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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, February 13, 2017

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

AMENDED

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Lindy Peters, Vice Mayor Will Lee, Councilmember Michael Cimolino and Councilmember Bernie Norvell
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Dave Turner

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [17-075](#) Update on Appointments to City Council Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and Interagency Assignments

Mayor Peters reviewed the list of Interagency, Standing and Ad Hoc Committee appointments. Peters noted one change to the interagency assignment list: Councilmember Norvell will replace Mayor Peters on the Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority. The Mayor also noted two significant changes in meeting times and days from last year's Committee schedule.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from:

- Annemarie Weibel expressed her preference for all noticing of ad hoc committees to be done in a consistent manner.

2A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes)

- Nancy Harris described the purpose and goals of a newly formed group called the Jewish Justice Group.
- Evan Dick spoke in opposition to people harming the City of Fort Bragg.
- Scott Chapman talked about his work as a homeless advocate between the City and Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center (MCHC).

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing reported on the success of "Mondays with the Mayor" and announced that

one suggestion to get a weather station here in Fort Bragg may be happening soon. Ruffing mentioned the shortened lobby hours at the Post Office; City employees currently attending the Risk Management Seminar in Southern California; desalination discussions from the City Managers Conference in Monterey; upcoming Special City Council meetings in March; and a Councilmember Retreat. Chief of Police Lizarraga provided a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program update: Over 20 local citizens recently received their CERT certification; Sergeant McLaughlin attended a CERT training in Maryland; and McLaughlin is now trained to teach a class in the future.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Peters reported that Mondays with the Mayor have been highly attended; low income and affordable housing has been a primary concern of public attendees. Peters advised the public that public comment will be taken after Agenda Item 7A and recommended those interested in the Hospitality Center programs and facilities also attend the Public Safety Committee meeting on February 15, 2017.

Vice Mayor Lee explained the homeless issue report had been added to the agenda at his request in an attempt to open the communication lines between the City, the Hospitality Center, and the public.

Councilmember Cimolino announced the publication of the California Healthy Kids survey as presented by the Coalition for Gang Awareness and Prevention; the Day in the Park is tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2017; there will be a marijuana forum coming soon and they want representation from the City and the Council; and the Latino Coalition's recent meeting had a very high turnout.

Councilmember Norvell reported on his recent attendance at an Economic Development Financing Corporation meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Lee requested that Item 5A be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Cimolino, seconded by Councilmember Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5A. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Turner

[17-094](#) Approve City Council Letter in Support of Mayor Peters' Nomination to the California Coastal Commission

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

[17-082](#) Approve City Council Letter in Support of SB 2 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- [17-090](#) Approve City Council Letter in Support of SB 3 (Beall) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018
This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-061](#) Receive and File Minutes of the December 7, 2016 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-086](#) Receive and File Minutes of the November 22, 2016 Community Development Committee Meeting
These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-084](#) Receive and File Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Special Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-067](#) Approve Minutes of January 23, 2017
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-089](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of February 2, 2017
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-100](#) Approve Minutes of Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of February 6, 2017
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- [17-102](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Confirming the Continued Existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Fort Bragg
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3978-2017

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5A. [17-091](#) Adopt Municipal Improvement District Resolution Accepting the Bid of Akeff Construction Services, Inc. as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding the Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Flow Meter Project, City Project 2017-02, to Akeff Construction Services, Inc. and Authorizing District Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$48,800; Account No. 714-4713-0741)

City Manager Ruffing stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Flow Meter project was created in response to a State Water Board exceedance penalty and in lieu of paying the fine, the City made an agreement to install this monitoring system for waste effluent as a compliance

project. Ruffing noted that this item is the contract agreement accepting the bid and awarding the contract to Akeff Construction at the recommendation of the Public Works Director.

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES ID 387-2017

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6A. [17-078](#) Conduct Public Hearing, Receive Planning Commission Recommendation, Consider Adoption of a City Council Resolution Adopting a Negative Declaration, Waive the First Reading and Introduce by Title Only Ordinance 928-2017 Amending Fort Bragg Municipal Code Sections 18.24.030, 18.42.055 and 18.100.020 to Provide Regulations for Cannabis Manufacturing Within Non-Coastal Zone Portions of the City of Fort Bragg

Associate Planner Perkins described the timeline and processes by which this Public Hearing came about, detailed the process of updating the Municipal code, the process for permitting a cannabis manufacturing facility, and reviewed the conclusion of the Negative Declaration. Perkins stated two actions are required by City Council in order to adopt this Negative Declaration and Introduce the Ordinance.

Discussion on this item included:

Councilmembers inquired about the possible impacts to residences located in Industrial districts and clarified legal requirements for proximity to sensitive uses like schools and churches. Councilmembers Lee and Cimolino spoke in favor of this ordinance.

Mayor Peters opened the Public Hearing at 6:57 PM.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from:

- Simon Smith spoke in support of adopting this ordinance.
- Jon McColley spoke in support of adopting this ordinance.

Mayor Peters closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM.

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES 3979-2017

A motion was made by Councilmember Cimolino, seconded by Councilmember Norvell, that Ordinance No. 928-2017 be introduced. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES 3979-2017

7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

7A. [17-095](#) Receive Update from Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center on Programs and Facilities Serving Fort Bragg

Mayor Peters introduced this item and requested respect and open lines of communication from participants. City Manager Ruffing gave an overview of events leading up to this agenda item, points of tension on the subject, the recent influx of homeless population in Fort Bragg, and the complicated nature of the issue. Ruffing reiterated the need for respect and invited participants to attend the upcoming meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center's (MCHC) Board Member Lynelle Johnson presented an overview of the facilities, services, and funding sources of MCHC. Councilmembers discussed the following topics:

- Funding sources and implementation timetables
- Creating community outreach programs
- MTA bus vouchers
- Bans and penalties from services
- Business competition between a tax payer supported business and a private business
- Installation of cameras at MCHC facilities
- Concerns about strain on Police Department resources for patrolling MCHC facilities
- On-site management at MCHC facilities
- Concerns about the programs' expansion beyond available resources
- Security staffing during meal times
- Timelines established by permitting entities (City, State, and grant)
- Inquiry about promotional activities performed by MCHC
- Methods for complaint responses
- Hospitality House; installation of an alarmed fire safe push bar exit door at alley entrance gate, right of way concerns with loitering in the alley behind Purity, public safety, drinking in the alley, and gate signage
- Increasing regulations for the Extreme Weather Shelter (EWS)
- Business owners' concerns

Mayor Peters recessed the meeting at 8:25 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 8:34 PM.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from:

- Andrea Luna spoke in support of preserving the EWS and expressed her dissatisfaction with the removal of the Franklin Street bench, the lack of bathrooms in downtown, and communication.
- Joan Katseff spoke in favor of preserving the EWS and working toward solutions for the nationwide homeless problem.
- Susan Holli spoke in favor of preserving the EWS and expressed her gratitude for the Hospitality Center funds which support the EWS.
- Jay McMartin Rosenquist expressed concerns about the homeless impact on nearby

businesses.

- Scott Taubold discussed his work with the homeless population.
- Judy Valadao spoke about her interaction with the homeless and expressed her disappointment at the MCHC director's absence.
- Jim Britt expressed concerns about the lack of transparency at MCHC meetings and the need for new leadership on the MCHC Board.
- Kristy Cox spoke in favor of preserving the EWS and expressed concerns about the continued need for care of people with mental illnesses.
- Letter from Lynette Reynolds; Mayor Peters read Reynolds' letter which communicated opposition to the homeless shelters and the transient problem.
- Scott Chapman expressed concern that MCHC is forcing mentally ill and physically disabled people to do mandatory work; stated that people are being kicked out when they need help; and addressed issues with sanitary conditions within the Hospitality House facility.
- Sue Boeker spoke in opposition to MCHC's downtown location and the discontent among the community.
- Letter from James Hooper; Mayor Peters read Hooper's letter which communicated opposition to MCHC's downtown location, reported the negative impacts on nearby businesses, and recommended separating the service for the mentally ill and the needy.
- Annemarie Weibel inquired about timelines for MCHC completion.
- Anne Marie Cesario asked who makes timelines for MCHC task completion.
- Ann Rennaker spoke in favor of continued support for homeless services and job availability to homeless people.

Discussion: MCHC Board Member Johnson recommended that questions posed during public comment be reviewed during the February 15, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting. Councilmembers expressed concerns about the ongoing homeless issues, the need for additional dialogue, and problem-solving strategies. Staff was directed to come to the meeting prepared to address CDBG grant specific questions.

7B. [17-015](#) Receive Report and Consider Updates to the Approved Street Names List and Establish Corrected Addresses for City Facilities Located in South Noyo Headlands Park

Engineering Technician O'Neal described the issues with the current address assignments of City property on the South Coastal Trail and detailed the process by which corrected addresses could be assigned. During the discussion, Councilmembers expressed support for maintaining traditional street naming themes. Council directed staff to name Street #1, West Cypress Street; Street #2, Jere Melo Street; and future streets should be named using tree species and resident surnames unless otherwise petitioned.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from:

- Dave Gurney spoke in opposition to the name Jere Melo Street and recommended allowing more public input on this item.
- Eric Dwyer spoke in opposition to the continuation of the north south grid naming and supports more creativity.

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

- 7C. [17-087](#) Receive Recommendation from Public Works & Facilities Committee and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding a Policy for Special Events in Coastal Parks

This item was not presented and was continued to the next City Council meeting on February 27, 2017; however, one member of the public had completed a speaker card, so Mayor Peters allowed comment.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from:

- David Gurney spoke in opposition to the City charging money for the use of parks and expressed concern with the suggested costs being unattainable.

This Staff Report was continued to the meeting of February 27, 2017.

2B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes, If Necessary)

8. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

LINDY PETERS, MAYOR

Chantell O'Neal, City Clerk Pro Tem

IMAGED (_____)