



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT**  
**AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COTATI**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 2010**  
**7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue**

**7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the Regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff present: City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid, Police Sergeant Chris Parker, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson, City Attorney Nancy Thorington

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Mark Landman led the pledge of allegiance.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)**

**Moved** by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 14 2010 Regular meetings as submitted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Cotati Farmers Market starts June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run every Thursday through September 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in La Plaza Park.

**HONORARY MAYOR**

Honorary Mayor Chelsey McCready of Technology High School provided a report to Council and introduced her family.

**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 following Mayoral proclamations were recently issued:

**Proclaiming April 23, 2010 as Children's Memorial Day**, requested by MOVES (Minimizing Occurrences of Violence in Everyday Society). The City of Cotati has issued this proclamation annually for the past several years. The MOVES representative indicated a preference to have the proclamation sent to them in April rather than wait for a May Council meeting.

**Recognizing May 9-15, 2010 as Affordable Housing Week**, requested by the Sonoma County Housing Coalition. The City of Cotati has issued this proclamation annually for the past several years. The Housing Coalition representative indicated a preference to have the proclamation sent in time to display at their annual breakfast for elected representatives on May 10 rather than wait for a May City Council meeting.

She thanked City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid for working as Acting City Manager during her recent absence and noted that the Hwy 101 groundbreaking ceremony was held on Monday April 26th.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid provided an update on the Hwy 101 widening project

## **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

City Manager Thompson announced that Item 3A added due to the need for action brought to the Council's attention after the agenda was posted and the need for action before the next City Council meeting.

**Moved** by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to add item 3A (350 Garden Challenge Weekend) to the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended.

## **CITIZEN BUSINESS**

George Barich commented on the Councils April 7, 2010 strategic planning study session and discussed body language and facial expressions.

Sue Buxton addressed the Council regarding the Roblar Road quarry project. She submitted documents for Council's review.

Cheryl Nixon addressed the Council regarding the Roblar Road quarry project and indicated agreement with the previous speaker.

Joyce Garcia commented on the way the Mayor participates in the pledge of allegiance.

Teresa Eaton asked how the rent stabilization fee is calculated.

Brief discussion ensued regarding public comments. City Manager Thompson indicated that staff would research the answer to Ms. Eaton's question and provide her and Council the answer.

## **DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Council concurred to schedule discussion of the Roblar Road quarry on a future agenda.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **2. RECEIVE AND FILE STATEMENT OF THE VOTES CAST AND DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF COTATI SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 13, 2010 (City Manager) (Action)**

Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor presented the staff report.

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 and passed unanimously to adopt a motion to receive and file the Sonoma County Clerk's Official Statement of the Votes Cast and to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-14 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF APRIL 13, 2010.**

Adoption of Resolution No. 2010-14 affirms the adoption by the people of the City of Cotati of **Ordinance No. 825, entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF COTATI IMPOSING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

### **3. POSSIBLE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE ON NOVEMBER 2010 BALLOT (City Manager) (Action)**

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued relative to the need to reduce greenhouse gasses associated with transportation and on a regional level and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) members' opinions on the proposed measure, whether a sunset clause would be part of the measure, the need for dedicated funding stream for transportation

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comment.

The following individuals commented on the item:

Jan Kravitz (opposed)

Joyce Garcia (opposed)

George Barich (opposed)

Linell Hardy (in favor)

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

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of funds that would be collected, the need to keep public transportation available for students and those who cannot afford private transportation, the polling done by the SCTA, the allocation of the collected funds, the lack of a sunset clause, how under-maintenance of roads and bridges causes increased costs and traffic delays, thereby increasing greenhouse gas emissions, possible future funding by the federal government for greenhouse gas emission reduction.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works O'Bid responded to questions regarding the proposed measure and indicated that the SCTA TAC has recommended that there be no sunset clause.

Additional discussion ensued regarding a 'return to source' provision, justification for a 20-year sunset clause, possible reinstatement of bus routes with the resulting funding, the need for a stable funding source for transportation.

Council concurred on the following:

Sunset clause: The majority of Council members supported a 20-year sunset clause and indicated that they would support the SCTA's decision as to whether to include a sunset clause.

November ballot: Yes. Polling: No. Allocation of funds based on regional formula or return to source: Allocation of funds. No return to source provision. Periodic review: Yes. Voter adopted or public hearing spending plan: Public hearing. Maintenance of effort clause: No. Annual reporting from agencies that receive funding: Yes.

**3A. iGrow 350 GARDEN CHALLENGE WEEKEND (Public Works/Engineering) (Action)**

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid presented the staff report and responded to questions.

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 Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to adopt a motion recommending participation in the iGrow 350 Garden Challenge weekend by clearing brush on the City-owned property where the Community Garden is located and providing free mulch to water utility customers who sign up for the City's Cash for Grass program between April 29 and May 15, 2010.

**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 adjourned the Regular meeting and called to order the Joint meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved** by Vice Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to adopt item 4 on the consent calendar.

**4. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS (Administrative Services) (Action)**

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for March 25, 2010 – April 14, 2010.

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

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Joint meeting and called to order the Regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**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**

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk