



MINUTES
SPECIAL 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
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION
7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

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Mayor Gilardi called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Guardino, Orchard, Mayor Gilardi

Councilmember absent: Minnis

Staff present: Rudnansky, Taylor, Thompson

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

Mayor Gilardi adjourned to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (California Government Code Section 54954.5(c))

Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: One (1) potential case.

7:00 PM (REGULAR SESSION)

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Gilardi called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Guardino, Orchard and Mayor Gilardi

Staff present: Rudnansky, Taylor, Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (Action)

Moved by Vice Mayor Guardino seconded by Councilmember Orchard, and passed 3-0-1 (Councilmember Minnis absent) to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 regular meeting as presented and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported the following:

- Thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the demonstration garden planting has been completed. The project was funded using the Water Capital Fund for water conservation education as required by the Cooperative Agreement for Funding and Administration between the City of Cotati and the Sonoma County Water Agency.
- New artwork has been installed for display at City Hall. The work is from the Charles Street artists group. A reception is planned for December 8.
- The Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) FOCUS Priority Development area as been designated. The area has expanded to include Santero Way and the Downtown Specific Plan Area. This designation creates grant opportunities for development of the area.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Ken Coleman of Cotati addressed the Council about Council's reaction to his comments during the Citizen Business section of the agenda on December. He requested an apology from the Mayor for her comments regarding the election season.

Mayor Gilardi explained that her comments pertained to people in general during the election season rather than to a specific person.

COUNCILMEMBER DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion)

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Cotati is hosting its annual holiday tree lighting Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 6:00 pm in La Plaza Park in downtown Cotati.

The full Fall/Winter Recreation Schedule can be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.cotati.ca.us To request a paper copy please feel free to call the Recreation Department at 792-4600 ext. 669.

STUDENT HONORARY MAYOR REPORT

No report.

Mayor Gilardi announced that Ms. Person's certificate of commendation would be sent to her.

2. COTATI CREEK CRITTERS

Jenny Blaker and Wade Belew of Cotati Creek Critters provided a report to Council regarding the group's activities over the past year and its future plans.

FLOOD ZONE MAP REPORT

Damien O'Bid provided a verbal report to Council regarding the flood zone map.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Orchard, seconded by, Vice Mayor Guardino and passed 3-0-1 (Councilmember Minnis absent) to approve the Consent Calendar.

3. ENDORSEMENT OF THE SONOMA COUNTY ADULT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (SCAYD) APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO HELP SUPPORT THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM (CITY MANAGER) (ACTION)

Resolution No. 08-77 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI ENDORSING THE SONOMA COUNTY ADULT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (SCAYD) APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING TO HELP SUPPORT THE HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

4. CITY OF COTATI RECORDS RETENTION POLICY AMENDMENT (City Manager) (Action)

Resolution No. 08-78 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AMENDING THE RECORDS RETENTION POLICY OF THE CITY OF COTATI AND AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS

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

Mayor Gilardi called the adjourned the special meeting and called the joint meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 6 was pulled for discussion

Moved by Vice Mayor Guardino, seconded by Councilmember Orchard and passed passed 3-0-1 (Councilmember Minnis absent) to adopt item 5 on the Consent Calendar.

5. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2008 – NOVEMBER 3, 2008 (Administrative Services) (Action)

Motion to receive and file warrants and audited claims for October 24, 2008 – November 12, 2008.

6. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DIANNE THOMPSON FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES (Administrative Services) (Action)

City Attorney Rich Rudnansky presented the staff report.

Mayor Gilardi opened the floor to public comment.

Robert Coleman-Senghor expressed concern regarding the impact of this proposal on the budget. He asked for clarification regarding whether such amendments are standard procedure and requested additional time to assess the proposal so that the incoming Councilmembers could discuss it.

George Barich of Cotati indicated agreement with Mr. Coleman-Senghor.

Mayor Gilardi clarified the financial impact of the proposed amendment. She further explained that the City Manager undergoes an annual review which is conducted by the Council who has worked with her over the past year. The new Council would have an

opportunity to conduct the next annual review. She noted that one of the provisions of the amendment is to move the review to April so that it does not take place during a change in Council.

The Council commended City Manager Thompson for her work over the past year, pointing out that she had saved the City at least \$1,000,000.

Moved by Vice Mayor Guardino, seconded by Councilmember Orchard and passed 3-0-1 (Councilmember Minnis absent) to approve **Resolution No. 08-79 and CRA-208 entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DIANNE THOMPSON FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME**

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

Mayor Gilardi adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

Mayor Gilardi recognized newly elected Councilmembers Robert Coleman and George Barich and re-elected Councilmember Janet Orchard.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Gilardi adjourned the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk