



**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 JUNE 10, 2009**  
**6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION**  
**7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue**

**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Guardino called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Councilmembers present at roll call: Barich, Gilardi, Orchard, Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor, Mayor Guardino.

Staff present: Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson.

Mayor Guardino opened the floor to public comments; there being no one wishing to speak he closed the public comment period and adjourned to closed session in the City Manager's office.

**CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

City Designated Representative: City Manager

Employee Organizations: (1) Cotati Employees Association (2) Cotati Police Officers Association (3) Cotati Police Management Association

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957)**

Title: City Manager

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957), CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (California Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Title: City Attorney

Agency Representative: Mayor or City Manager

Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney

**7:00 PM (REGULAR SESSION)**

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

Mayor Guardino called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and announced that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Barich, Gilardi, Orchard, Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor, Mayor Guardino.

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Guardino lead the pledge of allegiance.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 27, 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 Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2009 Regular meeting as amended (correct seconder of motion for item 2 and additions to Councilmember Barich's comments regarding item 3) and to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Cotati City Council invites applicants for appointment to the City's Design Review Committee (DRC). There is currently one vacancy on the DRC for a licensed architect position. Applicants for this position are NOT required to live in Cotati. Download an application from the City's website or call 665-3622 to request an application by mail.

Free e-waste electronics recycling event on Saturday & Sunday June 13-14 8:30am to 4:30 p.m. at the Cotati Park & Ride lot located at Hwy. 116 at Redwood Dr. visit the City's website or pick up a brochure for details about what items are accepted.

Cotati spring/summer recreation schedule is available at City Hall or online at the City's website.

A City Council Budget Study Session is scheduled for Wednesday June 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chamber.

Thank you to Oliver's Market for donating tonight's refreshments.

## **SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

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

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dianne Thompson

- The Economic Stimulus funding: The funding spreadsheet on the City's website has been updated and federal approval has come through for the funding for the overlay on Old Redwood Highway South.
- The Planning Commission will consider the Downtown Specific Plan on June 29.

Responding to questions from the Council, City Manager Thompson and Police Chief Robert Stewart reported that the residence slated for historic preservation that was located at 100 Valparaiso was recently destroyed by fire, the cause of which is currently under investigation.

## **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

No changes.

## **CITIZEN BUSINESS**

Chris Cone discussed the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). She requested that Council comment on the CTP

Phil Salazar addressed the Council regarding a portion of ground near his residence by Delano Park that needs to be mowed.

Adrea Casson with Blood Bank of the Redwoods announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Challenge blood drive.

Adam (last name not discernible) addressed the Council regarding the accessibility of the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Cotati Ave.

Randi Moore expressed opposition to the website 'laughablecotati.com'.

Ken Coleman discussed staff time costs for requests by Councilmember Barich.

Lisa Moore addressed the Council and expressed opposition to Councilmember Barich's activities. She clarified that she has not ever had any claims against the City.

City Manager Thompson addressed comments made during Citizens' Business. She clarified that weed abatement in the City of Cotati is the responsibility of the Rancho Adobe Fire District. She noted that that no claims of stress have been made against the City by any former Councilmembers and that information printed in letter to the local newspaper was misleading regarding staff salaries.

Councilmember Gilardi addressed the CTP and other comments made during Citizens' Business.

Council requested that the City send a letter to Rancho Adobe Fire District regarding areas that need weed abatement, including the area behind Frogsong.

**DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**2. TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF JOHN ROBERTS DRIVE ON JULY 4, 2009 (Police) (Action)**

Resolution No. 2009-20 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI, AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JOHN ROBERTS DRIVE, BETWEEN LEBEC LANE AND AGUIRRE WAY ON SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009, TO FACILITATE A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LETTER REGARDING CONDUCT OF COUNCILMEMBER BARICH (City Manager) (Action)**

Mayor Guardino introduced this item and responded to questions from the Council regarding how the letter was drafted.

Mayor Guardino opened the floor to public comment.

Lisa Moore requested that the letter address the laughablecotati.com website.

Ken Coleman of Cotati addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed letter.

John Moore addressed the Council in support of the proposed letter; he indicated that he wishes it were stronger. He discussed a letter in the local newspaper that implies information from a closed session regarding a stress claim against the City.

Susan Harvey spoke in support of the proposed letter.

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

Councilmember Barich read a statement of opposition regarding the proposed letter.

The majority of Councilmembers expressed support for the letter with minor editorial changes to the second paragraph as follows: change 'voting public' to 'public' and to add 'in all forms of communication' after the word 'manner'.

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor and passed 4-1 (Councilmember Barich voting no) to receive, approve, file, and send a letter from Mayor Guardino regarding the conduct of Councilmember Barich.

**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 Guardino adjourned the regular City Council meeting and called the joint meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There being no one wishing to comment, Mayor Guardino called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi seconded by Councilmember Orchard and passed unanimously to approve item 4 on the Consent Calendar.

**4. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS FOR APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2009 –MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 (Administrative Services) (Action)**

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

Mayor Guardino adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the regular meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Guardino adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. to closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk