



# MINUTES

Meeting of the  
**Scotts Valley City Council**  
**Date: September 21, 2022**  
**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 Video Conference	The agenda was posted at City Hall and on the Internet at <a href="http://www.scottsvally.org">www.scottsvally.org</a> .

## CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:	CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
Donna Lind, Mayor Jim Reed, Vice Mayor Jack Dilles, Council Member Randy Johnson, Council Member Derek Timm, Council Member	Mali LaGoe, City Manager Kirsten Powell, City Attorney Steve Walpole, Chief of Police Taylor Bateman, Community Development Director Casey Estorga, Administrative Services Director Chris Lamm, Public Works Director/City Engineer Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

## SPECIAL SET MATTER(S)

1. Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation honoring Jacob's Heart Children's Cancer Support Services, and designating September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
  
Maria Santillan accepted the proclamation on behalf of Jacob's Heart. Public comment was received from Scotts Valley resident Matthew Hakimi.
2. Presentation regarding Cabrillo College Local Government Fellows program  
  
Arne Croce from the Cabrillo College Local Government Fellows program gave a brief presentation regarding this program which provides internships and mentoring support for students to pursue a career in local government.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Dilles attended the Countywide Waste Taskforce meeting with Director Lamm. They discussed AB 1383 and a state composting grant.

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CM Dilles, along with Mayor Lind, had a booth at the Scotts Valley Farmer's Market to discuss with community members the various water issues and also the long-term water sustainability plan.

CM Dilles attended a meeting of the Area Agency on Aging. He reported that Advocacy Inc., a local non-profit company that goes into skilled nursing facilities to evaluate for deficiencies, has lost funding and has moved out of Scotts Valley.

CM Dilles, along with City Manager LaGoe, attended a meeting with our new local government liaison from the Public Utilities Commission. They clarified the responsibilities of the Commission and discussed broadband access in Scotts Valley, along with other items.

CM Dilles, along with CM Timm and City Manager LaGoe, attended a pension subcommittee meeting which included the City's advisor, NHA. They discussed the different options for handling the City's pension liability.

CM Dilles attended a two-day *Think Bike* event put on by Ecology Action in Santa Cruz. Ecology Action brought in three experts from the Netherlands, and they discussed safety issues and transportation segments for bikes and automobiles.

CM Dilles attended the League of California Cities annual conference with Mayor Lind and City Manager LaGoe. He attended sessions on housing policies, sustainable pensions, organics recycling, deferred maintenance, and creative funding for infrastructure renewal (including public/private partnership).

CM Dilles attended the Western Groundwater Conference for the purpose of discussing the many water needs of Cities across California. They learned about aquifer storage and recovery, dry wells, how to finance groundwater administration and projects, and they learned more about the tools needed to map the groundwater.

CM Timm reiterated that they had a robust discussion during the pension subcommittee meeting regarding the best timing of the City's payments.

CM Timm attended the Town Center subcommittee meeting and was impressed by the full review of the City's specific plan performed by Good City.

CM Timm attended the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting where they finalized two appeals, and they also heard about the Monterey Bay Transportation Improvement Program.

CM Timm attended the Economic Recovery meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. The businesses in Scotts Valley have given feedback that they are pleased with the Police Department's response time. Businesses are having a difficult time filing open positions so they discussed ideas on how the City and Chamber could assist with outreach. Greg Wimp, owner of Togos, is coordinating the Halloween event.

CM Johnson reported on the Town Center subcommittee meeting and noted that he is looking forward to bringing options to the community.

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Mayor Lind attended the League of California Cities annual conference where she attended a session on how to attract retail for a town center, and also many other great sessions. The conference was both informative and a great networking opportunity.

Mayor Lind attended the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) Finance meeting and Personnel meeting. The biggest challenge is getting the ridership back to pre-pandemic levels.

Mayor Lind reiterated that the Farmer's Market booth with representatives from the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency was a great opportunity for community outreach for the purpose of answering questions and hearing concerns from residents.

Mayor Lind participated in the State of the County Address hosted by the Santa Cruz County Association of Realtors and answered a lot of questions. It was also an opportunity to hear from other elected officials that they are facing similar challenges.

Mayor Lind attended the City Select meeting and heard an update from the County Health Officer. Santa Cruz County has a COVID vaccination rate of over 76%, however the Health Department expects an increase in COVID cases in the fall. They also heard information on Capitola's parklets, and a presentation from the County on behavioral health.

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Technology upgrades:** The Council Chamber technology upgrades are moving forward, with some delays due to supply chain issues. All the boards and commissions are now beginning to meet regularly again (virtually) after a break during the pandemic, and preparations are underway to bring back all the Boards and Commissions to in-person meetings.

**Police Department Annual Inspection:** The Police Department has been busy preparing for the annual inspection which will be held tomorrow, September 22, 2022.

**League of California Cities Annual Conference:** As mentioned in the Council Members' reports this conference was attended by the City Manager, Mayor Lind and CM Dilles.

**Santa Cruz County Library System:** The library system is facing staffing issues; however, this has not affected service at the Scotts Valley branch. City staff remains in close communication with library personnel on this issue.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Matthew Hakimi, a resident of Scotts Valley, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the handling of his complaints.

CM Dilles announced that Music at Skypark is this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM. This is a fundraiser for the music program at the local schools.

Mayor Lind announced that the new Target store will open on Sunday at 8:00 AM.

### APPROVE AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA

CM Dilles stated that he will recuse himself from Item D due to the proximity of the parcel to his residence.

Item D will be moved to the Regular Agenda as Item 1.A.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve City Council minutes of 08-17-2022 and 08-30-2022
- B. Approve check registers dated 08-18-2022, 08-25-2022, 09-01-2022, 09-08-2022 and 09/15/2022
- C. Approve Resolution No. 2007.12 authorizing the continued use of teleconference meetings, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
- ~~D. Approve parcel map for 228 Sunset Terrace, APN 024-081-16~~
- E. Approve sanitary sewer connection request for Blossom Way, APN 056-131-09
- F. Approve citywide striping and signing contract award – PW project P22-002
- G. Approve Police Officer Trainee job classification and salary schedule

**M/S: Dilles/Timm**

**To approve the amended Consent Agenda.**

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

### APPROVE AMENDED REGULAR AGENDA

The Regular Agenda is amended to include Item 1.A. (moved from the Consent Agenda - Item D)

**M/S: Timm/Johnson**

**To approve the amended Regular Agenda.**

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

### REGULAR AGENDA

- 1.A. Approve parcel map for 228 Sunset Terrace, APN 024-081-16

**M/S: Johnson/Timm**

**To approve Item 1.A. of the Regular Agenda.**

**Carried 4/0/1 (AYES: Johnson, Lind, Reed, Timm; NOES: none; ABSENT: Dilles)**

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- 2. Future Council agenda items  
No future agenda items were requested.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:00 PM to discuss the following items:

- 1. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Administrative Services Director
- 2. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9  
Name of Claimant: David Cline; Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:18 PM.

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKE DURING CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Lind reported:

- 1. Conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.  
There was no report on this item.
- 2. Conference with legal counsel regarding liability claim pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9  
Council unanimously denied the claim; Council determined the claim was untimely.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Approved: DocuSigned by:  
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Donna Lind, Mayor

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Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk