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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, January 25, 2016

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Lindy Peters, Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Scott Deitz, Councilmember Doug Hammerstrom and Mayor Dave Turner

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [16-027](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Commending Odile Perkins and Jay Koski for their Good Samaritan Actions

Mayor Turner read a Proclamation and presented it to Odile Perkins and Jay Koski, commending them for their Good Samaritan actions on January 7, 2016 when they helped rescue two citizens whose boat had overturned in high surf at the mouth of the Noyo River.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

Public Works Director Varga gave the Council an update on the tree falling at the north end of Harrison Street. Administrative Services Director Schneider summarized the status of the public WiFi installation and the new City telephone system. The downtown WiFi system will be installed by the end of January. A phone system has been ordered from NorCal Telecom, with installation anticipated in the next two weeks, starting with the Police Department. Funds for the new telephone system will be assembled from different sources, including asset forfeiture and a Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF) claim from the Police Department for the lightning damage to their equipment. City Manager Ruffing reported on the recent annual training meeting at REMIF. She noted that there was interest in having a summer recess to accommodate vacation plans and instructed the City Clerk to poll the Councilmembers on which meeting date between July and September they would prefer to cancel.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Turner reported on his recent meetings with other Mendocino County Mayors and winter shelter providers. Vice Mayor Peters said that a new grant is available for desalination studies that he would like to have staff investigate. He said he has had complaints about dogs being loose on the South Coastal Trail. Councilmember Cimolino reported on a recent Economic Development

and Financing Corporation (EDFC) meeting he attended. He also went to a neighborhood watch meeting, and applauded Sergeant McLaughlin for doing a very good job answering tough questions from community members. Councilmember Deitz summarized a recent Mendocino College meeting and talked about scholarship programs. He noted that a Community Development Committee meeting is set for January 26.

4A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes)

- Julia Winkelmeyer said she has been pushed out of the area because rents are through the roof. She is homeless and thinks there should be more focus on emergency weather shelter, which is being shut down in spite of meeting weather criteria. She said there is no accountability at Hospitality House, there are staffing issues, and poor management.
- Mayor Turner read comments from Jonathan Turner regarding mental health problems.
- Judy Valadao said the City has given a large sum of money to help the homeless, but where is the help? She said this is a promise of something being done when in fact nothing is being done. She asked the City to declare a Shelter Crisis under Government Code Section 8698 to bypass regulations and allow people to sleep in public buildings and churches.
- Malcolm MacDonald stated that he was shown a chart of groups responsible for emergency shelters organized by week, and there were blank spots for several weeks in February and March. He said the people doing the planning for emergency shelters do not have enough groups to help.
- Mayor Turner said that the churches can only do so much, and if anybody knows of a building available to act as an emergency shelter, please let him or the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center know.
- Vice Mayor Peters asked Chief Lizarraga to put a discussion of the shelter crisis on an upcoming Public Safety Committee agenda.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 6A. [16-025](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Accepting the Conveyance of a Public Access Trail Easement from the Coastal Land Trust and Authorizing City Manager to Execute the Deed and the Certificate of Acceptance

Public Works Director Varga outlined his staff report on the public access trail easement near the Harbor Lite Lodge. Lodge owner Jim Hurst has offered to pay \$10,000 toward the cost of trail improvements.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Peters noted that the only other way from Fort Bragg into the Noyo Harbor is via North Harbor Drive which is extremely narrow and has no shoulders. Mayor Turner said this easement looks doable and he would like to take advantage of Hurst paying \$10,000 toward improvements to the trail. Councilmember Hammerstrom wanted to know if a maintenance fund would need to be created. Varga explained that the original intent was to match improvement costs, not to take on a maintenance obligation. Councilmember Deitz suggested that signage be part of the improvements. All Councilmembers agreed that the City should accept the trail easement.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Peters, seconded by Councilmember Cimolino, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Enactment No: RES 3884-2016

6B. [16-013](#) Receive Recommendation from Public Works & Facilities Committee and Provide Direction to Staff Identifying Priority Streets and Alleys for Inclusion in 2016 Streets and Alleys Rehabilitation Project

Public Works Director Varga gave a brief summarization of his report on the rehabilitation of alleys and streets in Fort Bragg.

Discussion: The Councilmembers discussed adding Boatyard Drive to the list of streets that need major repairs, as it has been severely damaged due to recent rains. The alley ranking previously performed by KASL engineers was mentioned. Varga noted that there is value in letting a winter run its course to see how the alleys and streets hold up during a rainy season.

Public Comment:

- Simon Smith asked that "Green Alleys" be defined. Mayor Turner explained about permeable pavers and the nature of green alleys.
 - Eric Dwyer encouraged the Council to recommend resurfacing of the Boatyard Drive area near Harvest Market and installation of green alleys behind the car wash and Sears.
- Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:
- It is too early to tell if the green alleys will hold up over time.
 - It might be worth it for the tourist economy if more green alleys were done in the downtown because it looks nicer.
 - The cost of rehabilitation for streets and alleys varies, depending on the materials used and the utilities affected.
 - At least one priority alley should be in a residential neighborhood.
 - The priority list for alleys was agreed to include Starbucks Alley (with this possibly being a Green Alley), the alley between South Whipple and Grove from Walnut to Chestnut, Sears Alley, and the alley behind Portuguese Hall.
 - The priority list for streets was agreed to include North Sanderson Way, South Franklin Street and Boatyard Drive.
 - Maintenance of alleys with dirt or gravel surfaces was also recommended to be done on a yearly basis.
 - Street rehabilitation projects will typically occur every other year; alley rehabilitation projects will normally occur annually.

Council directed staff to make the following alley and street rehabilitation projects top priority: ALLEYS: (1) Starbucks Alley; (2) Alley between South Whipple and Grove; (3) Sears Alley; (4) Portuguese Hall Alley. STREETS: (1) North Sanderson Way; (2) South Franklin Street; (3) Boatyard Drive. Staff was also directed to conduct yearly maintenance of alleys with dirt or gravel surfaces.

4B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes, If Necessary)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Peters requested that Item 7D be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by Councilmember Deitz, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 7D. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

- 7A. [16-017](#)** Adopt by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance No. 923-2016 Amending Chapter 14.06 (Water Conservation) of Title 14 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 923-2016

- 7B. [16-034](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Accepting the 2016 Fort Bragg Police Department Salary Survey Results as Required by Ordinance 672

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3885-2016

- 7C. [16-021](#)** Approve and Accept the Athletic Fields Master Plan

This Consent Calendar item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7E. [16-029](#)** Accept Certificate of Completion for the Summers Lane Timber Harvest Project, City Project 2015-02, and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 7F. [16-036](#)** Accept Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Basic Financial Statements for FY14-15

This Consent Calendar item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7G. [16-033](#)** Receive and File Minutes from the November 4, 2015 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

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

- 7H. [16-018](#)** Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of January 5, 2016

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7I. [16-020](#)** Approve Minutes of January 11, 2016

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7D. [16-022](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Increasing Compensation for Seasonal Laborer Classification to \$15.00 per Hour

Vice Mayor Peters made a wage comparison between Councilmembers and seasonal workers, saying that members of City Council make less than \$15 per hour and he did not think it justified to pay temporary employees more. Councilmember Hammerstrom noted that Councilmembers receive health insurance benefits which increases the value of their compensation, and he thought that \$15 per hour would be fine. In response to a question from Councilmember Deitz on whether it is difficult to hire seasonal workers, City Manager Ruffing responded that the City has not raised the rate for five years and recruitment has been abysmal over the last year or two. Councilmember Cimolino thought giving temporary employees a 25% raise would cause problems with the full-time employees. A compromise was ultimately reached wherein the resolution would be amended to change the compensation from \$12 per hour to \$14 per hour, instead of increasing it to \$15.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammerstrom that this Resolution be adopted. The motion failed for lack of second.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Vice Mayor Peters, that this Resolution be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Enactment No: RES 3886-2016

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

June Lemos, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)