



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, April 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Scott Deitz, Councilmember Doug Hammerstrom and Mayor Dave Turner
Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Lindy Peters

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Turner thanked Interim Chief Willis for his assistance noting that this is Willis' last City Council meeting.

1A. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing April 26, 2015 through May 2, 2015 as Rhododendron Week

Councilmember Deitz read the proclamation and presented it to Nannette Giomi from the Rhododendron Society. Giomi thanked the City for this honor and reminded everyone the show will be the first weekend of May at the Botanical Gardens. The show is free and everyone is invited to attend.

1B. Receive Presentation from Mike Beck Regarding Adopt-a-Street Programs

Mike Beck noted that he has been cleaning the area streets and roads for approximately three years. He received a pamphlet from a friend about Paso Robles Adopt-a-Street program and he thought this might be something the City Council would be interested in doing. People commit to cleaning up their block for a year and the City provides the equipment and picks up the garbage. Beck thought this would be a great concept to explore. He noted that Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde wants him to make a presentation to the County Board of Supervisors. He stated that he hopes that he is inspiring business and property owners to adopt this as a long-term program.

This Item was referred to the Public Works and Facilities Committee.

1C. Presentation of Proclamation for Mayors' Day of Recognition for

National Service

Mayor Turner read the proclamation and presented it to Diane Ruben and Allie Cisio representing Community HealthCorps and Tanya Ayala representing First 5 AmeriCorps.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing thanked Steve Willis for his service to the City once again noting that Willis joined the City as an Interim Chief last summer for an indeterminate amount of time. The City is now within a couple of weeks of the newly hired Police Chief joining the City team. On April 27th Fabian Lizzarraga will be sworn in at a ceremony at 10:00 am here at City Hall. The new Chief will then attend his first Council meeting that evening. Ruffing thanked Willis for his stability and leadership over the last nine months. She invited the public to the swearing in ceremony.

She reminded the City Council of the special meeting on Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. with the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District Board to review next year's budget for the C.V. Starr Center.

Ruffing noted that there will be a special Finance and Administration Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd (note: the meeting is actually on Tuesday, April 21st) at 5:00 PM to receive a presentation from staff about Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund's (REMIF) decision to go with self-funding of the City's health service plan. Information about that decision and the options available for providing health care to employees and retirees will be provided at the meeting.

She then asked the City Council to save Saturday, June 6th for the Grand Opening of the northern portion of the Coastal Trail. She noted that the City is still waiting for the restrooms but has been assured they will be installed within the next few weeks. Staff will be reaching out to all Councilmembers and everyone involved in the project that the City wants to acknowledge and thank and will confirm the date in the next week or so.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Turner wished his daughter and son-in-law a happy 13th anniversary. He reported on the progress on taking down the building at 125 N. McPherson and recognized Bryan Paulson, Glen Beck and Waste Management for their assistance. The debris is mostly gone but a fence needs to be installed and the yard needs to be trimmed. Volunteer helpers are welcome. Turner concluded by stating he attended a meeting on April 1st regarding the Hospital Strategic Plan; it was an informative and encouraging meeting.

Councilmember Cimolino reported on all the contacts he had with the public on various topics, including: the Mayor's photos, enforcement of speeding on Chestnut Street, the sewer spill under Noyo Bridge, one business owner in south Fort Bragg called about homeless people sleeping in his parking lot, told by local business owner that Community Development Director Jones was wonderful to work with and was a real asset to the City, call from another developer who is working with Associate Planner O'Rourke stating that he is great to work with, a North Franklin Street business owner who had homeless living in her parking lot called to thank Police Sergeant Kendl and another officer for their help, Police Officer Awad and Police Sergeant Kendl worked hard to get a local gang member convicted, local community organizer and activist stated he was working with City Clerk VanWormer, Administrative Assistant Jourdain and Associate Planner O'Rourke and they were a pleasure to work with and very helpful.

Councilmember Deitz noted that there is one less empty building on Franklin Street; a new store

called Wrens, which is a sister store to Reynolds Men's Wear, is opening across the street and will sell women's clothing. He encouraged people to go check it out and buy something. Deitz noted that the Technology Ad Hoc Committee will meet on April 30th at 10:00 at City Hall to discuss the downtown wireless project. He reported that they met with most downtown business owners and the survey was overwhelmingly in favor of the project but there were a couple of big concerns. Deitz concluded by stating that John Birchard has offered to donate time to fly his new drone over the Coastal Trail to take photos for publicity.

Councilmember Hammerstrom reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met the Visitor Accommodating Business Improvement District (BID) group to discuss changes to their contract with the County to change some of the government structure. Supervisors Dan Gjerde and John McGowen have worked with the group and will sponsor a meeting in Mendocino. If anyone is interested in the BID discussion they should keep an eye on the Board of Supervisors schedule. Hammerstrom stated that he was impressed with Glen Beck's operating the backhoe on the 125 N. McPherson project; the building was down in about a half hour. Hammerstrom concluded by reporting on the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) meeting where they discussed a program for funding projects for transportation called Active Transportation Plan. The program is well funded at this point and MCOG has taken on the role of managing a couple of those projects. They will conduct a workshop this Wednesday.

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

1. Tomas Dertner spoke regarding opposition to the Hare Creek Center project.
2. Erin Dertner asked for stricter historical development to avoid the historic district of Fort Bragg being squashed by new shopping centers.
3. Susan Holli, on behalf of Love In Action, thanked the City Council for making the effort in putting staff into a position to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. She invited people to attend the next meeting of Love in Action on Thursday at St. Michael's to look at the available resources and the best way to maximize them.
4. Linda Jupiter supported the Council's proposal opposing the Fast-Track of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, TAFTA, and TiSA.
5. John Fremont asked for permission to form an advisory board that will meet at least monthly to inform the Council of the needs and concerns of the non-voter. He provided his comments in writing.
6. John Gilmore commended the City Council for trying to remain rational about the Coast Hotel proposal.
7. Jim Tarbell supported Item 7C - Fast-Track of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, TAFTA, and TiSA.
8. Evan Dick spoke in opposition to Old Coast Hotel use by the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center.
9. Eric Dwyer expressed concerns about some of the features at the Coastal Trail. He encouraged people in the City to vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 5A.** Receive Report, Approve Scope of Work, and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Chestnut Street Corridor Project

Public Works Director Varga reviewed the Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item with the City Council, and provided a PowerPoint presentation of the conceptual drawings of the project.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Parking along the side of the street where the trail will be located will create a buffer between the street and trail.
- There are a few places where the trail will need to be narrowed or the parking will need to be eliminated because structures stick out into the right-of-way.
- It was noted that the red paint needs to be redone annually at a cost of between \$2,000 and \$3,000.
- Councilmember Cimolino expressed concern about the storm drain under the trail area and suggested using a video camera to make sure the pipes will not break and damage the path.
- Staff expressed a desire to minimize no parking signs and using the street light standards for installing the signage.
- Normal dimensions for travel lanes is 10'-12' and the conceptual design shows the travel lanes between 10' and 11', depending on location.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: Henrietta Bensussen, David Maki, Jessie Valenzuela, Eric Dwyer, Sue Boecker, Jenny Shattuck, Katie Turner, Judy Valadao, and Lori Stone. Items noted by members of the public included:

- Concern about using an 8' sidewalk for both pedestrians and bicyclists. Also, children are taught not to ride on the sidewalks so this is counter to that lesson. One parent noted that small children should not be encouraged to ride their bicycles in the street.
- Although Chestnut Street is a connector street for cars it doesn't have to be a connector street for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Recommended a stop sign at Corry & Chestnut Streets.
- Valenzuela noted that there is a massive puddle on the corner by his house when it rains even though there is a drain right there; the water does not go toward the drain.
- 10' lanes and bulb-outs make driving difficult for people with larger vehicles.
- Suggested dying the concrete red as a way to save money.
- More crosswalks going from the south side to the north side are needed.
- This project will help school buses pulling out of Dana Gray and going to the High School.

Discussion: The following was noted during continued discussion of this item:

- The City Council liked the idea of dyed curbs but noted that there would be an additional cost for doing a second pour.
- Mayor Turner read a statement from Vice Mayor Peters supporting the Chestnut Street Improvement Plan.
- Councilmembers expressed concern about bulb-outs and median strips at certain locations.
- Staff will work with the designer to incorporate comments made tonight.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Councilmember Hammerstrom, to direct staff to send out the Request for Proposals and consider comments made tonight when designing the project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Peters

Mayor Turner recessed the meeting at 8:01 p.m.; the meeting was reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

- 5B.** Receive Report and Consider Adopting the Following Resolutions Approving Forgivable Loan Agreements Using Funds From Community Development Block Grant #12-CDBG-8388 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same:
1. Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center for the Hospitality House Improvements Project (Amount NTE: \$41,000; Account No. TBD)
 2. Project Sanctuary for the Building Safety Improvements Project (Amount NTE: \$10,000; Account No. TBD)
 3. Redwood Coast Seniors for the Senior Center Kitchen Rehabilitation Project (Amount NTE: \$35,000; Account No. TBD)

The Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item was reviewed with the City Council by Housing & Economic Development Coordinator Owen.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- After the original approval of the loan agreement it would take a triggering event to extend the time period past the five years. Most triggering events require the non-profit to come back to the City to renegotiate the loan.
- A restrictive covenant will be recorded for the non-profits who own their property. For the Redwood Coast Seniors, who do not own their property, a lien will be placed on their equipment.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: Susan Holli's written comments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Deitz, seconded by Councilmember Cimolino, that these Resolutions be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz and Councilmember Hammerstrom

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Peters

Abstain: 1 - Mayor Turner

Mayor Turner returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

- 5C.** Receive Final Fort Bragg Wayfinding Plan and Provide Direction to Staff

Community Development Director Jones reviewed the Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item with the City Council along with a PowerPoint presentation. She requested that the City Council provide direction on whether they want to use "Historic Downtown" or "Old Town."

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- The sign at Laurel Street only points to parking to the west but there is also parking to the east; a two-way arrow will be added to Sign 10.
- Councilmembers felt it was too early to make a decision on whether to use "Historic Downtown" or "Old Town" and directed staff to leave it as "Historic Downtown" for now.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: Eric Dwyer, Hilary White, and David Maki.

Discussion: The following was noted during continued discussion of this item:

- Staff recommended adding Glass Beach to the Noyo Headlands sign and adding directional signage on the Coastal Trail.
- The current Welcome sign may be relocated to the north end of town if it is okay with the property owner, GeoAggregate.

City Council concurred that the pedestrian and automobile signage be installed as soon as possible. They directed staff as follows:

1. See if GeoAggregate would be okay with the City installing the current Welcome sign on their property at the north end of town.
2. Add "Welcomes You" to the new sign.
3. Install the service signs separately near the Boatyard Shopping Center.
4. Bring back artist renderings of the new Welcome sign with different bases (descending piers in a maritime theme or using rocks rather than posts).

6B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Continued, If Needed)

10. Ann Rennacker supported Item 7C stating that she is suspicious of any kind of thing they are trying to pass calling it a trade agreement when it is done in secret and benefits the corporations and not the people.
11. Eric Dwyer thanked the Mayor for asking people who didn't fill out a Speaker Card to speak if they wanted.
12. Cecile Cutler submitted the following comment in writing: "I believe in grass roots participation in global issues. Trans-Pacific Trade Pact is not good for the planet. Secret treaties are not acceptable to democratic process."
13. Ann Rennacker submitted written comments opposing destroying pygmy forest for the Highway 20 transfer station.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Peters

- 7A.** Receive Recommendation from Public, Educational, Government (PEG) Ad Hoc Committee and Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Mendocino TV for PEG Support Services and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same Upon Execution by Consultant (Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000 total: \$20,000 for Initial Set Up and \$50,000 for First Year Operations; Account No. 110-4190-0623)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 7B.** Appoint Joe Sutphin to Serve on the Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority

Joe Sutphin's appointment to the Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority Board was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7C.** Receive Recommendation from Finance & Administration Committee and Adopt Resolution Opposing the Fast-Track of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, TAFTA, and TiSA
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7D.** Adopt Joint City Council/Improvement District/Redevelopment Successor Agency Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with JJACPA, Inc. for Auditing Services and Authorizing City/District Manager/Executive Director to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed \$41,600 in FY 2014/15, \$41,050 in FY 2015/16, and \$41,800 in FY 2016/17 (\$124,450 Total); Split Among the Agencies)
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7E.** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving 2015-2017 Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Bragg Police Association and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7F.** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a New Compensation Plan for the Technology Support Technician Position.
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7G.** Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Resolution Amending the FY 2014/15 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7H.** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2014/15 C.V. Starr Community Center Budget to Include Mid-Year Budget Adjustments
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7I.** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Crawford & Associates, Inc. for South Coastal Trail Design and Engineering Services and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same Upon Execution By Consultant (Amount NTE: \$95,947; Account 415-5012-0310)
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 7J.** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a Contract Amendment to the Fort Bragg Electric Town Hall Remodel Contract to Install New Front Glass Doors and an ADA Electric Door Opener at Town Hall (Amount Not to Exceed \$20,146.02, Account #412-5501-0731)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 7K.** Adopt City Council Resolution Adopting the City's New Personnel Rules and Regulations

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 7L.** Public Safety Committee Minutes from February 11, 2015 Meeting

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

- 7M.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 16, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7N.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 18, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7O.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 19, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7P.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 23, 2015 (adjourned to March 24, 2015)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7Q.** Approve Minutes of March 23, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7R.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 30, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7S.** Approve Minutes from Special Meeting of March 31, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)