



**MINUTES**  
**JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COTATI**  
**JULY 2, 2008**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue**

**7:00 PM (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)**

**CALL TO ORDER OF JOINT MEETING**

Mayor Gilardi called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Fox, Guardino, Minnis, Orchard and Mayor Gilardi  
Staff present: Hayes, O'Bid, Stewart, Taylor, Thompson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Gilardi led the pledge of allegiance and called for a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

No changes.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS**

George Barich of Cotati addressed the Council regarding how Council reacted to his questions at last week's City Council meeting; he indicated that he was not allowed to ask a question. He requested a City Attorney brief regarding protocol for Citizen Business.

Mayor Gilardi explained Council's response to Mr. Barich's comments at last week's meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (*Discussion*)**

None.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**Moved** by Vice Mayor/Member Guardino, seconded by Member Minnis and passed unanimously to approve item 1 on the Consent Calendar

**1. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ESTABLISHING THE OUTSTANDING BACKFLOW TESTING CHARGES AND DIRECTING LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**  
*(Action)*

Resolution No 08-44 and CRA 205 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ESTABLISHING THE OUTSTANDING BACKFLOW TESTING CHARGES AND DIRECTING LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

## REGULAR AGENDA

**2. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET** *(Action)*

Jone Hayes, Director of Administrative Services, presented the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor/Member Gilardi pointed out correspondence from Lorraine DuVernay regarding the Small Business Development Center.

Mayor/Member Gilardi opened the floor to public comment.

Andre Morrow, representing the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the funding for the Chamber of Commerce and described a previously submitted proposal from the Chamber's Economic Development Task Force to increase revenue to the city.

George Barich spoke regarding his concerns that it is inappropriate to bring a new business attraction program to the table at this time, just before the budget is voted on.

Andrew Hutchins, representing the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, discussed the focus of the Chamber of Commerce to support small businesses in the community and to work with staff and Council to better serve the business community.

Prue Draper of Cotati spoke in support of funding for the Cotati Chamber of Commerce so as to support small businesses.

Gerard Giudice spoke in support of the budget for the Chamber of Commerce and the hiring of a police officer.

Adrian Lauby of Cotati spoke in general support of the budget item for the Chamber. She noted that the meals-on-wheels program, which had benefited seniors with little money,

was previously cut. She expressed concern regarding the amount of overtime for the Police Department and questioned the need for a K-9 vehicle.

Michelle Berman of Cotati expressed concern regarding the symbiotic relationship between the City and the Chamber of Commerce; she indicated that the Chamber should run on its own merits and ability to make money. She questioned the cost of staff time that the City provides to the Chamber and the need for an additional Police officer and a K-9 vehicle.

Neil Hancock of Cotati acknowledged that the cost of peace is expensive, but if there were a way to reduce that cost without reducing the safety it would help. He expressed interest in the chamber proposal and proposed that a lower cost audio-stream be considered if the webcast budget amount needs to be reduced.

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

Mayor/Member Gilardi explained that the Chamber's Economic Development Task Force proposal was submitted in response to discussions between the City and the Chamber regarding costs. She clarified the unique needs of a K-9 vehicle and described the Police Department costs for overtime compared to the proposed Police Officer position.

Administrative Services Director Hayes clarified that there is another Police Officer position that has been frozen.

Discussion ensued relative to the funding for the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development contract, the proposal from the Chamber's Economic Development Task Force and the Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) \$2500 proposal. Further discussion took place about the state of the Redevelopment fund, the lack of nexus between the money that the City has paid to the Chamber of Commerce and the outcome-including sales tax revenue-that has resulted, and the use of Redevelopment funds in infrastructure as a long-term investment.

Administrative Director Hayes responded to questions regarding previous redevelopment budget items.

The Council concurred to continue the funding for the Chamber of Commerce. It expressed support for the Chamber's the Economic Development Task Force proposal and noted that the results would be reviewed when the City's contract with the Chamber of Commerce's for economic development services comes up for renewal. After additional discussion, Council concurred to eliminate funding to the SBDC, noting that the service to small businesses is available in Santa Rosa.

Discussion ensued regarding General Fund expenditures. The Council reached consensus to cap Police Department overtime spending at \$50,000 and to add Climate Protection Campaign funding to the budget. Council further agreed to delay expenditures for the Climate Protection Campaign, the remaining proposed Police Overtime, Scholarships, the

K-9 Vehicle, and webcast of Council meetings until October of this year when the amended budget will be considered.

**Moved** by Member Fox seconded by Vice Mayor/Member Guardino and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 08-45 and CRA 206 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COTATI REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING**

Mayor Gilardi adjourned the joint meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy City Clerk