



## 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 Manger 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

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approve [4 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

**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**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Adopt [5 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
<b>AYES:</b>	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus, Rivers
<b>NAYS:</b>	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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Adopt [3 TO 2]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sparks, Ford, Lemus
<b>NAYS:</b>	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

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.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	Adopt [4 TO 1]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ben Ford, Vice Mayor
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus
<b>NAYS:</b>	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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approve [5 TO 0]
<b>MOVER:</b>	Susan Harvey, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sylvia Lemus, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sparks, Ford, Harvey, Lemus, Rivers
<b>NAYS:</b>	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