



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2011
6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION, 7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Mayor Orchard called the closed session to order at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (California Government Code Section 54957) Title: City Attorney

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (California Government Code Section 54957) Title: City Manager

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the Regular session to order at 7:03 p.m. in honor of Council member Robert Coleman-Senghor and noted that all Councilmembers are present. Mayor Orchard extended the Council's sympathies to the family of Councilmember Coleman-Senghor.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

None.

ROLL CALL

All Councilmembers present (Gilardi, and Landman, Vice Mayor Harvey and Mayor Orchard) as noted above.

Staff present: Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, Acting Community Development Director/Assistant to the City Manager Marsha Sue Lustig, City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Damien O'Bid, Police Chief Michael Parish, City Attorney Robin Donoghue, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor and City Manager Dianne Thompson.

Mayor Orchard announced that Councilmembers, other elected officials present, staff members, and members of the public would be given an opportunity to honor Councilmember Coleman-Senghor.

Mayor Orchard, Vice Mayor Harvey, Councilmember Landman and Councilmember Gilardi each spoke about Councilmember Coleman-Senghor and his impact on their lives and the community.

The following elected officials and City staff members spoke to honor Councilmember Coleman-Senghor:

Marsha Vas Dupre, Santa Rosa Councilmember, on behalf of the Santa Rosa City Council and the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association;

City Manager Dianne Thompson;

City Attorney Rich Rudnansky.

The following individuals spoke to honor Councilmember Coleman-Senghor:

Greg Karraker;

Richard Merriss;

Art Warmouth;

Kathryn Wickstrom;

Chris Cone;

Carol Williams;

Joan Simon;

Harold Berkemeier;

Andre Morrow;

Georgina Warmouth;

Maddy Hirschfield.

Mayor Orchard announced that tonight's meeting would be adjourned in Bob's memory.

Mayor Orchard called a recess 7:48 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Orchard led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Orchard announced that the Honorary Mayor report would be heard at this time.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)

Moved by Vice Mayor Harvey seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Regular meeting minutes as presented and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cotati Historical Society Museum's annual barbeque will be held in the Cotati Room on Sunday April 17th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce or Exchange Bank. For details on the web see cotatihistoricalsociety.org.

A General Plan Vision Workshop will be held on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Details can be found on the web at cotati.generalplan.org.

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011 CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL DAY

Mayor Orchard read the proclamation and presented it to Steve Barry, member of the Board of Directors for MOVES (Minimizing Occurrences of Violence in Everyday Society). Mr. Barry described the MOVES organization. He expressed his condolences for the City's loss and thanked the Council for the proclamation and for flying the Children's Memorial Flag.

HONORARY MAYOR

This item was heard immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grant Thomas of Phoenix High School provided a report to the Council and responded to questions from the Councilmembers.

PRESENTATION

SONOMA COUNTY SUPERVISOR DAVID RABBITT (2ND DISTRICT)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

RECEPTION

The reception was postponed to a future meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson announced that a Mayoral proclamation has been issued in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and provided updates on the following:

- The City's use of the Nixle communication system;
- A successful field trip of 4th graders from Thomas Page elementary school to City Hall; and
- A potential Scholarship proposal in honor of Robert Coleman-Senghor for a Cotati student who is entering Sonoma State University.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

The presentation by Supervisor David Rabbitt and reception has been postponed until the May 11, 2011 City Council meeting.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

The following individuals addressed the Council:

George Barich, regarding the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and a recent newspaper article about cities, and regarding item 4 (Mid-Year Budget Amendments) on the Consent Calendar;

Eric Kirchmann, regarding lighting, sidewalks, parking, and being in a hurry to spend money;

Greg Karraker, regarding the Downtown Specific Plan;

Kathryn Wickstrom, regarding bringing business and revenue to Cotati, and public employees' salaries.

Mayor Orchard thanked the speakers for their comments.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comments on Consent Calendar items.

The following individuals spoke:

Neil Hancock, regarding item 2 (Notice of Completion for the Valparaiso Avenue Pedestrian Bridge).

Jenny Blaker, regarding item 2 (Notice of Completion for the Valparaiso Avenue Pedestrian Bridge)

Eric Kirchmann, regarding the lack of discussion about Consent Calendar items, and item 4 (Mid-Year Budget Amendments).

Responding to questions from the Council regarding the Valparaiso Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, City Manager Thompson pointed out the legal requirement to issue a notice of completion.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid described the project, which was funded by a Community Development Block Grant and predates the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The City anticipates completing the sidewalk in the future as additional grant funding becomes available.

Councilmember Landman noted that the mid-year budget was reviewed at a City Council special meeting study session on April 4, 2011; Mayor Orchard noted that the mid-year budget and staff report are available on the City's website.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Landman, and passed unanimously to approve items 2 through 5 on the consent calendar.

2. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE VALPARAISO AVENUE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT COTATI CREEK, PROJECT NO. E10-01 (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-12 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI ACCEPTING AS COMPLETE THE VALPARAISO AVENUE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT COTATI CREEK, PROJECT NO. E10-01

3. CITY OF COTATI WELL 1A / WELL 3 WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES REHABILITATION PROJECT (E10-03) – APPROPRIATION ADDITIONAL FUNDS (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-13 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 FROM THE WATER OPERATING FUND

4. APPROVAL OF MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion approves the mid-year budget amendments.

5. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE WELL 1A / WELL 3 REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. E10-02 (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-14 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI ACCEPTING AS COMPLETE THE WELL 1A / WELL 3 REHABILITATION, PROJECT NO. E10-02

REGULAR AGENDA

6. URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN WATER CONSERVATION TARGET (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Orchard closed the public comment period.

Moved by Vice Mayor Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to authorize the City's WAC (Water Advisory Committee) representative to include Cotati in a regional alliance for establishing regional water conservation target and authorize the City Manager to execute the Regional Alliance Letter Agreement.

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 8:52 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

The following individuals addressed the Council regarding Consent Calendar items:

Greg Karraker, in opposition to item 8 (Salary and Benefits Changes for Confidential Employees);

John Moore, in support to item 8 (Salary and Benefits Changes for Confidential Employees);

George Barich, in opposition to item 8 (Salary and Benefits Changes for Confidential Employees);

In response to questions from the Council, Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes, summarized the salary and benefits changes for confidential employees.

Brief discussion ensued, with Councilmembers describing the efforts of City employees commended City of Cotati employees.

Moved by Council/Board member Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor/Board member Harvey, and passed unanimously to approve item 7 on the consent calendar.

7. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS March 10th 2011 – March 23rd, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for March 10th, 2011 – March 23rd, 2011.

8. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY AND BENEFITS CHANGES FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES (Administrative Services) (Action)

Moved by Council/Board member Gilardi, seconded by Council/Board member Landman, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011-15 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING SALARY AND BENEFITS CHANGES FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the Joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting at 9:05 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 9:10 p.m. in the memory of Councilmember Robert Coleman-Senghor

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk