



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2011  
7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION  
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue**

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

Mayor Orchard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Dell’Osso, and Gilardi, Vice Mayor Harvey and Mayor Orchard.  
(Councilmember Landman absent).

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 OCTOBER 12, 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 Councilmember Dell’Osso, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman absent) to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Regular meeting as presented and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

iGrow Sonoma is sponsoring ‘Growing Together’, a Sonoma County Community Garden Summit on Saturday November 5 from 1 to 5 pm at the First Methodist Church located at 1551 Montgomery Avenue in Santa Rosa. The purpose of the summit is to help strengthen the community garden movement in Sonoma County. More information about the summit and about how to become involved in a community garden can be found on the web at [igrowsonoma.org](http://igrowsonoma.org).

The Cotati Historical Society Museum is open regularly on Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Historical Society is sponsoring a History Night on Thursday October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cotati Room at the Ray Miller Community Center. Admission is free to this annual event. For more information call 707-794-0304.

The Rohnert Park-Cotati library has a number of regular and special programs in October including storytimes for children, and a pumpkin carving contest for teens. For adults there is a Master Gardeners presentation and a book discussion group. For details and information on all the programs call the library at 584-9121 or visit their website at [sonomalibrary.org](http://sonomalibrary.org).

The Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District will be conducting a Town Hall meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 15th to discuss 1990 Bond Measure and Facilities. For more information see [www.crpud.org](http://www.crpud.org).

## **HONORARY MAYOR**

Justin Littleton of Rancho Cotati High School provided a verbal report to the Council. Mayor Orchard presented him with a certificate of commendation and a City pin.

## **SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Collin Yballa, Sonoma State University Associated Students Vice President of Finance provided a verbal report to the Council.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported on Police Department activity and provided updates on the Charles Street ADA improvement project, the CalTrans Commerce Boulevard improvement project and the City's bond rating..

## **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

No changes.

## **CITIZEN BUSINESS**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Louis Callas (opposed to roundabouts)

Rick Stewart (regarding alternatives for Old Redwood Highway)

Janet Gingher (regarding restrictions placed on Spancky's bar)

Greg Karraker (regarding the Old Redwood Highway project)

George Barich (regarding speaker time limits, newspaper display at City Hall and rules of decorum) and requested that item no. 2 on the Consent calendar (adoption of Revenue ordinances) be pulled for discussion.

Roileen Miller (regarding roundabouts and the United Nations flag, alternative to Old Redwood Highway project)

Neville Hormuz (opposed to roundabouts, regarding Old Redwood Highway alternatives, expressed concern about the City Manager)

Kathryn Wickstrom (regarding roundabouts and pedestrian safety)

Kent Fossgreen (opposed to roundabouts, expressed concern about the City Manager)

Patty Minnis (opposed to roundabouts; expressed concern about the City Manager)

Mayor Orchard commented briefly about statements made during Citizen Business.

### **DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Moved** by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman absent) to approve item 2 on the Consent Calendar.

**2. ADOPTION OF TWO ORDINANCES AMENDING TITLE 3 – REVENUE AND FINANCE OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTIONS 3.28 AND 3.08 (Administrative Services) (Action)**

Ordinance number 832 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AMENDING SECTION 3.28 OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY; and

Ordinance No. 833 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AMENDING SECTION 3.08 OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DOCUMENTARY TRANSFER TAX

### **REGULAR AGENDA (NO ITEMS)**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.36 PROHIBITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER’S CONSENT (City Manager) (Action)**

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

Mayor Orchard opened the public hearing. The following individuals commented;

George Barich (opposed)

Greg Karraker (questioned locations affected by the ordinance)

Louis Callas (opposed)

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

Chief Parish described the proposal and responded to questions from the Council.

Discussion ensued.

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman absent) introduce an ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AMENDING SECTION 9.36, PROHIBITING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S CONSENT

**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 at and called to order the Joint meeting 8:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)**

**Moved** by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman absent) to approve item 2 on the Joint Consent Calendar.

**4. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – OCTOBER 12, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)**

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

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the Joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:01 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk