



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 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, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Orchard led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 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 Gilardi seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Landman abstaining) to approve the minutes of the October 26, 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. For more information call 707-794-0304.

Four nights of festive fun holiday event begins on Wednesday December 7 with Cotati’s annual tree lighting.

HONORARY MAYOR

No report.

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

PRESENTATIONS

David Rabbitt, Sonoma County Supervisor 2nd District presented a verbal report to the Council on the status of the Sonoma County, including budget, roads, realignment of prisoners from the state to county, restructuring of various County departments, native American tribal relations, job funding, airport expansion, economic development and parks. He then responded to questions from the Council.

Cotati Creek Critters present a report on current and past activities and responded to questions from the Councilmembers. Councilmembers commended the work of the Cotati Creek Critters

Mayor Orchard called a recess at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported on changes in Golden Gate Transit bus routes affecting Cotati residents, the Commerce Boulevard construction, the Saint Joseph's craft fair and last night's informational meeting regarding the Old Redwood Highway rehabilitation project.

Responding to questions from the Council, staff indicated that they would look into contacting Golden Gate Transit regarding the bus routes affecting Cotati.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Teresa Thomas (opposed to roundabout project)

Eliot Nett (opposed to roundabout project)

Jan Kravitz (sustainability, United Nations globalist conspiracy, Smart Growth)

Kathryn Wickstrom (fiscal responsibility, Supervisor Rabbitt's report)

Greg Karraker (bubblegum, Downtown Specific Plan misconceptions, Old Redwood Highway project alternatives)

George Barich (speaker cards, Downtown Specific Plan, the City Manager, meeting protocol)

George Barich also spoke in opposition to item no. 2 on the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Orchard briefly commented on statements made during Citizen Business.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

2. ADOPTION 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)

Ordinance No. 834 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

REGULAR AGENDA (NO ITEMS)

PUBLIC HEARING

3. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RENUMBERING CHAPTER 2.32, PERSONNEL, OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE (Administrative Services) (Action)

Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the public hearing.

George Barich indicated support to update the City's Municipal Code.

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

Brief discussion ensued, with Councilmembers expressing support for the ordinance.

Moved by Councilmember Dell'Osso seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to introduce an Ordinance Amending and Renumbering Chapter 2.32 of the Cotati Municipal Code Relating to Personnel.

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 8:51 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 Councilmember Dell'Osso seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to approve item 4 on the consent calendar (joint meeting).

**4. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS OCTOBER 13, 2011 – OCTOBER 26, 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 8:52 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 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk