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Meeting of the
Scotts Valley City Council
In-Person and Remote Access
Date: February 15, 2023
Time: 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION	MEETING LOCATION	POSTING
City of Scotts Valley 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (831) 440-5600	City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Drive Scotts Valley, CA 95066 and Zoom Video Conference	The agenda was posted at City Hall, the SV Public Works Building, the SV Senior Center and on the Internet at www.scottsvally.org

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jack Dilles, Mayor
Randy Johnson, Vice Mayor
Donna Lind, Council Member
Derek Timm, Council Member
Allan Timms, Council Member

CITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mali LaGoe, City Manager
Kirsten Powell, City Attorney
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk
Lauren Lambert, Deputy City Clerk
Chris Lamm, Public Works Director
Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager

SPECIAL SET MATTER(S)

Mayor Dilles presented the Mayor's Proclamation celebrating the week of March 6th – March 12, 2023 as Alfred Hitchcock Week in Scotts Valley to the Scotts Valley Community Theater Guild. Accepting the proclamation from the Theater Guild and the Exchange Club of Scotts Valley were David Hodgins, Victor Alejandro, and Trish Melahan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CM Timm attended an Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) meeting, and they are now meeting in-person at the Monterey Center at Harris Ranch every second Wednesday of the month. They had a presentation of their audited

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financials. They also discussed the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant process.

CM Timm attended the Chamber Economic Recovery Committee meeting. Executive Director Danny Reber sent his thanks to the City Council and the City Staff for their hard work on the business recovery grants.

CM Johnson, along with Council Member Timm, attended a Town Center Subcommittee meeting and noted that the progress is positive.

CM Timms attended a meeting of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council where they discussed the future of the Live Oak Senior Center. The Live Oak School District, who owns to property, is planning to remove the building and develop housing for teachers on the land. They also discussed the Master Plan on Aging and the two needs assessments (one from the County and one from the Advisory Council) that are coming up. The Advisory Council is researching whether or not they can continue with virtual meetings.

CM Lind attended a Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) budget meeting where they discussed options to handle the unfunded pension liability. METRO has received a grant and has also picked up some articulated buses from Southern California, which will assist with the rider volume at UCSC. METRO is still struggling with recruitment and have been getting creative with their recruitment efforts.

CM Lind attended a Criminal Justice Council board meeting where she was voted Chair of the Board. They are working on the behavioral health program, and the current study will be on behavioral health as it relates to the courts, jails and probation.

Mayor Dilles represented the City in an interview with KSBW regarding a \$1.6 million grant received by the Scotts Valley Water District. He complimented the Water District on applying for and receiving the grant - it will be used for a groundwater project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

New Administrative Service Director: Please welcome Stephanie Hill as the new Administrative Services Director. Stephanie comes to the City of Scotts Valley with a great background of experience, both at the County of Santa Clara in the Auditor/Controller Office, and the San Lorenzo Water District as the Business Manager. Stephanie will present the mid-year budget update at the next City Council meeting.

FY 2023-2024/OpenGov: The templates for the next fiscal year budget are almost complete in OpenGov so the City is gearing up for budget season. Staff will present a budget development calendar at the next City Council meeting.

Presidents Day: Monday, February 20th is Presidents Day and City offices will be closed.

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Green Hills Road: The City has secured a contractor to complete the work necessary to get at least one lane open on Green Hills Road. The contractor is scheduled to begin work on Tuesday, February 21st, and the work should take approximately one week. After that, work will continue on securing a long-term solution for stabilizing the hillside and safely reopening both lanes.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Request: The Public Works Department submitted a FEMA public assistance request related to the damage on Green Hills Road. A lot of work is happening to repair the road, and to determine how the City will pay for the repairs.

Lockwood Lane Striping: Contractors will be working on the Lockwood Lane striping project beginning next week, as well as striping various crosswalks throughout the town. In accordance with the recommendations from the Active Transportation Plan, high visibility paint will be used for the crosswalks.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Cassandra Flores from the United Way spoke regarding the 211 annual report. February 11th was *211 Day*. The 211 program is used to direct people to various resources, such as free rides, medical resources, mental health resources, housing, rent assistance, etc. Residents in the County of Santa Cruz can access 211 via phone or by text. She concluded by thanking the Council for attending the Comcast Community event.

CM Lind reported that there is still time to get tickets for the Fallen Officers Ball on February 25th from 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz. The final day to get tickets is Friday, February 17th. This event supports all local first responders, and tickets can be purchased at scfof.org.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH NO ALTERATIONS

M/S: Timm/Timms

To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve meeting minutes of 01-30-2023/01-31-2023 and 02-01-2023
- B. Approve check registers dated 01-30-2023, 02-02-2023, and 02-09-2023

ALTERATIONS TO REGULAR AGENDA

M/S: Lind/Timm

**To approve the Regular Agenda and move it after the Public Hearing
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)**

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for CDBG Contract 20-CDBG-SV2-3-00291

Mayor Dilles opened the public hearing at 6:31 PM.

Lori Adams from the Adams Ashby Group shared a brief presentation which included the background of this funding which was received from the Department of Housing and Community Development for economic development activity grants. The City of Scotts Valley allocated \$285,000 to nine different businesses.

There were no comments or input from the public.

Mayor Dilles closed the public hearing at 6:39 PM.

The Council asked clarifying questions and thanked Ms. Adams and the City Staff for their work on administering this grant.

M/S: Johnson/Timm

**To direct staff to submit the required close-out documents per the requirements.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)**

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Strategic Goals and Mission, Vision, Values statements

City Manager LaGoe gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council. Council thanked City Manager LaGoe and the City Staff for the thorough process of developing the Mission, Vision, and Values statements and for strategic goals update.

M/S: Johnson/Timms

**To approve the 2023-2024 Strategic Goals and Mission, Vision, and Values statements.
Carried 5/0 (AYES: Dilles, Johnson, Lind, Timm, Timms)**

2. City hosted 4th of July event budget review and City Staff recommendations for 2023

Public Works Director Lamm and Recreation Division Manager Robinson gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Peter Hartman, a resident of Scotts Valley, spoke in favor of keeping the tradition of the fireworks show.

The Council Members discussed the pros and cons of holding only the daytime 4th of July Parade with no evening fireworks event, and they discussed exploring the option of having a local non-profit organization run a fireworks event.

M/S: Timms/Timm

To approve the staff recommendation of holding a 4th of July Parade only, approve the budget of \$26,000 of General Fund for 2023 Independence Day Celebration expenses, and authorize the City Manager to execute related contracts necessary to host the event.

Carried 4/1 (AYES: Dilles, Lind, Timm, Timms; NOES: Johnson)

REGULAR AGENDA (resumed)

3. Future Council agenda items

None.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Powell announced that the Council will convene to Closed Session to discuss the following items:

(1) Conference with labor negotiator regarding employee negotiations with Scotts Valley Police Bargaining Unit and the Scotts Valley Police Supervisors Association.

Legal Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police, Administrative Services Director

(2) Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation.

Legal Authority: Government Code 54956.9

Name of Case: GRANT PARK ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES, ET AL. v. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ET AL. – Joining Amicus Brief filed by City of Santa Cruz

Staff Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police

The City Council convened to closed session at 7:57 PM.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:37 PM.

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- 1) City Attorney Powell noted that there was nothing to report regarding this item.
- 2) City Attorney Powell reported that the City Council voted unanimously to join in the Amicus Brief filed by the City of Santa Cruz in the case of Grant Park Association Advocates, et al. v. California Department Of Public Health, et al.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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Jack Dilles
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Approved: _____
Jack Dilles, Mayor

DocuSigned by:
Cathie Simonovich
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Attest: _____
Cathie Simonovich, City Clerk

From: Michael <ms.ks@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:14 AM

To: Allan Timms <atimms@scottsvalley.gov>; Jack Dilles <jdilles@scottsvalley.gov>; Derek Timm <dtimm@scottsvalley.gov>; Randy Johnson (EXT) <rlj12@comcast.net>; dlindslind@gmail.com; SVCH-cityhall <cityhall@scottsvalley.gov>

Cc: Mali LaGoe <mlagoe@scottsvalley.gov>

Subject: Feb 15 2023 Agenda Item 1: Vision, Mission, and Values Statement

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Councilmembers and City Manager. The Agenda summary statement clearly declares “The attached statements are not intended to be community-wide, rather they are intended to serve the organization, it’s staff and leaders in the day-to-day decision making and culture of the City organization.” I applaud this effort to help the city team work collaboratively and with a sense of purpose. The Mission and Share(d) Values shown appropriately reflect the perspective of being from the inside (of the organization) looking out.

But the Vision statement, as written, seems to make a broader claim and I would encourage the following revision (or something similar) so that it does not overstep its intended bounds:

Vision:

Scotts Valley City Staff is committed to sustaining is a healthy, safe, and welcoming city, rooted in hometown values and appreciation for the natural environment that surrounds us.

Just for reference purposes, I’ve attached the (still?) ‘official’ Mission statement, dating back to the 1994 General Plan and reviewed during the 2017 General Plan Advisory Committee activity. An updated document (Vision Statement and Guiding Principles) was crafted during that process although it’s not clear what will become of that. But there has always been widespread appreciation of the poetic nature of the opening phrase in that original Mission statement: “... *the environment of a tranquil, verdant forest, and the services of a modern small city*” that I hope will remain available to current and future residents.

Best regards,

Michael Shulman
SV

P.S. – In addition to the missing “d” in “Shared Values” there’s an extra “a” in the “Openhearted” value (We embrace diverse perspectives, strive for fairness and a support a sense of belonging for our staff and community.)

The Mission of the City Government of the Urban Forest of Scotts Valley *(7/5/00 revised)*

Our goal is to provide our residents with the environment of a tranquil, verdant forest, and the services of a modern small city that reflects our history, culture and setting.

The City supports the pro-active planning process to achieve the highest quality of life by:

- Protecting the hillside forest which provides the essential character of the valley.
- Developing an urban core characterized by appropriate scale and a safe, attractive atmosphere.
- Fostering a healthy business community which can provide most of the goods and services we need within our own City.
- Improving pedestrian accessibility through the City and the forest around us.
- Encouraging a broadly based housing supply.
- Developing a variety of parks and facilities to address the recreational and cultural needs of a broad spectrum of ages and interests.
- Providing an environment in which we feel safe enough to freely enjoy life.
- Providing efficient, courteous and fiscally sound government services which we all trust.
- Protecting scenic and historic resources.
- Promoting artistic elements in all public and major private developments.

From: jimbofx Melehan <jimbofx@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Jack Dilles <jdilles@scottsvalley.gov>
Subject: Fireworks show

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor Dilles,

I am writing to you and your fellow council members to express my support for continuation of the annual Scotts Valley Independence Day Celebration, and especially the fireworks show.

I am aware objections have been raised about the noise and environmental concerns that come along with a fireworks show. But, what the heck, we are only talking about one night out of the year and of that night, the show goes on for less than half an hour. Should the thousands that come to enjoy the show be deprived of it because of the objections of a few who don't want to be inconvenienced for 30 minutes? And how much environmental damage can possibly be done as a result of this relatively small show?

This event is a long standing and cherished part of Scotts Valley's "culture." It provides local non-profits with a chance to fundraise. It brings joy to children who come from throughout the county and beyond to enjoy the evening and the show. It inspires patriotism as we join together to celebrate America!

I sincerely hope that the Council sees fit to continue this wonderful tradition.

Sincerely,
Jim Melehan

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