

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MITCH
DRAKE TO ASSIST WITH ADMINISTERING THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL
BROADBAND PROJECT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000; ACCOUNT
426-4875-0310)**

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2021, City Council accepted the Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Plan and directed staff to advance the project by pursuing grant funds and other financing to establish a City-owned Broadband Utility; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, the City was awarded \$479,529 in Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program funds from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to bring the Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Plan to construction level detail; and

WHEREAS, in October 2023, the City applied for Federal Funding Account (FFA) grant program funds from the CPUC to implement this last mile project, which involves city-wide construction of digital infrastructure (underground conduit, fiber, and electronics) through a fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) network with speeds up to 10Gbps; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the CPUC approved Resolution T-17839, which included approval of the City of Fort Bragg's Federal Funding Account (FFA) application in the amount of \$10.3 million; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Drake has been an integral part of the team that developed the 2021 Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Plan, as well as the network engineering, operations, and business model funded through LATA program, which informed the FFA application; and

WHEREAS, Drake has demonstrated excellence and has the professional qualifications necessary to ensure that implementation of the City's Municipal Broadband Project is a success; and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from Drake's continued involvement and seeks to secure his services to construct the City's last mile project; and

WHEREAS, all costs associated with the proposed professional services agreement would be covered with FFA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, based on all evidence presented the City Council finds as follows:

1. Drake has the experience and expertise necessary to complete the proposed activities, described in Exhibit A.
2. FFA grant program funding will cover all costs associated with proposed contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a Professional Services Agreement with Mitch Drake to assist the City in administering the FFA funded last mile project, and authorizes the City Manager to execute contract (amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; Account No. 426-4875-0310).

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 28th day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Sanchez
City Clerk