



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 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 meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and announced the closed session topic.

All Councilmembers were present as noted below.

There were no members of the public present; therefore no public comment on the closed session topic.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)) City of Cotati vs. Gilman Ranch, LLC et. al (Sonoma County Superior Court Case # SCV 244542

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the meeting to order at 7:00 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:, Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (City Manager) (Action)

This item was discussed immediately after item 3.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment regarding approval of the minutes.

Greg Karraker commented on the minutes and requested further information be included in the Citizen Business section.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Harvey and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 14, 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.

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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson provided an update on the Commission/committee appreciation reception that will take place on October 12, the Highway 101 widening project and the replacement of the flag at Veterans Park.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes

CITIZEN BUSINESS

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Greg Karraker (regarding petition locations, flag replacement)

George Barich (regarding newspapers at City Hall, City Council speaker cards, City Hall front steps)

Eric Kirchmann (regarding traffic, peoples' names, theft prevention)

Joyce Garcia (regarding packages for troops project, petition locations)

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following individuals addressed the Council regarding items on the Consent Calendar:

George Barich (opposed to items 2 and 3)

Greg Karraker (regarding to item 3)

Erik Kirchmann (regarding item 3)

At the request of Councilmembers, Mayor Orchard pulled item 3 for discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Harvey and passed unanimously to approve item 2 on the Consent Calendar.

2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE SPENDING PLAN AND 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 spending plan and acceptance of COPS funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 issued by the State of California to enhance front line police services.

3. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A HYBRID VEHICLE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT (Administrative Services) (Action)

Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes presented the staff report and responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the item topic.

Moved by Councilmember Landman seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011-61 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING A MASTER LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF THREE NEW POLICE VEHICLES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Item 1 (Approval of Minutes) was discussed at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. APPOINTMENTS TO MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Dianne 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 regarding the item. Councilmembers concurred to support Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and Sonoma Mayor Laurie Gallian for appointment by the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association to the League of California Cities Executive Board. (No applications were received for the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council.)

Moved by Councilmember Landman seconded by Councilmember Dell'Osso and passed unanimously to support Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and Sonoma Mayor Laurie Gallian for appointment by the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association to the League of California Cities Executive Board.

5. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION (City Manager) (Action)

Assistant to the City Manager Marsha Sue Lustig presented the staff report.

Joyce Garcia and Richard Merriss, applicants to the Community and Environment Commission, each responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

George Barich commented on the applicants.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the item.

Mayor Orchard appointed Joyce Garcia and Richard Merriss to the Community and Environment Commission for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2014, and called for a motion to ratify the appointment.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember John Dell'Osso and passed unanimously to to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Joyce Garcia and Richard Merriss to the Community and Environment Commission for 3-year terms expiring December 31, 2014.

Mayor Orchard re-appointed Brant Claussen, Wendy Skillman and Melanie Austin to the Community and Environment Commission for 2-year terms expiring December 31, 2013, and called for a motion to ratify the re-appointment.

Moved by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to ratify the Mayor's re-appointment of Brant Claussen, Wendy Skillman and Melanie Austin to the Community and Environment Commission for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2013.

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 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk