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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, April 11, 2016

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

AMENDED

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

Mayor Turner added an item to the agenda concerning Fort Bragg's sister city, Otsuchi.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [16-095](#)** Introduction of New Employees: Keyona Martinez, Community Services Officer; Mateo Ortiz, Audio-Visual Technician; Scott Schneider, Administrative Services Director; Natalie Gregory, Grant Assistant; Chantell O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, Community Development; Scott Perkins, Associate Planner; Pamela Davidson, Temporary Office Assistant, Finance; Isaac Whippy, Government Accountant II; Nancy Atkinson, Temporary Associate City Engineer

New employees were introduced as follows:

1. Police Chief Lizarraga introduced Community Services Officer Keyona Martinez.
2. City Manager Ruffing introduced Audio-Visual Technician Mateo Ortiz and Administrative Services Director Scott Schneider.
3. Community Development Director Jones introduced Grant Assistant Natalie Gregory, Administrative Assistant Chantell O'Neal, and Associate Planner Scott Perkins.
4. Finance Director Damiani introduced Temporary Office Assistant Pamela Davis and Government Accountant II Isaac Whippy.
5. Public Works Director Varga introduced Temporary Associate City Engineer Nancy Atkinson.

- 1B. [16-114](#)** Presentation of 2016 Mayor's Well Done Awards

Community Development Administrative Assistant O'Neal provided a PowerPoint presentation showing the various projects. Mayor's Well Done Awards for 2016 were then presented to the

following:

1. Best New Residential Construction - David and Karen Gidley
2. Best Residential Facade - Paul Meyer
3. Best New Housing Complex - Habitat for Humanity of the Mendocino Coast
4. Best New Commercial Construction - Taco Bell
5. Best Commercial Facade - Golden West
6. Best Commercial Remodel - Point Noyo Restaurant
7. Best Commercial Landscaping - Mendo Lake Credit Union
8. Best Sustainable Design - Cypress Ridge Apartments and Real Goods Solar
9. Best Sign - Wren's Boutique
10. Best Window Display - Astoria; Dot & Twine

1C. [16-130](#) Presentation of Proclamation Acknowledging Douglas Moody as the Recipient of the Jazz Journalists Association's 2016 Jazz Hero Award

Douglas Moody was presented with several awards and a City Council Proclamation honoring him for receiving the Jazz Journalists Association Jazz Hero Award in 2016.

1D. [16-138](#) Presentation by LEAN Energy US Regarding Mendocino County's Efforts in Exploring a Countywide Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program

Tom Kelly gave a presentation about Community Choice Energy and how local governments can procure power on behalf of the community offering higher renewable energy content, better responsiveness to local environmental and economic goals, cheaper electricity rates, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Mayor Turner reported that Fort Bragg's sister city, Otsuchi, Japan, received the beach glass local residents donated for Otsuchi's Namiita Beach. He read a thank you message and showed a photograph of Otsuchi's mayor, Kouzo Hirano, opening the box full of beach glass.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

Police Chief Lizarraga announced a Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held April 12 at 6PM at Town Hall for those interested in joining the program. Police K-9 Takoda was certified for patrol duty last week and has already helped locate a fleeing robbery suspect. City Manager Ruffing announced the Coastal Trail celebration will be held Saturday, June 4 from noon to 4PM with music, food, speakers, fun, games, whale bones, beer garden and more. She reported that the State Department of Finance announced that the Successor Agency will be eligible for \$89,000 this year in administrative costs. Ruffing noted that the City received six bids in response to the Summers Lane Reservoir project bid notice. The Department of Fish & Wildlife has communicated to the Department of Water Resources that the City of Fort Bragg is not in compliance with Fish & Game Code Section 1602, which has caused a delay in grant funding for the reservoir project. Ruffing stated that she is working with these entities to get the situation resolved and will keep the Council informed.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Turner commented on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's recent actions that have interfered with funding for the Summers Lane Reservoir. He reported that a Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) workshop on the removal of Operable Unit-E will be held on April 21 at

Town Hall. Mayor Turner met with locals regarding starting a coast scholarship affiliate to give local college scholarships.

Vice Mayor Peters reported that the Public Safety Committee will meet on April 13 at 3PM to discuss medical marijuana regulations. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will meet on April 20 at 6PM regarding the removal of Cedar Street speed bumps. Vice Mayor Peters suggested that when letters are written regarding lake and streambed alteration agreements, the tone should be nice and pleasant so the City can get the cooperation it needs to build the reservoir.

Councilmember Deitz suggested that the City Council write a letter regarding the reservoir. He reported that local businesses can claim a site on Fortbragg.com. Once the site has been established, businesses can add text, pictures, and links to inventory. Councilmember Deitz gave statistics about home sales on the coast and pointed out that there is a need for more rentals in Fort Bragg.

Councilmember Hammerstrom expressed disappointment with the status of the reservoir issue and echoed the comments of Vice Mayor Peters, saying the City's message needs to be positive. He said that it is important to keep up student enrollment at the college as this is an important part of the community. Councilmember Hammerstrom reported that he attended a recent Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting. A surveyor has been hired to correct a map showing parcel boundaries between the City of Fort Bragg and the Fire District.

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

- Linda Jupiter spoke about California Senate Bill SB 1288, Local Options for Elections, which she states gives communities better options to elect majority winners in local elections. She asked the Council to write a letter of support.
- Judy Valadao questioned whether the Community Development Block Grant regulations about monitoring activity performance are being followed with regard to the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center.
- Douglas Chouteau read a statement about the threat of forest fires caused by homeless encampments and requested that the City Council address the threat by clearing encampments along the Skunk Train tracks. He expressed concern about declining restaurant sales since Taco Bell was built.
- George Reinhardt encouraged the public to attend the DTSC meeting on April 21 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.
- Ann Rennacker said Taco Bell is not in keeping with the flavor of the town. She is concerned about ocean protection and salmon recovery.

Mayor Turner recessed the meeting at 7:56 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 8:03 PM.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 6A. [16-126](#)** Consider Modifications to the "City Council's Goals and Objectives" as Discussed at Mid-Year Budget Review Session

City Manager Ruffing gave a report on updated Council goals and priorities, stating that these goals focus City staff on what to work on throughout the year and how to project budget. The

following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Add development of groundwater wells to Goal 1.
- Add consideration of additional east-west bike connectors to the Coastal Trail to Objective 2.3.
- Examine pedestrian safety, lighting, speed, crossings and intersections on Main Street.
- Refresh the Climate Action Plan and return to Council for review.
- Give information to community on water catchment, grey water systems, storm drainage, low impact development and green infrastructure projects.
- Investigate opportunities for LED lights.
- Update the community on what is being done with the mill site.
- Add downtown police department foot patrols to Strategy 4.6.
- Add Neighborhood Watch program to Goal 6.
- Add CERT trainings to Objective 6.3.
- Suggestions for column headers and corrections to status and goal numbering were made.

Public comment on this item was received from: George Reinhardt, Eric Dwyer, and Simon Smith.

City Council referred this matter to Staff to revise the City Council Goal-Setting Matrix for approval on a future Consent Calendar.

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

- 7A. [16-122](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with WRA Environmental Consultants for "City of Trails" Conceptual Design and Feasibility Project and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed \$34,468, Account No. 314-3020-0630)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3892-2016

- 7B. [16-123](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Confirming the Continued Existence of a Local Drought Emergency in the City of Fort Bragg

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3893-2016

- 7C. [16-135](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Works or City Manager to Sign Right of Way Documents with the California Department of Transportation

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3894-2016

7D. [16-125](#) Approve Minutes of March 28, 2016

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

7E. [16-129](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 29, 2016

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Turner recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:25 PM.

8A. [16-128](#) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Title: City Manager

Mayor Turner reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 11:00 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:00 PM.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

June Lemos, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)