



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
WEDNESDAY JULY 27, 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.

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

Councilmember absent: Dell'Osso.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment on the closed session item; there being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Orchard closed the public comment period and adjourned to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of case: In re Walters and Cotati, PERS Case No. 2010-0142

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS: Property: 7883 Old Redwood Hwy (APN 144-200-001); Agency Negotiator: City Manager or designee; Negotiating Party: Paul Oliva or designee; Under Negotiations: Price and terms

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Orchard called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember absent: Dell'Osso.

Staff present: Director of Administrative Services Jone Hayes, City Engineer/Director of Public Works

Damien O'Bid, Community Development Director Vicki Parker, Police Chief Michael Parish, Assistant City Attorney Robin Donoghue, 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 JULY 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (City Manager) (Action)

Moved by Councilmember Gilardi, seconded by Vice Mayor Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Regular meeting minutes 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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson provided an update on the Cotati signage on the Highway 101 improvement project.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

No changes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Joyce Garcia asked the Council whether the City has an emergency preparedness plan and asked for details on the plan.

Mayor Orchard directed staff to speak with Ms. Garcia to address her questions.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR (NO ITEMS)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. STATUS REPORT ON SONOMA COUNTY/CITY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY GROUP (SWAG) (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Dianne Thompson introduced Phil Demery, Public Works Director of Sonoma County Department of Public Works, and staff advisor to the Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG), who presented the status report and responded to questions from the Council regarding the reactions of other cities to the status report and SWAG's request for an analysis, waste screening options, waste containers, recycling requirements in various cities and areas, the increased costs involved in the farther 'upstream' the waste is sorted, and the cost effectiveness of education on recycling.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

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

Discussion ensued relative to the experienced and talented individuals on the SWAG research committee.

Moved by Councilmember Landman, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) to receive the Sonoma County/City Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG) report providing an update on activities; and to direct City of Cotati SWAG voting member to vote to proceed with a consultant study (to be funded by County of Sonoma) of the recommendations.

3. MEASURE M COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 1 (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 Gilardi seconded by Vice Mayor Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) to adopt a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a cooperative agreement with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA).

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S OPINION ON THE FORMULATION THE NEW STATE ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Dianne Thompson presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

Joyce Garcia summarized her experience with the California Redistricting Commission and commented on the Commission's actions.

Greg Karraker commented on communities of interest and expressed opposition to sending a letter to the Commission.

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

Discussion ensued with the Council concurring to send a letter supporting the proposed Congressional and State Assembly districts and expressing concern about Cotati's representation and voice with the proposed State Senate district.

Moved by Councilmember Landman, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to the California Citizens' Redistricting Committee expressing the Council's opinion on the proposed boundaries.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES (City Manager) (Action)

City Manager Thompson presented the staff report.

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

Greg Karraker spoke in opposition to supporting Tiffany Renee.

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

Discussion ensued, with Council concurring in support for Tiffany Renee for the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and Laurie Gallian North Bay Division, League of California Cities Executive Board Alternate.

Mayor Orchard called a recess at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DESIGN REVIEW AND A MINOR USE PERMIT FOR THE VILLAGE WALK SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 690 EAST COTATI AVENUE (Community Development) (Action)

Assistant City Planner Misti Harris presented the staff report.

The applicants, presented a summary of the proposal.

Mayor Orchard opened the public hearing

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

The applicants responded to questions relative to guest parking, the possibility of a community garden in the park, the affordable units, the optional solar program,

Discussion ensued relative handicapped accessibility and the street names.

Moved by Councilmember Landman, seconded by Vice Mayor Harvey and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) to adopt Resolution No. 2011-54 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI APPROVING DESIGN REVIEW AND A MINOR USE PERMIT TO ALLOW VILLAGE WALK, A 46-UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROJECT, LOCATED AT 690 EAST COTATI AVENUE.

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 8:44 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

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

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 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) to approve items 7 and 8 on the joint meeting consent calendar.

7. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS JUNE 23, 2011 – JULY 13, 2011 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files Warrants and Audited Claims for June 23, 2011 – July 13, 2011.

8. SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)

Resolution No. 2011-55 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mayor Orchard re-opened the public comment period for item no. 8.

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

Mayor Orchard opened the floor to public comment.

George Barich commented on his experience with CIP workshop schedules and the cost of the CIP.

Moved by Vice Mayor Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed 4-0-1 (Councilmember Dell'Osso absent) that this item not be reopened for another vote.

REGULAR JOINT AGENDA (NO ITEMS)

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

Mayor Orchard adjourned the joint meeting and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:52 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 8:55 p.m. to closed session as noted at the beginning of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk