



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COTATI COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2010
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 Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION (CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government code Section 54956.9)

The Colvin Group Fund 1 L.P. vs. City of Cotati (Sonoma County Superior Court Case # SCV-248067)

Willease, LLC dba Countryside Mobilehome Park vs. City of Cotati et. al (Sonoma County Superior Court Case # SCV 247044)

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

7:00 PM REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He indicated that there was nothing to report out of the closed session.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Administrative Services Director Jone Hayes, Acting Community Development Director/Assistant to the City Manager Marsha Sue Lustig, City Engineer/Director of Public Works Damien O'Bid, City Attorney Rich Rudnansky, Deputy City Clerk Tamara Taylor and City Manager Dianne Thompson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Max Scheder-Bieschin led the pledge of allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (*Action*)

Moved by Councilmember Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010 Regular meeting as presented and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Residents can register at nixle.com to receive City Council agenda notifications and construction and road closure updates by email and text message.

Cotati Creek Critters invites you to help take care of native plants along the Laguna de Santa Rosa by attending a Creek Stewardship Day on Saturday December 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For details contact Cotati Creek Critters by phone 707-792-4422 or on the web at CotatiCreekCritters.info.

Four Nights of Festive Fun in Cotati starts Wednesday December 1st with the annual Cotati holiday tree lighting on at 6:00 p.m. in La Plaza Park and at the fire station. The festivities continue through December 4th with Holiday Cheer at local pubs, a candlelight concert at Church of the Oaks and an Elegant Evening at local shops. Call 707-795-5508 or see www.cotati.org for more information.

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.

HONORARY MAYOR

Elana Nelson of Rancho Cotate High School provided a report to Council, introduced her parents and friend, and responded to questions from the Council. Mayor Coleman-Senghor presented her with a certificate of commendation. After the Presentation (below) the Mayor presented her with a city pin.

PRESENTATION

2. SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER STEERING COMMITTEE

Marcus Trotter of the Sonoma County Water Agency and representing the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Steering Committee presented a report to the City Council on groundwater planning and responded to questions from the Council.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor presented Honorary Mayor Elana Nelson with a City pin.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Dianne Thompson reported on the following:

- A Mayoral proclamation was issued November 17, 2010 Honoring Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund General Manager Jeff Davis upon his retirement
- The La Plaza Park flagpole repair project has been completed. City Manager Thompson thanked the community who came together to generously donate parts, funding and equipment, including Moe, Bud and John Ellis (Precision Crane), Lee Fishman (Fishman Supply), Carl Schollmann (Carl's Auto Body), the Cotati Chamber of Commerce, represented by Chamber President Andre Morrow, Grainger Electric and the contributors to the Downtown Cotati Flagpole Fund established by Greg Karraker. She asked those present to come forward to receive a city pin.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor thanked the contributors above, as well as Mike Brown Electric, Lunardi Electric, Wallace W. of Grainger Electric, and Damien O'Bid, City Engineer/Director of Public Works.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Susan Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Mark Landman and passed unanimously to approve the final agenda.

CITIZEN BUSINESS

Roy Guguliotta expressed the support of the Cotati Independent Business Advisory Group (CIBAG) the formation of an economic steering committee made up of citizens.

Max Scheder-Bieschin commented on the amount of time that it has taken to move forward with an economic development process.

Carlton Hinkle commented on his concerns regarding a plant list and supported the formation of an economic development commission.

Greg Karraker requested that the City Council conduct a public hearing to consider Rancho Adobe Fire District's request for funding for the fire station.

Eric Kirchmann spoke in support for funding for the fire station.

Oso Koenigshofer commented on his experience with the Planning Department.

Emily Straub expressed concern about the impacts of freight and commuter trains that will be commencing operations in the near future.

Mayor Coleman-Senghor called a recess at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

City Manager Thompson commented briefly on comments made during Citizen Business.

Councilmembers commented briefly on comments made during Citizen Business.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council noted that the Fire District's request will be considered during the upcoming study session from the Capital Improvement Plan and directed staff to place economic development on a future agenda for the first meeting in January, 2011.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Vice Mayor Orchard, seconded by Councilmember Gilardi and passed unanimously to adopt items 3 through 5 on the Consent Calendar.

- 3. REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE IN-LIEU AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF LOW COST HOUSING BUY-OUT FOR THE 8910 CYPRESS AVENUE SUBDIVISION (Community Development - Planning) (Action)**

Motion approving an Amendment to the In-lieu Housing Agreement for the 8910 Cypress Avenue Subdivision.

- 4. CITY HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER RESTROOM ADA RETROFIT PROJECT – ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AUTHORIZE CITY ENGINEER TO AWARD AND EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT (Engineering/Public Works) (Action)**

Resolution No. 2010-63 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI 1) AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE CITY HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTER RESTROOM ADA RETROFIT PROJECT; 2) AUTHORIZING AWARD TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS PROVIDED THE TOTAL CONSTRUCTION AMOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED \$33,884 FOR CITY HALL MEN'S RESTROOM AND \$79,835 FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER RESTROOMS.

- 5. 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. (Police) (Action)**

Motion to approve the use of eleven parking spaces in three different locations of downtown Cotati as carriage stops for a horse drawn carriage on Saturday December 4, 2010 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM for the 4th Annual "Elegant Evening."

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 Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Regular meeting and called to order the joint meeting at 8:28 p.m. and opened the floor to public comment on the Consent Calendar (Joint Meeting).

No comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR (JOINT MEETING)

Moved by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Landman and passed unanimously to adopt item 6 on the Joint Consent Calendar.

6. WARRANTS AND AUDITED CLAIMS OCTOBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2010 (Administrative Services) (Action)

This motion receives and files warrants and audited claims for October 14th, 2010 – October 27, 2010

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

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the Joint meeting and called to order the Regular meeting 8:28 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS (Discussion)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coleman-Senghor adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk