



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF COTATI
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2009
7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: 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, Chief of Police Robert Stewart, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor, City Manager Dianne Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Barich led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2009 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (Action)

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi seconded by Councilmember Orchard and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular meeting as presented and to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor dedicated the Council meeting to the late Evelyn Santero and the late Michael Stevenson.

2. DECLARATION OF RESULTS OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER

RECEIVE AND FILE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 2009 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL RECALL ELECTION (City Manager) (Action)

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi seconded by Councilmember Orchard and passed 4-1 (Councilmember Barich abstaining) to receive and file the Sonoma County Clerk's Statement of the Votes Cast at the City of Cotati Special Recall Election held on November 17, 2009 and to adopt Resolution No. 2009-81 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

**COTATI DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION OF
NOVEMBER 7, 200617, 2009**

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor thanked Mr. Barich, who then left the dais and was seated in the audience.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCILMEMBER AND
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor presented the Certificate of Election and administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilmember Susan Harvey. Councilmember Harvey was seated at the dais.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Dianne Thompson announced the upcoming holiday tree lighting, the toy drive and Cotati Creek Critters events.

HONORARY MAYOR

Honorary Mayor Joseph Pearson of Rancho Cotate High School provided a verbal report to Council.

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported on the status of the Old Redwood Highway South rehabilitation project and updated the Council regarding regional climate protection efforts.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Orchard and approved unanimously to add item 3A (Elegant Evening event) to the agenda because the need for action came to the Council's attention after the agenda was posted.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor called a recess at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Emily Straub addressed the Council regarding her concerns about pedestrian safety at St. Joseph's Way at Old Redwood Hwy.

Jan Kravitz spoke in support of having a marijuana dispensary in town.

Joyce Garcia congratulated Councilmembers Harvey and Landman and spoke regarding the Code of Ethics and about an article in today's newspaper.

Greg Karraker requested that the Council discuss the City's finances.

George Barich addressed the Council regarding the recent recall effort.

Ken Coleman addressed the Council regarding the Code of Ethics.

Responding to questions from the Council, City Manager Thompson described the budget hearing process.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Orchard and approved unanimously to approve items 3 and 3A on the Consent Calendar.

3. AMENDMENT OF COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13, PART II (SEWERS) (Public Works/Engineering) (Action)

Ordinance No. 824 entitled: ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI REPEALING, REENACTING, AND AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF EXISTING COTATI CITY CODE TITLE 13, PART II - SEWERS

3A APPROVAL FOR THE COTATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST AN "ELEGANT EVENING" EVENT IN DOWNTOWN COTATI INVOLVING A HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE AND THE USE OF ELEVEN PARKING SPACES THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA AS CARRIAGE STOPS.

Motion approving the use of eleven parking spaces in three different locations of downtown Cotati as carriage stops for a horse drawn carriage on Saturday December 5, 2009 between the hours of 4:30 PM and 8:30 PM for the 3rd Annual "Elegant Event."

REGULAR AGENDA

4. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' INITIATIVE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010 (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Dianne Thompson presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor opened the floor to public comments.

Emily Straub confirmed which item the Council was discussing at this time.

Greg Karraker requested that the Council read the resolution carefully.

(Name not discernible) requested that the Council be careful about what they sign.

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

Councilmember Gilardi indicated that she was very familiar with this item and the resolution and expressed support for the item.

Moved by Councilmember Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Harvey and approved unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2009-77 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

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

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the regular meeting and convened the joint meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Orchard seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve item 5 on the Consent Calendar.

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

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for October 29th, 2009 – November 12th, 2009.

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor asked whether anyone wished to speak on the Consent Calendar, seeing none, he closed the public comment period.

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

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the regular meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND PENDING LEGISLATION (Discussion and possible Action)

None submitted.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk