



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COTATI COMMUNITY**  
**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2010, 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 Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

None.

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

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (one potential case).

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**

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

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He indicated that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Landman led the pledge of allegiance.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (NONE) AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (Action)**

**Moved** by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Vice Mayor Orchard and passed unanimously to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Cotati Chamber of Commerce presents the Cotati Farmers Market, which takes place every Thursday through September 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in La Plaza Park.

Cotati citizens and other interested parties are encouraged to register for City of Cotati community updates via e-mail and text at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).

The Cotati Historical Society Museum is open this evening until 7:30 p.m.

Cotati Creek Critters' is hosting a garden tour as part of their Inside/Outside Nature Education Series. The tour takes place on Sunday September 19 starting at 9:30 a.m. Call 707-829-9178 to sign up. For more Cotati Creek Critters information go to [cotaticreekcritters.info](http://cotaticreekcritters.info) or call 707-792-4422.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **CREEK WEEK**

Councilmember Gilardi read the proclamation and announced that it would be delivered to the Russian River Watershed Association.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dianne Thompson updated the Council on the status of personnel recruitments for Police Chief, Police Officer, Community Development Manager and Police Lieutenant, and on the citizens' flagpole repair project.

Councilmembers responded briefly to the City Manager's report.

## **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

**Moved** by Councilmember Susan Harvey, seconded by Vice Mayor Orchard and passed unanimously to approve the final agenda.

## **CITIZEN BUSINESS**

John Metras addressed the Council regarding the safety of the intersection of Madrone Ave. and Hwy. 116 and re-submitted his previous correspondence dated December 17, 1998 about the same intersection.

Greg Karraker thanked the City Council for its efforts towards repairing the flagpole at Veterans,' Memorial Park.

Ken Coleman commented on what he believes to be a lack of patriotism of the City Council and his ethics complaint.

George Barich commented on the recent story in the Press Democrat regarding the flagpole at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Emily Straub discussed the recruitment for the Police Lieutenant and complimented City Manager Thompson for responding to her concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians on East Cotati Avenue and the Council members for their hard work.

Eric Kirchmann spoke regarding the traffic-calming pedestrian island on East Cotati Ave. and pedestrian safety on Old Redwood Highway.

Council members briefly discussed public comments.

## **DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Orchard and passed unanimously to approve items 2 through 6 on the Consent Calendar.

### **2. BIENNIAL UPDATE OF THE CITY OF COTATI'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE (City Manager) (Action)**

Resolution No. 2010-56 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 08-72 AND AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

### **3. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 11.01 OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ENCROACHMENTS WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)**

Ordinance No. 828 entitled: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 11.01.170 AND 11.01.180 OF CHAPTER 11.01 ENCROACHMENTS WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE

4. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY AND ITS EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE COTATI POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CPMA) AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000 (Administrative Services) (Action)**

Resolution No. 2010-57 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF COTATI AND ITS EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY COTATI POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CPMA) and motion approving appropriation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.

5. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE ACCEPTANCE OF STATE COPS GRANT FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS (Police) (Action)**

Motion authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City Council the acceptance of COPS funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 issued by the State of California to enhance front line police services.

6. **AGREEMENT WITH SUSAN JONES FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (INTERIM POLICE CHIEF) (Administrative Services) (Action)**

Motion authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Susan Jones for temporary employment services (Police Chief).

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES FOR THE ANNUAL LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BUSINESS MEETING (City Manager) (Action)**

City Manager Dianne Thompson presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued; Council concurred to support resolutions numbered 1 (League By-Law Amendment), 2 (Let's Move Campaign) and 4 (Responsible Banking), 5 (Unfunded State Mandates), and 6 (Enhancing Public Safety). Council concurred to oppose resolution number 3 (AB 35/SB 375).

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comment.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period.

**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 Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Regular meeting and called to order the joint meeting at 7:44 p.m. p.m. and opened the floor to public comment on the Consent Calendar (Joint Meeting). There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)**

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to adopt item 8 on the Consent Calendar.

**8. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS (Administrative Services) (Action)**

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for August 12th, 2010 – August 25th, 2010.

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

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Joint meeting and called to order the Regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk