

RESOLUTION NO. 4865 - 2024

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PAYMENT TO THE MENDOCINO COAST HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PURCHASE OF FREEZERS USING MEASURE AB SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO RELEASE PAYMENT (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000; ACCOUNT NO. 110-4390-0619)

WHEREAS, Measure AB funds held by the City may be used as follows: (i) Half to substantially increase promotions, events, and marketing for Fort Bragg; (ii) One-quarter to enhance Coastal Trail maintenance and security; (iii) One-eighth to support the establishment of the Noyo Center for Marine Science as a premier visitor attraction; and (iv) One-eighth to undertake special projects that support tourism and benefit the community including, but not limited to, repair and enhancement of local athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a request from the Mendocino Coast Humane Society (MCHS) for the use of Special Projects Measure AB funds in the amount of \$20,000 for a freezer upgrade; and

WHEREAS, MCHS provides euthanasia services for publicly owned animals, and when pet owners are unable to retain their pets' remains, the center must store them until transportation to Sacramento for cremation; and

WHEREAS, the center has been relying on the Fort Bragg Police Department (FBPD) freezer for this storage, which is not a viable long-term solution; and

WHEREAS, securing the necessary funds for this freezer upgrade will enable MCHS to operate more effectively, while freeing up space and reducing the operational burden on the FBPD by eliminating their need for freezer maintenance and operation; and

WHEREAS, with the increased capacity at MCHS, the center will ensure respectful care and handling of deceased pets, expanding this essential service to benefit both the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the Measure AB Special Projects fund for the current fiscal year has \$84,831, budgeted which is insufficient to cover these costs; and

WHEREAS, the request for funds provided by the Mendocino Coast Humane Society is attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the scope of work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize payment to the Mendocino Coast Humane Society for the purchase of a facility freezer to accommodate the increasing demand for animal care services and authorizes the City Manager to release the payment in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (Account No. 110-4390-0619).

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: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Peters, Rafanan, Vice Mayor Godeke, and Mayor Norvell.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

ATTEST:
Diana Sanchez
City Clerk