.

Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm)

1. Discussion of Draft Fiscal Year 2021/22 City Strategic Goals

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

Wendy Brannan, Scotts Valley resident, stated that she is glad to see technology improvements included and spoke in support of emergency planning related to fire issues, especially infrastructure improvements. She recommended not investing in the childcare modular at Vine Hill Elementary and Brook Knoll Elementary and again recommended that the upcoming Capital Improvement Program (CIP) be reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Commission for any recommendations they may have regarding projects that fall under their purview.

Ilo Nilsson, Scotts Valley resident, spoke in support of recreation in the City and encouraged the Council to establish parameters for what they are looking for in multi-family developments. She recommended that any affordable housing built in the Town Center be livable.

After Council discussion, CM Friend summarized the following list of additional requests from Council that will be evaluated and assessed:

- (1) Review of development standards City-wide.
- (2) Evaluate City commissions and their purpose.
- (3) Restoration of City services to meet the needs of the community.
- (4) Recreation services for the community.
- (5) Inclusionary housing boundary expansion for affordable housing.
- (6) The inclusion of City Council in training related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

CM Friend stated that staff would take the comments and recommendations from Council, evaluate and assess the amount of money, time and support needed to implement each item, and return at a future meeting with options based on those assessments.

2. Future Agenda Items

None.

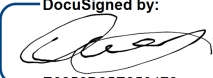
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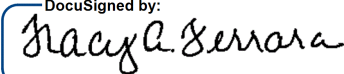
CLOSED SESSION: CA Powell announced that the City Council would be meeting in closed session on the following items:

- (1) Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim.
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54961
Name of Case: Majid Yamin
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney
- (2) Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation.
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9
Name of Case: Kenyon and Koronakos v. City of Scotts Valley – Scotts Valley
Superior Court Case No. 17CV01521
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney
- (3) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54957
Staff Present: City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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Derek Timm, Mayor

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Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk