



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 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

Mayor Orchard called the closed session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Dell’Osso, and Landman, Vice Mayor Harvey and Mayor Orchard.
Councilmember Gilardi arrived at 6:15 p.m. and joined the closed session.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on the closed session items; there being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Orchard closed the public comment period and adjourned to closed session.

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Anticipated litigation (significant exposure to litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9)

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dell’Osso, Gilardi, and Landman, Vice Mayor Harvey and Mayor Orchard.

Staff present: Attorney Robin Donoghue, Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O’Bid, Community Development Director Vicki Parker, Police Chief Michael Parish, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor and City Manager Dianne Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (City Manager) (Action)

Moved by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 Regular meeting as presented 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, has taken place in La Plaza Park from 4:30 to 7:30 every Thursday through the summer. Enjoy the last Farmers Market of the season tomorrow, September 15th. For additional information call 707-795-5508.

Sonoma County Waste Management Agency will be hosting a free e-waste recycling event for Cotati residents on Saturday and Sunday September 17th and 18th from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Park-N-Ride Lot at Old Redwood Highway and St. Josephs Way. For additional information go to recyclenow.org or call the Eco-desk at 565-3375.

Cotati's Annual Oktoberfest, co-sponsored by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday October 8th in La Plaza Park from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. For more information, call the Cotati Chamber of Commerce at 707-795-5508 or email chamber@cotati.org.

Rohnert Park-Cotati Friends of the Library are holding their Fall Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 7th and 8th. The sale starts at 10:00 a.m. on both days and will take place in the meeting room at the library, which is located at 6250 Lynne Conde Way in Rohnert Park.

Safe Medicine Round-Up

PROCLAMATION

CREEK WEEK

Mayor Orchard announced that the City Council has issued a proclamation on behalf of the Russian River Watershed Association, declaring September 17-24 'Creek Week'.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Thompson updated the Council on the classes being held in the Ray Miller Community Center and on the City Hall and Community Center restrooms rehabilitation project.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Philip Salazar addressed the Council about the need for creek and park clean-up and maintenance.

Richard Merriss commented on free speech with regards to newspapers.

Greg Karraker commented on Police Department activities as well as free speech.

George Barich addressed the Council regarding the City's budget.

Steve Mackey commented expressed concern regarding the Valparaiso pedestrian bridge.

Councilmembers briefly discussed comments made during Citizen Business and directed staff to review the maintenance of the creek in Delano Park and check the footbridge.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR – No items

REGULAR AGENDA

2. RESPONSE TO 2010-2011 SONOMA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT DATED JUNE 29, 2011 (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Thompson presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

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

Discussion ensued on the topic. The majority of Councilmembers concurred in support of the response with slight revisions to be reflected in the final document. Councilmember Landman indicated that he indicated that he would abstain as he needs more information about the Grand Jury's request.

Moved by Councilmember Dell'Osso, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman abstaining) to approve the City Council's response as amended to 2010-2011 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury Final Report dated June 29, 2011.

3. 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 Thompson presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

Joyce Garcia indicated opposition to the League of California Cities due to its partisan agenda and encouraged Cotati's representatives to separate law from partisan agenda.

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

Councilmember Gilardi abstained from discussion regarding the first resolution and left the chamber at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding resolution no. 1, Alternative methods of public notice requirements and to advocate for revisions to Government Code recognizing alternative methods as a means to meeting public notice requirements. Council concurred (Councilmember Gilardi absent from the chamber) for Mayor Orchard (the voting delegate) to vote yes on resolution no. 1

Councilmember Gilardi returned to the chamber and resumed participation in the meeting at this time.

Further discussion ensued regarding the remaining resolutions, with the Council in agreement to direct Mayor Orchard as the voting delegate to act on the resolutions as follows:

Resolution no. 2, Tort Reform: No position

Resolution no. 3, Raising public awareness about the imminent health and safety concerns for bullied children (refers primarily refers to 'cyber-bullying'): Yes

Resolution no. 4, Prison Rape elimination Act of 2003: Leave at voting delegate's discretion

Resolution no. 5, replacement of the death penalty with sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole: No position.

Resolution no 6, In honor of the City of Bell: No

Further, the Council concurred that the voting delegate may use her discretion regarding any vote should there be new information presented at the conference.

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 8:23 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on the joint consent calendar.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to approve items 4 and 5 on the consent calendar (joint meeting).

4. RECEIVE AND FILE WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS FOR JULY 15, 2011 – AUGUST 11, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files the warrants and audited claims (the A/P Check Registers) as submitted.

5. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATURES FOR WIRE TRANSFER SERVICES WITH EXCHANGE BANK (Administrative Services) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-60 and CRA 239 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AND THE COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS DESIGNATING SIGNATURES FOR WIRE TRANSFER SERVICES WITH EXCHANGE BANK

REGULAR AGENDA – No Items

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk