

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2019

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING PROPERTY TRANSFER AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER 11.6- ACRE NOYO CENTER PARCEL TO THE NOYO CENTER FOR MARINE SCIENCE NON-PROFIT AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Fort Bragg City Council has pursued an economic development initiative to establish a marine science and education facility as a cornerstone of future development on the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site property; and

WHEREAS, the City obtained a number of economic development grants that funded preparation of a feasibility study, a strategic planning process, and a Detailed Project Program for the Noyo Center for Marine Science. The City also obtained a Sustainable Communities Grant in 2010 for preparation of conceptual site plans for such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the 11.6-acre parcel was purchased by the City of Fort Bragg in March 2011 with a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy with the purpose to acquire the property in order to develop, construct and operate a Center for Marine Science; and

WHEREAS, the City helped to spin off the Noyo Center for Marine Science (Noyo Center) to an independent non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Noyo Center for Marine Science non-profit was formed as a public benefit corporation and in early 2015, the IRS recognized its non-profit status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Noyo Center is actively involved in developing conceptual designs for the Marine Science Center to be located on the 11.6-acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Noyo Center is developing a capital campaign to raise funds to design, construct and operate a Marine Science Center to be located on the 11.6-acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the California State Coastal Conservancy has provided written support for the transfer of ownership of the 11.6-acre parcel from the City to the Noyo Center; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the Noyo Center has requested transfer of the 11.6-acre parcel, so that it can assure donors and supporters of the Marine Science Center that it has secured the property; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council desires and supports the design, construction and operation of a Marine Science Center on the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site and recognizes the economic benefits such a facility will have on the community; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council wants to ensure that a Marine Science Center is constructed and operated on the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site within a reasonable time after transfer of the 11.6-acre parcel to the Noyo Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg:

Section 1. The City Council makes the following findings and determinations:

- A. The Noyo Center for Marine Science non-profit shares the City Council's goal for a marine science research and educational facility to be located and operated on the former Georgia-Pacific property Mill Site.
- B. A Marine Science Center located and operated in the City of Fort Bragg will have significant educational and economic benefits for the community.
- C. Transferring the 11.6-acre parcel to the Noyo Center for Marine Science is an important step forward in reaching the goal of a fully operating a marine science research and educational facility to be located and operated on the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site property.

Section 2. The City Council hereby approves a Property Transfer Agreement to transfer the 11.6-Acre Noyo Center Parcel to the Noyo Center for Marine Science Non-Profit and authorizing City Manager to execute same.

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 25th day of February, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

WILLIAM V. LEE
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk