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Meeting Minutes Public Works and Facilities Committee

Thursday, August 14, 2025

4:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Committee Member Jason Godeke called meeting to order at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Jason Godeke and Scott Hockett present. City Staff; Public Works Director John Smith, Assistant Director Chantell O'Neal and Administrative Assistant Emily Reno and Lisi Horstman present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. [25-319](#) Approve Minutes of May 8, 2025

Committee Members Godeke and Hockett approved minutes as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- A. [25-116](#) Receive Report of Precision Concrete Cutting and Discuss Project Budget and Location for FY 25/26

Assistant Director Chantell O'Neal presented an update on the City's work with Precision Concrete Cutting (PCC). She reviewed the fiscal year one and two budgets and described the targeted sidewalk repair projects. Year one focused on the commercial zone, while year two concentrated on the school zone. O'Neal outlined PCC's scope of work, including use of the DataWorks online system, which allows staff to curate projects, track before-and-after photos, and monitor cost savings from PCC's specialized sidewalk repair methods.

Public Comment was received from Andrew Jordan.

Discussion: Committee Member Godeke asked about ownership of the DataWorks system data and whether similar repairs could be performed in-house. O'Neal clarified that the City owns the data, but there may be an annual subscription cost for system access. Smith noted that contractors typically complete the work more efficiently, while O'Neal added that Public Works crews are capable of performing the repairs.

Committee Member Hockett asked about sidewalk lifts over two inches and whether the survey would be reevaluated. O'Neal provided additional details in response.

B. [25-347](#) Oral Discussion of Water Availability for Neighboring Small Systems

Ryan Rhoads from the Mendocino City Community Services District (MCCSD) presented on water security challenges for the town of Mendocino. MCCSD monitors 420 private wells and relies on water hauled from Fort Bragg. A feasibility study is underway, but no viable long-term water sources have been identified. Rhoads expressed interest in exploring construction of a pipeline from Fort Bragg to Mendocino to consolidate small systems and leverage state funding.

Public comment was received from Andrew Jordan.

Discussion: Committee Member Hockett asked about alternatives in the feasibility study. Rhoads noted the study is still ongoing, and when asked about Big River, he explained that community sentiment strongly opposes considering it as a potential water source. Member Godeke inquired about the amount of water sold to haulers, which Smith clarified, and raised potential Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) issues with extending Fort Bragg's water enterprise outside city limits. Smith outlined the LAFCO process and related regulations. Hockett also asked about private well use, and Rhoads confirmed that each well has a monthly allotment. Godeke expressed concern about committing Fort Bragg to a large pipeline project given uncertainties, preferring to continue water hauling while the City focuses on its own supply and storage projects. Hockett expressed doubt about the feasibility of a pipeline but indicated a willingness to continue the discussion.

C. [25-320](#) Discussion of Making a Tree Casting at Guest House Museum

Larry Wood presented details of a project involving the casting of old growth logs and stumps and expressed interest in creating a casting of the stump located on the Guest House Museum grounds. He described the process and materials used to complete the work.

Public comment was received from Andrew Jordan.

During committee discussion, Member Godeke asked whether Larry would cover all project costs, to which Larry confirmed he would. Godeke also inquired about community benefits and whether the City could receive a copy, and Larry agreed to provide one at no cost. Additional questions were raised about the casting process and shipping of the final product, which Larry addressed. Smith asked further questions to ensure the stump would not be harmed during the process and Larry suggested testing a smaller area before committing to the entire stump. O'Neal added that local residents would likely have strong interest in the project.

D. [25-346](#) Director Oral Report on Departmental Activities and Project Updates

Director John Smith provided updates on the following projects and items of interest:

- Broadband Project-30% complete.
- Town Hall Retrofit & Bathrooms Project - Under construction.
- Police Department Security Retrofit Project.
- Fire Station Rehabilitation Project- Match funds denied from CDBG.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects- Sodium hypochlorite generators, dryer building rehab.
Biosolids Storage Building- Bid out and opening soon.
EV Fleet Charging Stations- Project complete.
Facilities Solar Project- Installed at Fire station and police department.
Cultural Center Project- Working on picnic tables, signage, and furniture.
Veteran's Hall- Emergency operations center. Working with Mendocino County for a three-year lease and easement.
Cal OES Grant -Grant application \$110,000 to submit for the City Hall east and Veterans hall projects. Will revisit this later.
Facility Camera Project- Project complete.
Micro Grid Solar- Application denied by PG&E. Submitting application for second round.
Bainbridge Park.
2025 Streets Project- Project underway.
CV Starr Skylight Replacement - Skylights arriving soon.
CV Starr HVAC System- Estimated to start work next month.
Fleet Update.
Oneka Desal Buoy Project- Anticipate buoy in the water by next June.
Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project- 95% complete and working on project closeout.
Water Meter Replacement Project- Saved 20 million gallons a year, new meters are more accurate.
Raw Water Line Replacement Project.
Distribution System Master Plan.
Recycled Water Feasibility Study.
Collection System Master Plan.
Trash Capture.
Stormwater project.

Public Comment was received from Andrew Jordan.

Discussion: Committee Member Hockett inquired about the broadband project and raw water line replacement project. Committee Member Godeke asked about the Oneka Desal Buoy Project. Smith provided more project details.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Godeke adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM