



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COTATI
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27, 2010
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION
7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**

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The closed session was cancelled.

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

The closed session was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Attorney

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Manager

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Gilardi, Harvey, Landman, Vice Mayor Orchard and Mayor Coleman-Senghor.

Staff present: Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Damien O'Bid, City Attorney Rich Rudnansky, Chief of Police Robert Stewart, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Landman led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Orchard and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 Regular meeting as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cotati Creek Critters holds Creek Stewardship days on the second Saturday and the last Sunday of every month from October to May. The Cotati Creek Critters also hosts the Inside/Outside Nature Education Series. Contact the Cotati Creek Critters by phone at 792-4422 or on the web at CotatiCreekCritters.info for details on these programs.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Coleman-Senghor read the proclamation honoring Police Chief Robert Stewart for 35 years of service. Chief Stewart accepted the proclamation and commented on his years in Cotati. Members of the Council and the City Manager commended Chief Stewart for his dedication and service.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comments.

Sara Anna, former Cotati Deputy City Clerk commended Chief Stewart

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called a recess for a reception for Chief Stewart at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

HONORARY MAYOR

Honorary Mayor Erica Ruiz of Mountain Shadows Middle School provided a report to Council.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor presented her with a certificate of commendation.

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Sonoma State University Student representative Jesse Schwartz provided a report to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported that the Planning Commission will be soon be considering the zoning portion of an application for a medical marijuana dispensary proposed for a location across from the Lowes. She also provided an update regarding safety measures for the recently installed pedestrian island on East Cotati Avenue.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Harvey and approved unanimously to amend the agenda to reflect corrections to Item No. 4.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Joyce Garcia addressed the Council regarding fiscal responsibility.

Orville Haselwood requested that the fountain in La Plaza park be cleaned and fixed and enforcement of the speed limit on Old Redwood Highway

George Barich addressed the Council regarding taxes.

Eric Kirchmann commented on employee evaluations and the recently installed pedestrian island on East Cotati Avenue.

Jan Kravitz addressed the Council regarding the recently installed pedestrian island, traffic and pedestrian safety.

Councilmembers commented briefly on citizens' statements. Mayor Coleman-Senghor requested a technical report regarding the condition of the La Plaza Park fountain and what would be needed to clean and repair it.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Vice Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi, and passed unanimously to approve item 2 on the Consent Calendar.

2. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (City Manager) (Action)

This motion appoints Councilmember Susan Harvey to the Sonoma County landfill task force and to appoint Councilmember Mark Landman to the Russian River Watershed Association.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENTS TO MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Thompson presented the staff report, pointing out that one letter of interest (from Sebastopol City Council member Kathleen Shafer) had been received for the North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board appointment and no letters had been received for the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council Committee appointment.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comment. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period.

Moved by Vice Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi to support Kathleen Shafer appointment by the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association to the North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board.

4. CITY OF COTATI 2010 WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATION OF \$49,735 FROM THE WATER OPERATING FUND BALANCE (Public Works/Engineering) (Action)

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Council regarding the water operating fund and the City's regulatory and contractual requirements for water conservation.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comments.

The following individuals spoke:

Ben Ford (supported)

Judith Newton for herself and on behalf of Transition Cotati group (supported)

George Barich (opposed)

Neil Hancock (supported)

Jenny Blaker (supported)

Joyce Garcia – did not indicate either opposed or in favor and questioned the effect on water rates.

Jan Kravitz did not indicate either opposed or in favor and questioned the funding source.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period.

Mr. O'Bid responded to questions from the council and the public.

Discussion ensued with the Council expressing support for the Daily Acts group, the projects they have organized and their use of volunteers.

Moved by Vice Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi, and passed unanimously to appropriate \$49,735 from the Water Operating Fund balance and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement with Daily Acts to lead the City's 2010 Water Conservation Education Program.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CALL TO ORDER OF JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Coleman-Senghor recessed the Regular meeting and called the joint meeting to order at 8:44 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Orchard, and passed unanimously to approve item 5 on the Consent Calendar.

5. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for December 9th, 2009 – January 13th, 2010

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING; RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting to order 8:46 p.m.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND PENDING LEGISLATION (Discussion and possible Action)

None.

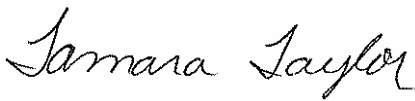
CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)

Councilmembers reported on recent and upcoming activities, including reports from meetings attended at City expense.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (City Manager's Office)

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the regular meeting 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk