



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, November 26, 2024

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sparks called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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	Absent

Staff Present: City Manger Damien O’Bid, City Attorney John Bakker, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Patterson, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Craig Scott, Police Chief Chris Simmons

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 – NOV 12, 2024

No public comment.

RESULT:	Approve [4 TO 0]
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MOVER:	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Rivers

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. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA (ACTION)

Mayor Sparks announced that item 11A would be moved to directly before item 8. There being no objections, the item was moved.

No public comment.

11A. RECOGNITION OF WALGREENS AND GRAYSON CHU, RECIPE OF THE EMPLOYERS BEST PRACTICES AWARD AND EMPLOYEE INITIATIVE AWARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Presentation by City Manager Damien O'Bid.

Councilmembers comment.

Public Comment:

Grayson Chu of Rohnert Park

Council authorized the Mayor to send a letter of congratulations to Grayson and Walgreens of Cotati.

8. 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:

Laurie-Ann Barbour of Cotati

9. CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION)

Vice Mayor Ben Ford requested to pull item 9A from the consent calendar. Motion to approve the consent calendar included only item 9B. Item 9A was moved to just after item 10.

B. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.31 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND 17.32 DENSITY BONUSES OF THE COTATI MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND USE AND POLICY AND TO CREATE THE COTATI DENSITY BONUS

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

10. DIRECTION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9A. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOE ENGINEERING INC FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND BIDDING ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR THE CLASS 1 PATHWAYS MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Presentation by Director of Public Works/City Engineer Craig Scott.

Councilmembers comment.

Public Comment:

Beverly Paulson
Jenny Blaker of Cotati
Esther
Neil Hancock of Cotati
Marla Charbonneau of Cotati
Shelley Berman of Cotati

Council directed staff to ask the project designer to include options for both repairing the existing

asphalt path, or replacing with a more natural surface. These will be bid as alternates and staff will present options for City Council project award.

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AYES:	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
NAYS:	None
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11. REGULAR AGENDA (ACTION)

B. DISCUSSION OF ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS (EIFDS)

Presentation by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

Councilmembers comment.

Public Comment:

Laurie Alderman of Cotati

Council directed staff to return to Strategic Planning in early 2025 with a proposal for an initial viability study on establishing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts in the City.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Report by City Manager Damien O’Bid.

13. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmembers report out on local and regional events and meetings.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

15. INFORMATION RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS POSTED

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sparks adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

/s/ Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk