



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE COTATI CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COTATI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

City Council Chamber, City Hall 201 W. Sierra Avenue

Tuesday, October 08, 2024

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sparks called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

<u>Attendee Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Laura Sparks	Mayor	Present
Ben Ford	Vice Mayor	Present
Susan Harvey	Councilmember	Present
Sylvia Lemus	Councilmember	Present
Kathleen Rivers	Councilmember	Present

Staff Present: City Manager Damien O’Bid, City Attorney John Bakker, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Patterson, Director of Administrative Services Angela Courter, Director of Community Development Noah Housh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Craig Scott, Police Chief Chris Simmons, Senior Planner JP Harries

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Cotati recognizes that we’re on the ancestral lands of the Coastal Miwok, who are the original caretakers of this area. We respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous peoples who have been stewarding and maintaining a relationship on this land as knowledge keepers for millennia. This acknowledgement does not take the place of authentic relationships with Indigenous communities but serves as a gesture of respect to the land we are on.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED UNDER THIS AGENDA (ACTION)

A. COTATI CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING – SEP 24, 2024

RESULT:	Approve [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	Rivers

No public comment.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Meeting Orientation for New Attendees/Viewers. In conformance with the Brown Act and the adopted City Council Rules, the meeting agenda includes items labeled as Action Items, where the City Council may consider the item. If the City Council considers the item, citizens will be afforded the opportunity to provide comments relevant to the item being discussed. The meeting agenda also includes a Citizens Business item, which is the designated place on the agenda where citizens have the right to say whatever they wish. However, the Brown Act prohibits the City Council from taking action or considering any item that is not on this agenda, to ensure that other members of the community who wish to provide comment are notified in advance through a properly noticed meeting agenda.

B. Measure S supports police services, a variety of recreation programs for all ages, and the maintenance of our streets, parks, and public buildings. See details on the web at cotaticity.org

C. Citizens interested in receiving City of Cotati community alerts via text or email are encouraged to enroll with CivicReady, by signing up on the City's website, www.cotaticity.org, under the "How do I" link at the top of the homepage.

D. Like always, we love to hear from you, so please feel free to contact the City at 707-792-4600 or info@cotaticity.org. If you have a non-emergency issue after normal business hours, you can contact us at 707-792-4611 and of course if you have an emergency, please contact 9-1-1. Continue to look for updates on the City's website and social media channels available on Facebook, Instagram, and CivicReady.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

A. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY / NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Councilmember Sylvia Lemus read the proclamation. Jack Pollard of the Progressive Tribal Alliance accepted the proclamation.

B. NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Vice Mayor Ben Ford read the proclamation. Sean Paul Higgans of Becoming Independent accepted the proclamation.

8. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA (ACTION)

Mayor Sparks requested to add item 13C to the agenda, for the Council to provide voting direction on

the Mayors and Councilmembers Association appointees to the Measure O Oversight Committee. In her motion, Mayor Sparks indicated that the information was received after the agenda was published, and the timing of the next meeting of the Mayors and Councilmembers Association required action to be taken prior to the next regular meeting of the Cotati City Council on October 22. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rivers, Council unanimously voted to add the item to the end of the regular agenda.

No public comment.

9. CITIZEN BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Any member of the public wishing to speak to the Council on any item(s) listed on the Consent Calendar or any matter(s) not listed on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council may do so at this time. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Council is not allowed to consider issues or take action on any item not listed on the agenda. Pursuant to City Council Policy 2023-01, comments of any member of the public are normally restricted to a total of three (3) minutes in length per person for matters not on the agenda and a total of three (3) minutes per person in length for any and all items on the Consent Calendar. The Mayor may extend the time limit for a reasonable time where a disability accommodation has been requested. To facilitate public comment, the Deputy Clerk will alert speakers when there are thirty seconds remaining.

Public Comment:

Peter Alexander
Dawna Gallagher of Cotati
Laurie Alderman of Cotati

Laurie Alderman was granted an additional minute for public comment due to an ADA accommodation request.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

- A. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS AND ASSOCIATES TO DESIGN THE 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
- B. APPROVAL OF 2024 DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT IN LA PLAZA PARK**
- C. APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 24-25 IT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

RESULT:	Adopt [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus, Rivers
NAYS:	None

11. DIRECTION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Harvey requested a future agenda item on options for Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts during Strategic Planning in Spring 2025.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ACTION)

- A. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE (1) AMENDING CHAPTER 17.28 (SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONE AND OVERLAY ZONE STANDARDS)**

OF TITLE 17 (LAND USE) OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUDS) TO BE SUBDIVIDED, DEVELOPED, REDEVELOPED OR MODIFIED CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERLYING ZONING DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND (2) REZONING MULTIPLE PROPERTIES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

Presentation by Senior Planner JP Harries.

Councilmembers comment.

No public comment.

RESULT:	Adopt [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Lemus
NAYS:	Harvey, Rivers

13. REGULAR AGENDA (ACTION)

A. UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO CELLULAR PROVIDERS

Presentation by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

Councilmembers comment.

Public Comment:
Peter Alexander

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SONOMA COUNTY INITIATIVE PETITION MEASURE J

Before the presentation began, Mayor Sparks announced that the public comment period for this item would be reduced, from 3 minutes to 2 minutes per speaker, to accommodate the large number of attendees wishing to make a public comment.

Presentation by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

Councilmembers comment.

Public Comment:
Lewis Bernier of Petaluma
Kathy Tresch of Petaluma
Hannah Stefenoni of Petaluma
Cassie King of Petaluma
Carla Cabral of Occidental
Shelina Moreda of Petaluma
Alex Decarli of Petaluma
Bronte Edwards of Sebastopol

Doug Beretta of Santa Rosa
 Jennifer Beretta of Santa Rosa
 Tomi Henry of Penngrove
 Steve Perucchi of Bodega
 Andy Bunnell of Sebastopol
 Toni Pimentel of Cotati
 Cindy Steffy of Cotati
 Duskie Estes
 Samantha Faye
 Carmen Snyder
 Dana Gillespie
 Marlina Eckel of Cotati
 Erik Allen
 Don Lipmanson
 Lynn Morton Weil
 Jaonie Benedetti of Cotati
 Kathy Cullen of Occidental
 Karin Lease of Sebastopol
 Sarah Van Mantgam of Windsor
 Susan Bianchi of Petaluma
 Judy James of Cotati
 Jexi Mondragon of Rohnert Park
 Maureen Granados of Santa Rosa
 David Rabbitt of Petaluma
 Amy Bandiera of Santa Rosa
 Jordan Mahrt of Petaluma
 Amy Housman of Santa Rosa
 Justin Mahrt of Petaluma
 Jenny McClelland of Rohnert Park
 Peter Alexander
 Curtis Vollmar of Petaluma
 Lydia Hansen of Sonoma County
 Amanda Charles of Petaluma
 Andrea Kraut of Sonoma County
 Chase Koches of Santa Rosa
 Neil Hancock of Cotati

After discussion, Council added an additional “Be It Resolved” clause to the end of the resolution, stating “Be it further resolved that the City of Cotati calls on Sonoma County to fully enforce all applicable laws, and take every possible action to end animal suffering in Sonoma County.”

RESULT:	Adopt [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
NAYS:	Rivers

**C. VOTING DIRECTION FOR MEASURE O OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPOINTEES
(ADDED ITEM)**

Presentation by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

Councilmembers comment.

No public comment.

By a motion from Councilmember Harvey, and a second from Councilmember Lemus, the Council directed Mayor Sparks to vote for Ben Ford and Kevin McDonnell as the appointees to the Measure O Oversight Committee at the next City Selection Committee meeting on October 10.

RESULT:	Approve [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus, Rivers
NAYS:	None

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Report by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

15. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers report out on local and regional events and meetings.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment:
Laurie Alderman of Cotati

17. INFORMATION RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS POSTED

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sparks adjourned the meeting at 9:44pm.

/s/ Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk