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Meeting Minutes Special City Council

Monday, March 30, 2015

3:00 PM

Police Department Conference Room,
250 Cypress Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Peters arrived at 3:44 p.m.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. David Gurney stated that the minutes from the February 21 retreat reflect an "us vs. them mentality", with the public negativity mentioned regarding the Old Coast Hotel, Hare Creek appeals, and firing of the Police Chief. He asked why this meeting isn't being held in Town Hall and stated that the whole thing about the Town Hall remodel is a good example of the way government is operating behind closed door. There was a July 25, 2014 meeting where public was not invited and the plans for the remodel were laid out then. All of the decisions were made before the item was brought up in August when a report was given to the City Council. The final project cost was over \$300,000. He then asked why over \$700,000 was given to a local car dealership. How are these decisions being made? He stated that there are also a lot of closed door meetings to deal with labor negotiations. Gurney then mentioned a number of things such as the Social Services building, City surrounded by a park (except South Fort Bragg), promoting open space, and not having meetings behind closed doors.
2. Jess Stuckey stated that he has been working with Loren Rex from State Parks to get the haul road from MacKerricher to Fort Bragg paved. He showed a picture of a glow in the dark pathway in Norway. This is a project everyone in the community can get behind. Local organizations need to come together to get things to happen. Stuckey concluded by asking when the Coastal Trail will come out on Redwood.

2. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

2A. [15-083](#) Conduct City Council/Management Team Goal-Setting Workshop

I. Welcome

- Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Meeting
- Overview of Retreat Agenda, Logistics, Ground Rules

Mayor Turner noted that the City Council met in February and decided to have a follow-up meeting with Management staff to help with the process. He then introduced the facilitator, Sue Haun who reviewed the agenda, explained the prior meeting, established meeting guidelines, and facilitated discussion using the following working agenda.

- ##### **II. Public Expression**
- Public expression was received from Scott Menzies, Chriss Zaida, Johanna Jensen, David Gurney, Malcolm McDonald, Leslie Kashiwada, Judy Valadao, and

George Reinhardt. Items noted included:

- The City needs to be thinking long-term and building on their assets. Focus on economic development, not just economic growth. Look at providing “livelihood” not just jobs.
- The City needs a marketing team. The Coastal Trail is fabulous but most visitors don’t even know about it.
- Look at and incorporate the Mills Act program to provide tax incentives to people who preserve and restore their historic properties.
- Have a community bulletin board page on FaceBook.
- Offer incentives such as low income loans or tax incentives to stimulate the economy.
- The City Council and staff need to look at where they have weaknesses internally and address those.
- All decisions need to be made in the open and by the City Council, not staff.
- Be mindful of the words used; it was noted that the term “thuggery” was used about the public voice at meetings. There needs to be more civility and more civic lessons.
- Pay attention to strategic plans already in place and long-term goals.
- Have more public input earlier in the process; keep everything transparent.
- Climate change should inform everything the City does when they address long-term planning.
- Consider forming an Economic Development Committee that is funded in the same manner as the Promotion Committee; that Committee can then work on attracting business and creating jobs.
- Consider a “living wage” ordinance but be careful that it doesn’t negatively affect businesses.

III. Setting a Strategic Direction - 2015-2020 Outcomes & Action Plans

- **Strategic Framework**
- **Results of Pre-Retreat Interviews**

Priority Area: A Prosperous Economy

- Have a grand opening of the Coastal Trail - Make it a media event - **Immediate**
- Mill Site:
 - Move forward with a Local Coastal Plan (LCP) amendment to change the Coastal General Plan to eliminate the requirement for a Specific Plan; Prepare staff report for future Council meeting
 - Presentation at a City Council meeting regarding desalination
- Economic Development:
 - Technology - Downtown wireless/fiber - **Immediate**
 - Develop business attraction program
 - Downtown revitalization - Mills Act - Façade improvements
 - Noyo Center for Marine Science - incubator

Priority Area: A Healthy Environment

- Coastal Trail connection to downtown - **ASAP!**

Priority Area: An Engaged Community

Priority Area: A Strong Organization

- Have a joint City Council-Planning Commission meeting

IV. Next Steps, Wrap Up

- **Next Steps & Reflection** - everyone stated what they liked the most about the process.
- **Closing Comments** - notes will be transcribed by the facilitator and provided to the City Council and staff.

2B. [15-063](#)

TIMED ITEM: 8:00 PM

Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Modifications to South Fort Bragg Coastal Trail Design

Community Development Director Jones reviewed the Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item with the City Council and noted that four of the artist benches have been installed on the trail. She noted that Georgia-Pacific (GP) is interested in consolidating all of the City's easements into one location.

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

- Campbell Timberland Management has expressed that they might be able to help with moving the Chalet.
- There is a Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) grant to figure out alternative routes to the Harbor so the City may want to wait on a final decision on developing of the Noyo Harbor Beach access until that is completed.
- Entering at Cypress Street will likely be less expensive than coming in on Noyo Point Road as that access would require installation of a gravel road and Caltrans may ultimately require the City to do improvements at SR1 and Noyo Point Road.
- A road was never designed from Noyo Point Road, just a Class 1 trail. The decision is whether to do both trails or not. Currently a multi-use trail is planned from Noyo Point to the runway.
- Option B in Table 2 (pros and Cons of Options for Noyo Beach connection) would allow for bicycle use but Options A and C would not.

Public comments were received from: Johanna Jensen, Lori Stone, Mike Grady, Christine Anderson, George Reinhardt, and Ron Bloomquist.

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

- The City would be responsible for maintaining the dog park but McDog and users of the park could help.
- The fence at Noyo Point Road complies with requirements in the City's Coastal Land Use & Development Code and Coastal General Plan.
- Using the crews from Parlin Fork and Chamberlain Creek has allowed the City to save approximately \$70,000 on this project so far. The crews built the fences and several benches.
- It is still in the plans to have a trail over the dam as well as around the mill pond. The cost for both is estimated at \$1.2 million but there is only \$450,000 available.
- Council and staff discussed the best location for the trail to connect with downtown - Oak Street, Alder Street or Redwood Avenue. Jones stated that it will depend on what the City can negotiate with GP.
- If the Remedial Action Plan for the mill pond includes retaining the dam, GP will have to structurally stabilize it. City Manager Ruffing noted that GP is under order by the Division of Dam Safety to fix the dam.
- If the City can't transfer money from the Prop 84 grant from Phase I to Phase II the only money available will be the \$344,000 from the Coastal Conservancy grant.
- City staff should finish negotiating the Cypress Street gate access first before discussing additional right-of-way acquisition with GP.

City Council consensus was to direct staff to pursue incorporation of the following improvements into the Coastal Trail project:

- 1. Add spaces to the Elm Street Parking Lot (\$20,000);**
- 2. Proceed with Cypress Street Gate Alternate and the multi-use trail or pedestrian only path from Cypress Street to the parking lot (\$250,000 - \$300,000);**
- 3. Reserve up to \$344,000 from Coastal Conservancy grant and additional funding as possible from State Parks Prop 84 grant for the Phase II Coastal Trail around the Mill Pond;**
- 4. Allocate \$10,000 in funding to establish an off leash dog park along the runway if funds are available to do so; and**
- 5. Allocate remaining funds (as available from the Coastal Conservancy grant) to move and install the Chalet at the Noyo Center site.**

3. CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval of the Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by Vice Mayor Peters, 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

- 3A. [15-084](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Accepting the Bid of Akeff Construction Services, Inc. as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding the Contract for the Green Alley Project, City Project 2013-07 to Akeff Construction Services, Inc. and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount not to Exceed \$289,195.50; Account No. 409-5011-0731)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3786-2015

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)