



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY
AS THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1 AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSOR AGENCY*

Monday, July 28, 2014

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Dave Turner, Vice Mayor Meg Courtney, Councilmember Scott Deitz and Councilmember Doug Hammerstrom

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Heidi Kraut

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. [14-247](#) Recognition of Volunteers Serving on the Planning Commission, Fort Bragg Promotion Committee, Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority, Noyo Harbor Commission, Mendocino County Library Advisory Board, Blue Whale Project Volunteers, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, and Police Department volunteers

Mayor Turner and the City Councilmembers recognized volunteers serving the City of Fort Bragg and presented each with a certificate of appreciation.

- B. [14-211](#) Receive Presentation Regarding Leadership Mendocino

Heidi Cusick Dickerson read the letter about Leadership Mendocino she presented to the Council in the packet asking the City to partner with them by donating to the annual program, scholarships, class days, or other activities. Heather Guerwitz, District Director for Congressman Jared Huffman and Leadership Mendocino graduate, provided her experience with the program. She stated that it is important that the coast participate in this program that brings leaders together throughout the County; it would be wonderful if the City would send employees to the program.

This item was referred to the Finance and Administration Committee to discuss how the City might participate in the Leadership Mendocino program.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing reported on the following items:

1. The press release regarding the Coastal project stated that access to Glass Beach would be

restricted for the duration of the project. She clarified that it will only be restricted during first phase of the project which should start in the next couple of weeks and go to mid-October. For the remainder of the construction through the end of next year Glass Beach will be accessible.

2. She encouraged everyone to participate in and attend the National Night Out on August 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a map showing the various locations distributed later.

3. August 9th is the City's 125 anniversary celebration which will include a community picnic at Bainbridge Park and historical exhibits at Town Hall.

4. Groundbreaking for the Coastal Trail Project will be before the next City Council meeting on August 11th. A special meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the north end of the project with access at Glass Beach.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Turner reported that he attended the Redwood Forest Foundation's annual meeting this past weekend at Standish Hickey State Park; there were some great speakers and he felt the day was well spent. Yesterday David Wright took a group of people out to look at a project at the North Fork of Usal Creek where they have put wood back into the creek to get it back into a more natural state. Turner noted that next Monday Mendocino College will be at the Del Mar Campus with counselors to talk to about the upcoming fall semester and a barbecue at noon. The fall semester on the coast will start two weeks after their inland campus as they need time to get prepared. He encouraged everyone to let people who are in need of a good education know about this event. He concluded by reporting that he went to the North Harrison Street transitional housing open house, which was a wonderful way for the community to come together to transition people from being homeless to having a home of their own.

Vice Mayor Courtney stated that she also attending the open house at the Harrison Street House and noted that it was a beautiful job done using Community Development Block Grant funding obtained by the City. She thanked Housing & Economic Development Coordinator Owen for all the work she does on getting grants. Courtney then stated she would be in the reenactment of the first Council meeting; the reenactment will be on August 9th at the community picnic.

Councilmember Deitz thanked all of the volunteers once again noting that they are what makes this town work. He stated he is really looking forward to the trail project getting started. While it may be a little inconvenient for visitors because of the timing, they will enjoy what has been done when they come back next year.

Councilmember Hammerstrom noted that the National Night Out is a great program started by Chief Mayberry that is supported by the Council, City staff and community members. It is a great way for neighbors to get to know each other. He encouraged everyone to get their neighborhood involved in the August 5th event. He concluded by inviting everyone to come to the community picnic at Bainbridge Park on August 9th to celebrate the City's 125 anniversary. He noted that the City got started because a 100 citizens said they wanted a city and took action to make that happen. The picnic will be from noon to 3:00 and the City Council will be reenacting the first Council meeting at 1:30 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Mary Walsh, Albion resident and Sierra Club representative, asked the City to reconsider their choice of the Highway 20 location for the transfer station. Over half of the property is covered in pygmy forest and they are concerned with that since this area is considered exceptionally high quality pygmy by California State Fish & Wildlife Department. She stated that there is a pattern of disrespect for the natural world and for the policies of the General Plans of Mendocino County and Jackson State Forest. Walsh offered to work with the City on a policy regarding pygmy forest. The Sierra Club requests the property not be used for a transfer station.
2. Rixanne Wehren, Sierra Club, asked the City Council to take another look at the transfer station location since so much time has gone by and things have changed.
3. Linda Perkins, Sierra Club, emphasized that the Jackson State Management Plan mandate is to protect the pygmy so transfer of the property would be a violation of the Management Plan. This should not happen without a publicly reviewed plan update.
4. Jim Gay stated that he lives off Highway 20 is concerned with the increased traffic from the proposed transfer station. He also expressed concern about the City locating a reservoir next to the transfer station. He requested that the Council reconsider the location
5. Charla Thorbecke spoke against the transfer station being placed on the pygmy forest and hoped that the City Council and Board of Supervisors would reassess their choices.
6. Elaine Ball encouraged people to participate in the National Night Out, which will be occurring in all 50 states in the United States, all of Canada, the military, and US territories. Law enforcement and businesses turn their lights on at 7:00 at night and leave them on to say that the community is standing up to crime prevention. She stated that this is a great way for neighbors to get to know each other. She then addressed a couple of issues regarding the way City staff handles phone messages and illegally parked vehicles.
7. Sue Bocker stated she is new to Fort Bragg and loves it here. She addressed the Council regarding various projects being proposed in the pygmy forest and suggested a coordinated plan for protection. She noted that there is an item on the consent calendar awarding a contract to a geology firm and she cautioned that they should look at ways to eliminate all the dioxins before people are allowed on the property. Mayor Turner clarified that this firm is being hired to do work on the Coastal Trail property, which has already had the contaminated soil removed.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Courtney, seconded by Councilmember Hammerstrom, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Courtney, Councilmember Deitz and Councilmember Hammerstrom

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Kraut

- 7A. [14-233](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving the 2014-2017 Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Bragg Employee Organization/Service Employees International Union Local 1021 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 3725-2014
- 7B. [14-234](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Modifying the CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions for the Fort Bragg Employee Organization
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 3726-2014
- 7C. [14-235](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Establishing a Compensation Plan and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Bargaining and Confidential Employees
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 3727-2014
- 7D. [14-236](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Modifying the CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions for Non-Bargaining and Confidential Employees
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 3728-2014
- 7E. [14-241](#) Designate Councilmember Kraut as the City's Voting Delegate and Councilmember Hammerstrom as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2014 League of California Cities Annual Conference
- This Appointment was approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 7F. [14-248](#) Approve Scope of Work for 2013 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Grant-Funded Owner-Occupied Residential Rehabilitation Program Operator Services
- This Scope of Work was approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 7G. [14-249](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. for Surveying Services for the Fort Bragg Coastal Restoration and Trail Project and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount not to Exceed \$55,000; to be Split Equally between Account No. 407-4833-0731 and 407-5007-0731)
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 3729-2014
- 7H. [14-250](#) Approve Minutes of July 14, 2014

The Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

7I. Matters from Committee

7I(1) Community Development Committee

- A. [14-213](#) Approve Minutes of June 10, 2014

The Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

7I(2) Public Works and Facilities Committee

- A. [14-198](#) Approve Minutes of April 17, 2014

The Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- B. [14-242](#) Approve Minutes of June 19, 2014

The Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)