



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COTATI COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2011
6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION, 7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Mayor Orchard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and stated there was nothing to report out of closed session.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, Acting Community Development Director/Assistant to the City Manager Marsha Sue Lustig, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid, Police Chief Michael Parish, City Attorney Rich Rudnansky, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor and City Manager Dianne Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Orchard led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND JANUARY 31, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)

Moved by Councilmember Coleman-Senghor, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Regular meeting and the January 31, 2011 Special meeting as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Cotati has a number of volunteer positions available, including appointments to the Community and Environment Commission and for an Office Assistant. For more information see the City's website at ci.cotati.ca.us or call the City Manager's office at 707-665-3622.

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) will conduct a community workshop to review SMART station design on Wednesday February 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Cotati Room at 216 East School Street. For more information contact SMART by phone at 415-226-0880 or on the web at SonomaMarinTrain.org

Cotati Creek Critters is hosting a Creek Stewardship day on Saturday February 12th. Participants will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Cotati city well lot no. 2 on Lakewood Ave. For details call 707-792-4422 or go to the web at CotatiCreekCritters.info.

The Cotati Historical Society Museum is celebrating its first anniversary on Friday February 18th with an all-day open house.

HONORARY MAYOR

James Adams of Rancho Cotate High School presented a verbal report to the Council, introduced his parents in the audience and responded to questions from the Council.

PRESENTATION

City Manager Thompson announced that Council's consideration of proposed FY 11/12 Sonoma County Water Agency budget came to the attention of the City after the agenda was posted and there is a need to take immediate action on it owing to the fact that the February 23, 2011 Regular City Council meeting has been tentatively cancelled. She recommended that the City Council consider adding it to the agenda as an urgency item.

Discussion ensued relative to whether to conduct a Regular meeting on February 23 so this item should be considered at that time, or to add it as an urgency item this evening and proceed with the cancellation of the February 23 meeting. Council concurred postpone the decision to add the urgency item until after SCWA's presentation.

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY WATER RATES

Spencer Bader of the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) presented a summary of the SCWA proposed water rates and budget, and responded to questions from the Council regarding SCWA labor costs, the effect of water conservation on water rates, and the increase to the watershed planning and restoration.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works briefly explained the timeline of the Sonoma County Water Agency budget.

Council concurred to proceed with its Regular meeting on February 23, 2011 and to schedule the consideration of proposed FY 11/12 Sonoma County Water Agency budget on that same agenda.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson provided updates on the Economic Development planning process, the Old Redwood Highway Downtown Street Improvement project open house workshops to be held in March, her presentation to the League of California Cities' City Managers' Conference on revenue ballot measures, and responded to questions from the Council relative to economic development planning process.

Chief of Police Michael Parish updated the Council regarding the Police Department's response to recent crimes and responded to questions from the Council.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi, and passed unanimously to approve the final agenda as presented.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Greg Karraker addressed the Council regarding Rancho Adobe Fire District's funding request previously considered at the Council's January 31, 2011 Special meeting.

Emily Straub discussed recent newspaper headlines about redevelopment funds and crime.

George Barich commented on volunteerism.

Brian Ling addressed the Council regarding his property on Redwood Drive and his history of conducting business, the redevelopment process of his property, and economic development.

Staff commented briefly on statements made during Citizen Business.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion ensued relative to the status of Councilmember Robert Coleman-Senghor's previous request to schedule items on a future agenda (creation of a committee for City Manager performance criteria, clarification of roles of individuals and the planning and process of the economic development plan, and City Council protocol.) Mayor Orchard said that the protocol subcommittee could meet and discuss the City Council protocol and that the CALED workshop would address the economic development roles and responsibilities concern.

Discussion ensued as to when and how City Manager performance evaluation criteria policy could be discussed.

City Attorney Rudnansky, in response to questions from Councilmember Coleman-Senghor, explained that he is not prepared to comment on whether City Manager performance evaluation criteria is appropriate for an open or closed session and suggested that Councilmember Coleman-Senghor meet with him to discuss the issue.

Mayor Orchard called a recess at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. RECEIVE AND FILE PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) AND ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENT (ABAG) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY PROGRAM (Community Development) (Action)

Assistant to the City Manager/Acting Community Development Director Marsha Sue Lustig made the presentation and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

Greg Karraker spoke in opposition to the proposed Sustainable Communities Strategy Program.

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

Discussion ensued relative to potential cost of the program to the City.

Ms. Lustig indicated that updates on the proposed Sustainable Communities Strategy Program would be forthcoming as the program develops.

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the Regular meeting and called to order the joint meeting at 9:02 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on the Consent Calendar; there being no one wishing to speak, she closed the public comment period.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Harvey and passed unanimously to approve item 3 on the joint Consent Calendar.

3. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS DECEMBER 10TH, 2010 – JANUARY 12TH, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for January 13th, 2010 – January 26th 2011.

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the Joint meeting and called to order the Regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)

Councilmember Gilardi reported that the Cotati Rohnert Park School District may be contacting the City to meet with two Councilmembers.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Orchard adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. to closed session (listed below and at the beginning of the agenda:

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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk