

## **RESOLUTION NO. XXXX-2026**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH HP COMMUNICATIONS FOR BROADBAND CONSTRUCTION (PWP-00130), INCREASING CONTRACT AMOUNT \$1,974,629 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,242,814**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Bragg is constructing a city-wide, underground, fiber-to-the-premise, last-mile, municipal broadband network to offer affordable and reliable broadband connectivity to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2025, the City Council approved Agreement with HP Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$9,966,165 to construct the Municipal Broadband Utility Project ("Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, cost-saving were identified that reduced contract amount by \$698,000 through Change Order No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, overages in horizontal drill boring and conduit placement has increased construction costs; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1,974,629 of project funds earmarked for operational and soft costs associated with recently acquired Internet Service Provider, Mendocino Community Network (MCN) are being redirected to cover increased construction costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bragg Municipal Code §3.20.060 G requires City Council authorization for contract amendments that increase the total contract amount by more than ten percent (10%), and this amendment exceeds that threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and Title 14, the California Code of Regulations ("CEQA Guidelines"), Sections: 15301(b) because the Project is a public utility service – one of three public utilities provided by the City of Fort Bragg; 15302(c) because if replacement or reconstruction of water/sewer utilities are necessary there will be no expansion of capacity; and 15304(f) because the primary construction method is undergrounding utilizing horizontal directional drill boring to lessen impacts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize Change Order No. 2 with HP Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$1,874,629, increasing the total contract amount to \$11,242,814.

**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 26th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**  
**ABSTAIN:**  
**RECUSED:**

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**Jason Godeke**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Diana Paoli**  
**City Clerk**