



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY JUNE 8, 2011
6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION, 7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 201 W. Sierra Avenue

6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER (CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Mayor Orchard called the closed session to order at 6:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (California Government Code Section 54956.8) to discuss price and/or terms of payment regarding real property at A.P.N. 144-320-021, 144-320-022, 144-320-023, and 144-320-024. City Negotiator: City Manager; Negotiating Party: County of Sonoma.

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the Regular meeting to order 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

ROLL CALL

All 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/Acting Community Development Director Marsha Sue Lustig, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid, Police Chief Michael Parish, City Attorney Rich Rudnansky, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor and City Manager Dianne Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Orchard led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2011 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 Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso abstaining) to approve the minutes of the May 25, 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 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.

The Cotati Farmers Market, sponsored by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, takes place in La Plaza Park from 4:30 to 7:30 every Thursday afternoon through September 15th. For additional information call 707-795-5508.

The 31st Annual Cotati Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday June 18, 2011, starting at 12:00 noon in La Plaza Park. For details see cotatijazz.com on the web or call 707-795-5508.

PROCLAMATIONS

COMMENDING THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR AND EXPOSITION ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Orchard read the proclamation and presented it to Heidi Darling, member of the Sonoma County Fair Board of Directors.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson provided an update on the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget study sessions, the Cotati Arts Project student art display at City Hall and announced that a new Police Lieutenant has been hired and would be starting soon.

Chief of Police Michael Parish introduced new (and returning) Police Office Benjamin Fernandez.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Mayor Orchard announced that a special meeting to discuss redistricting has been scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Stacy Winter, staff partner with American Cancer Society Relay for Life described upcoming events and invited the City Council and public to attend.

Greg Karraker addressed the Council regarding funding for the Police K-9 unit.

Pat Rothschild commented on the social aspects of different types of cannabis dispensaries.

Laurie-Ann Barbour indicated support for the banning of plastic bags.

Eric Kirchmann commended staff for replacing the flags and for shopping in Cotati.

Prue Draper provided a report of the Cotati Historical Society's first year.

Neil Hancock requested that Item 5 be split into two items.

Tim Ritter indicated support to ban plastic bags and Styrofoam containers.

Brief discussion ensued relative to splitting item 5 and regarding other comments made during Citizen Business.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 Susan Harvey seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve item 2 on the consent calendar.

2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RECORDS (Administrative Services) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-22 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTATI AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RECORDS

REGULAR AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF TEMPORARY ADVISORY (AD HOC) SUBCOMMITTEE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COTATI-ROHNERT PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Thompson presented the staff report and recommended that the committee be a standing committee, rather than an ad hoc temporary advisory committee.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

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

Mayor Orchard suggested that Councilmember Dell'Osso and Vice Mayor Susan Harvey be appointed to the subcommittee. The Council members concurred.

Moved by Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to appoint Councilmember Dell'Osso and Vice Mayor Susan Harvey to a standing subcommittee which will meet with representatives of the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District and the City of Rohnert Park as needed.

4. NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL A PORTION OF THE COTATI INTERMODAL PROPERTY (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 Councilmember Dell'Osso, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey, and passed unanimously to adopted Resolution No. 2011-24 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI ACCEPTING THE PARCEL MAP FOR 970 EAST COTATI AVENUE; and

Moved by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011-23 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI FINDING THAT THE SALE OF A PORTION OF 970 EAST COTATI AVENUE (PORTION OF EXISTING APN 144-320-21) SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO SELL THE PROPERTY, AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE

5. RECEIVE AND FILE WATER SYSTEM AND SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLANS (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

The Council concurred to discuss the Water Master Plan, followed by the Sewer Master Plan.

City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid presented the staff report and summarized the Water Master Plan and responded to questions from the Council regarding the build-out figures, whether the analysis of demand took into account of potential water conservation efforts, use of booster pumps versus water mains, the effect of additional pressure on water lines.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment regarding the Water Master Plan.

Neil Hancock expressed concern that not enough time was provided for the public to adequately review the Water Master Plan.

City Engineer O'Bid summarized the Sewer Master Plan.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment regarding the Sewer Master Plan.

Neil Hancock read and submitted a list of questions and expressed concern that not enough time was provided for the public to adequately review the Sewer Master Plan.

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

Discussion ensued regarding whether additional time might be needed for review. Councilmembers concurred that they felt they have adequate time to review the Master Plans and that staff had answered their questions. They agreed that City Engineer O'Bid may meet with Mr. Hancock to address his questions before the final Master Plans were finished.

City Engineer O'Bid further responded to questions from the Council regarding various locations of sewer lines and various differences between this current and previous Sewer Master Plans.

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to receive and file the City of Cotati Water System and Sanitary Sewer Master Plans, both prepared by Corrollo Engineers.

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 Regular joint meeting at 8:07 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on joint consent calendar items.

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

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to approve items 6 and 7 on the joint consent calendar.

6. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS MAY 12th, 2011 – May 25th, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files the warrants and audited claims for May 12th, 2011 – May 25th, 2011.

7. RECEIVE AND FILE 2009-2010 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and file the 2009-10 audited financial statements.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PENDING LEGISLATION (Action)

8. LETTER TO STATE SENATOR JOE SIMITIAN OPPOSING SB 34 CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES INVESTMENT ACT OF 2011

Councilmember Landman summarized the concerns about SB 34 and expressed opposition to this bill.

Mayor Orchard noted that there was no one wishing to speak on this item.

Council concurred in support of the proposed letter.

Moved by Councilmember Landman seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to State Senator Joe Simitian opposing SB 34.

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)

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

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Orchard adjourned the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Orchard called to order the special meeting at 8:35 p.m. All Councilmembers were present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REGARDING POTENTIAL REDRAWING OF ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

Mayor Orchard summarized the concerns regarding the proposed re-drawing of Assembly, State Senate and Congressional district boundaries.

Discussion ensued as to whether to write a letter or adopt a resolution or both. Council concurred to do both, and to include in the letter: "...an additional evidence of our historical closeness as seen in our ongoing sharing of resources with the City of Sebastopol, and to remove the 7th whereas in the resolution as redundant.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on joint consent calendar items.

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

Discussion ensued, with the Council concurring to the modifications noted above, and further agreed to clarify that Rancho Adobe Fire District is an historical and on-going shared service with Penngrove and rural Petaluma, and that Cotati shares City staff with the City of Sebastopol.

Moved by Councilmember Dell'Osso, seconded by Vice Mayor Susan Harvey and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011-25 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI STATING THE CITY'S POSITION REGARDING THE POTENTIAL RE-DRAWING OF ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE AND US CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS and to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the California Citizen Redistricting Commission as described above.

Mayor Orchard adjourned the special meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk