



MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING AND STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COTATI

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2010

6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWED BY STUDY SESSION

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and invited comments on the closed session topics. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned to closed session in the City Manager's office.

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

Staff present: Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes, City Attorney Rich Rudnansky, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (California Government Code Section 54957)

Title: City Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Designated Representative: City Manager or designee

Employee Organizations: (1) Cotati Employees Association (2) Cotati Police Officers Management Association (3) Cotati Police Officers Association.

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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Subject to approval.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cotati citizen Linell Hardy led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)

Moved by Councilmember Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Harvey and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Cotati's Community and Environment Commission (CEC) will be holding its 18th Annual Pasta Dinner and Bingo Night in conjunction with the Cotati Chamber of Commerce on the evening of Saturday, February 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Cotati Veterans Memorial Building at 8505 Park Avenue in Cotati.

The Cotati Historical Society will host the grand opening of the Cotati Historical Museum on Sunday February 28 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the museum, which is located in the rear southwest corner of City Hall

Mayor Coleman-Senghor announced that there was nothing to report out of closed session.

HONORARY MAYOR

Mayor Coleman-Senghor announced that Honorary Mayor Natasha Slater of Rancho Cotati High School was unable to attend this meeting but would provide her report to Council on February 24.

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Sonoma State University Student representative Jesse Schwartz provided a report to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Thompson provided updates for the Highway 101 Widening Project, regional climate protection activities and the status of the La Plaza park Fountain. She briefly responded to questions regarding the Highway 116 and Madrone Ave. intersection.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Mayor Coleman-Senghor and Council concurred, to a time-certain of 8:00 p.m. for the joint study session.

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Subject to approval.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Joyce Garcia addressed the Council regarding the Mayor and the Code of Ethics.

Emily Straub discussed City staff salaries and the potential laying off of a police officer.

George Barich discussed the Mayor's comments made during Citizen Business at a previous meeting, and the January 6 City Council budget alternatives study session.

Jan Kravitz addressed the Council regarding Council comments pertaining to the Association of Bay Area Government housing requirements.

At the request of the Council, City Manager Thompson and Acting Community Development Director clarified that the Association of Bay Area Governments reports to the state of California, which enforces affordable housing requirements.

Councilmembers briefly responded to comments made by the public during Citizen Business.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CALL TO ORDER OF JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Regular meeting and convened the joint meeting at 7:34 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

2. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for January 14th, 2010 – January 27th, 2010.

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

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Subject to approval.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PENDING LEGISLATION (*Discussion and possible Action*)

- A.** Letter dated January 13, 2010 from Rita Scardaci requesting identification of a council member to represent Cotati on Health Action.

City Manager Thompson provided a summary of the letter.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to appoint Councilmember Harvey to represent Cotati on Health Action.

- B.** Letter dated January 13, 2010 from William J. Keene of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District regarding its Matching Grant Program .

City Manager Thompson provided a summary of the letter.

Discussion ensued regarding the direction to the Mayor regarding his vote on this item at the upcoming Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association meeting. The majority of Council members concurred that they generally did not support Cloverdale's request but asked the Mayor to listen to the discussion at the meeting and consider Cloverdale's request based on how it might affect what Cotati may want to do in the future.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (*Discussion*)

Councilmembers reported on recent and upcoming activities, including reports from meetings attended at City expense. Mayor Coleman-Senghor reported that the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association will be considering a request whether or not to support an advisory vote for the proposed Graton Rancheria Casino. Discussion ensued, with the Council in concurrence that the Mayor would not support an advisory vote.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor commended the Public Works crew for their work during the recent storms.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Regular and called a recess at 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT TO JOINT STUDY SESSION

Mayor Coleman-Senghor reconvened the meeting and called the Joint Study Session to order at 8:09 p.m.

MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 BUDGET.

The purpose the study session is a mid-year review of the City's Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget; no action will be taken by the Council/Board of Directors. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54954.3(a), members of the public wishing to address the Council may do so at the beginning of the meeting, and such comments shall be limited to the special meeting topic.

Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes presented the proposed mid-year budget amendments.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comment.

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Subject to approval.

Lauren Luce, City of Cotati Police Dispatcher addressed the Council to commend the Council and staff for their hard work. She discussed her time with the City and spoke in support of Measure A.

Kim Petersen, City of Cotati Police Dispatcher, thanked the Council and citizens for supporting the Police Department, discussed her history with Cotati and spoke in support of Measure A.

Adrienne Lauby discussed the need for building and safety codes. She commended staff and the Council and pointed out that staff has taken cuts and spoke in support of Measure A.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor closed the public comment period to allow the presentation to continue.

Administrative Director Hayes continued with the presentation then responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comments.

Joyce Garcia advocated staff reduction in the Community Development Department.

George Barich discussed the proposed amended budget.

Jan Kravitz commended Administrative Director Hayes for her work on the budget. He asked whether voting no on Measure A would result in losing the Police Department.

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

Councilmembers and City Manager Thompson responded to comments made by the public and thanked Administrative Services Director Hayes for her work on the presentation.

Discussion ensued relative to the proposed budget amendments, comparison of salaries with other agencies, the importance of land use regulation and planning. Councilmembers commended staff for the work and analysis of the budget, and the Dispatchers for their comments.

Council concurred with the proposed amendments and directed staff to provide a service level comparison for the potential outsourcing of Dispatcher services.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the joint study session at 9:19 p.m. to closed session and thanked Zone Music for providing the sound system for tonight's meeting and study session.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk