



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 2011
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION, 7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Mayor Orchard called the closed session to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Attorney

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the Regular meeting to order 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers present: Gilardi, and Landman, Vice Mayor Harvey and Mayor Orchard.

Staff present: Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, Assistant to the City Manager/Acting Community Development Director 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 MAY 11, 2011 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 Susan Harvey seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as corrected (time of recess corrected) and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cotati Historical Society Museum is open regularly on Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Cotati Farmers Market, sponsored by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, begins on Thursday June 2 and runs from 4:30 to 7:30 every Thursday afternoon from through September 15 in La Plaza Park. For additional information call 707-795-5508.

The 31st Annual Cotati Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday June 18, 2011, starting at 12:00 noon in La Plaza Park. For details see cotatijazz.com on the web or call 707-795-5508.

PROCLAMATIONS

RECOGNIZING MAY, 2011 AS PERINATAL DEPRESSION AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Orchard presented the proclamation after the presentation (below). She read the proclamation and presented it to Allison Murphy of the Sonoma County Perinatal Mental Health Partnership.

HONORARY MAYOR

Nathaniel Carreon of Technology High School provided a verbal report to the Council. Mayor Orchard presented him with a certificate bestowing the title of Honorary Mayor.

PRESENTATION

Mike Sandler and Chris Cone with the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) presented an RCPA program update to the Council.

Mayor Orchard presented the proclamation at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson introduced Mike Sandler's mother in the audience. She announced the upcoming budget study session dates and reported that the City has two new employees: Minda Songer, engineering intern and Ben Fernandez, Police Officer. She further noted that the artwork on the Chamber wall is from Thomas Page students and was part of the Sonoma County Water Agency's annual competition for water conservation art.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Greg Karraker asked for a date when the ethics complaints against Councilmembers would be resolved.

Ken Coleman read a statement describing an ethics complaint against Councilmember Gilardi and submitted it for the record.

George Barich commented on the ethics complaints against members of the Council and requested that the Code of Ethics be done away with.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

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

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to approve item 2 on the consent calendar.

2. CHARLES STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AUTHORIZE CITY ENGINEER TO AWARD AND EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-21 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI 1) AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE CHARLES STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; 2) AUTHORIZING AWARD TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS PROVIDED THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION AMOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED \$65,000

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 7:43 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

Moved by Vice Mayor Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to approve item 3 on the joint consent calendar.

3. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS April 28th, 2011 – May 11, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for April 28th, 2011 – May 11, 2011.

REGULAR AGENDA (JOINT MEETING)

4. ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI (Administrative Services) (Action)

Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Harvey seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 831 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

5. COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANT SEAT ON THE CITY COUNCIL TO FULFILL A TERM ENDING IN NOVEMBER 2012 (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Thompson presented the staff report.

Deputy City Clerk Tami Taylor announced the candidates in alphabetical order:

George Barich
John Dell'Osso
Ben Ford
Linell Hardy
Doug Strickland

Mayor Orchard announced that each applicant, in random order, would be given 2-3 minutes to make a statement. Following the applicant statement the Council would have approximately 10-15 minutes to ask questions of the applicant. She noted further that the applicants would wait in the City Council Chamber conference room until time for their interview.

The applicants gave their statements and were interviewed in the following random order:

Doug Strickland
Linell Hardy
Ben Ford
George Barich
John Dell'Osso

Mayor Orchard thanked the applicants. She then called a recess at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Ken Coleman (in support of George Barich)

Eris Weaver (in support of Ben Ford)

Laurie-Ann Barbour (in support of Ben Ford)

Bradley Yearwood (in support of calling an election; but if appointed in support of Ben Ford)

Harold Berkmeier (in support of John Dell'Osso)

Margie Sorbi (in support of George Barich)

Jenny Blaker (in support of Ben Ford)

Neil Hancock (in support of Ben Ford)

Steve Bourns for the Cotati Police Management Association (in support of John Dell'Osso)

Greg Karraker (in support of George Barich)

Elyse Lord (in support of Ben Ford)

Adrienne Lauby (in support of Linell Hardy)

John Moore (in support of John Dell'Osso)

Lisa Moore (in support of John Dell'Osso)

Prue Draper (in support of John Dell'Osso)

Discussion ensued with Councilmember Landman expressing support for Ben Ford. Additional discussion took place relative to the experience of the applicants, the difficulty of choosing between several well-qualified applicants and the need for the new Councilmember to be able to step right into the responsibility of the office.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Mayor Orchard, and passed 3 -0-1 (Councilmember Landman voting no) to appoint John Dell'Osso to the City Council.

Mayor Orchard called a recess at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 10:14 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCILMEMBER AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Deputy City Clerk Tami Taylor administered the oath of office and presented the certificate of appointment to newly appointed Councilmember John Dell'Osso.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (*Discussion*)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Orchard adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk