



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND
JOINT MEETING OF THE COTATI CITY COUNCIL
AND COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**November 28, 2007
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Guardino, Minnis and Orchard, Vice Mayor Gilardi, Mayor Fox
Staff present: Thompson, Nebb, Hayes, Woltering, Taylor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING READING

1. Minutes of November 14, 2007 Regular meeting
- Notice of waiving the reading of all ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda

Moved by Minnis seconded by Vice Mayor Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 14, 2007 with correction to the motion second on item 12, and to waive the reading of all ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Mayor Fox announced that item no. 9 (Public Hearing for Adoption of State Building and Fire Code by Reference) will be continued to January 9, 2007.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

George Barich of Cotati thanked the Council for scheduling Citizen Business at the beginning of the meeting. He discussed alternatives for increasing public participation in City government and indicated concern that he has not received a response to a number of requests that he had submitted via email.

COUNCILMEMBER DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Guardino requested that Council schedule an item to discuss sending a letter to the Federal Communication Commission indicating opposition to consolidated media ownership;

Councilmember Guardino agreed to provide a sample letter to staff. Vice Mayor Gilardi stated that she would not participate in the discussion because she works for the media.

Responding to questions from the Council regarding upcoming items, City Manager Thompson indicated that consideration of Animal regulations (leash law) is scheduled for the December 12, 2007 City Council meeting, and that discussion of Planning Commission appointments would be scheduled in late January or early February of 2008.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

2. Announcements

Mayor Fox announced the following events:

- The next event in the Cotati Creek Critters' Inside/Outside Nature Education Series is "The Plight of the Pond Turtle" on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Stony Point Room at the Ray Miller Community Center, 216 E. School Street.
- Kitchen composters are available at a cost of two dollars each in the Finance Department at City Hall, 201 West Sierra Avenue

3. Report - Sonoma State University Representative

Nicole Schlossberg, Student Representative, Sonoma State University, reported on University activities and events.

4. Report - Student Honorary Mayor (*Alison Hager, Rancho Cotate High School*)

Alison Hager, Student Honorary Mayor, reported on school events and comments of students at Rancho Cotate High School about Cotati. She responded to questions from Council and introduced her mother to the Council and audience. Mayor Fox presented her with a certificate of commendation.

Correspondence and Presentations

5. Report - Update on Sonoma County Waste Management Agency

Ken Wells, Executive Director of Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA) presented the Council with an update on the SCWMA's activities regarding household hazardous waste issues, including new "take-back" laws, composting and general recycling issues

Proclamation(s)

- No items.

Commissions, Committees, Boards and Task Forces

-- No items.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported the following:

- Rotary club has proposed donation of a computer lab in the of the Ray Miller Community Center
- New parking lot lights are being installed in the City Hall parking lot. Grant funds were used for the materials.
- The annual Cotati Holiday Tree lighting festivities are scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in La Plaza park.
- Council has requested that its second regular meeting in January be held on Tuesday, January 22. This request will be placed on the December 12, 2007 Council meeting agenda for consideration.

CONSENT CALENDAR

READING OF CONSENT CALENDAR TITLES:

6. Approve Resolution 07-79 in Support of Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp. (*City Manager*)
7. Adoption of Ordinance No. 809 repealing Urgency Ordinance Numbers 798, 800, and 808, which established and extended an interim moratorium on the establishment of Formula-based Fast Food Restaurants within the City of Cotati. (*Director of Planning*)

Councilmember Minnis announced that she would recuse herself from item no. 6 because of a conflict of business interests.

Moved by Vice Mayor Gilardi and seconded by Councilmember Orchard to approve item no. 6 on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 1 (Minnis)

Moved by Vice Mayor Gilardi and seconded by Councilmember Orchard to approve item no 7 on the Consent Calendar.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Introduction of Ordinance No. 811 Amending Sections 13.64.010, 13.64.030 and 13.64.040 of Chapter 13.64 *Water and Sewerage System Requirements* of the Cotati Municipal Code

Jone Hayes, Finance Director, presented the staff report

Mayor Fox opened the public hearing; there being no one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding new technology promoted by National Resource Conservation Service, including rain harvesting being used in construction in some western states. Council agreed to direct staff to contact this organization for additional information.

Moved by Councilmember Guardino and seconded by Councilmember Orchard to introduce Ordinance No. 811 entitled: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI AMENDING SECTIONS 13.64.010, 13.64.030 AND 13.64.040 OF CHAPTER 13.64 WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE, and to direct staff to contact the National Resource Conservation Service for additional information on conservation technology.

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0

9. Introduction of Ordinances adopting the State Building and Fire Code by Reference Including Amendments thereto.

This item was continued to January 9, 2008.

REGULAR AGENDA

-- No items.

JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Call to Order

Mayor Fox called the joint meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call

Council/Agency Members present: Guardino, Minnis, Orchard, Gilardi, Fox
Staff present: Thompson, Nebb, Hayes, Taylor

Call to Order

Roll Call

Consent Calendar

READING OF CONSENT CALENDAR TITLES:

-- No items.

Regular Agenda

-- No items.

Adjournment of Joint Meeting; reconvening of regular meeting of City Council meeting

Mayor Fox adjourned the joint meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors and reconvened the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:55 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PENDING STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND ACTIVITIES

Vice Mayor Gilardi reported that the petition to place the League of California Cities' eminent domain measure has been submitted for qualification to be placed on the June ballot.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

-- Councilmembers reported on recent activities, including reports from meetings attended at City expense.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fox adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy City Clerk