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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, May 8, 2017

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Lindy Peters, Vice Mayor Will Lee, Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Bernie Norvell and Councilmember Dave Turner

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [17-218](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing May 7 - 13, 2017 as "Municipal Clerks Week" and Acknowledging June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk, for her Accomplishments

Mayor Peters presented City Clerk June Lemos with a proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks Week.

- 1B. [17-226](#)** Presentation of Proclamation declaring May 7 - 13, 2017 as "National Hospital Week"

Vice Mayor Lee presented a proclamation to Mendocino Coast District Hospital (MCDH) employees in recognition of National Hospital Week. MCDH board president Steve Lund accepted the proclamation on behalf of all MCDH staff.

- 1C. [17-246](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing May 2017 as "National Bike Month"

Mayor Peters presented a proclamation recognizing National Bike Month to Neil Davis, Director of Walk & Bike Mendocino.

- 1D. [17-247](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing May 14 - 20, 2017 as "National Police Week"

Councilmember Cimolino read a proclamation recognizing National Police Week. Police Chief Lizarraga accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Fort Bragg Police Department.

1E. [17-265](#) Presentation of 2017 Mayor's Well Done Awards

Mayor Peters and Planning Technician Sarah McCormick presented the following 2017 Mayor's Well Done Awards: Best Residential Projects, Scott Smith (new construction), and David & Laura Welter (new addition); Best Commercial Projects, Jamie Campione & John Scott (new remodel), and Coast Hardware (new commercial facade); Best Window Display, Astoria; Best New Sign, Understuff.

1F. [17-236](#) Presentation by Trish Steel of Mendocino Broadband Alliance Regarding County Broadband Goals and Strategy

Trish Steel of the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County gave a presentation to the City Council on the status of bringing affordable high-speed broadband to all residents of Mendocino County. Public Comment on this item was received from:

- Shirley Freriks spoke in support of the goals of the Broadband Alliance.

At the Council's request, this matter will be brought back as a Consent Calendar item in June in the form of a resolution of support for the Broadband Alliance's goals and strategies.

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

- James Goeckler, lead Treatment Operator, read a petition signed by City employees regarding cost of living increase and healthcare benefits.
- Mayor Peters read a comment card from George Mansfield, Sr.
- Ann Rennacker said that a Veterans for Peace sailboat operating out of Eureka plans a trip to Noyo Harbor on June 11.
- Rex Gressett spoke in opposition to the Hare Creek Center project.
- Malcolm MacDonald commented on the City Council closed session of May 8.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing acknowledged all public servants in local, county and state government in honor of Public Service Recognition Week. Chief Lizarraga noted that the recent Drug Take Back event was a success, and the Police Department took in about 13.9 kg (approximately 30 lbs.) of medications that were no longer needed. He gave an update on the City's gang activity of the past few weeks and the Fort Bragg Police Department's involvement in the Multi-Agency Gang Suppression unit.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Peters reported that marijuana dispensaries will be discussed at the May 17th Public Safety Committee meeting. He commented on the efforts to curtail traffic violations in town. The mayor noted that CalRecycle is meeting the requirements of AB 939, and that Fort Bragg is a leader in the county in regard to solid waste reduction. Vice Mayor Lee spoke of the multiple traumas that the Fort Bragg hospital recently handled and commended the emergency workers for their hard work. He requested that Community Development Department look into what can be done to help landowners rent the houses in town that have been sitting empty for years. Councilmember Norvell reported on his ride-along last week with members of the FBPD, stating how impressed he was with the way the police officers performed their jobs. Councilmember Turner reported on a recent Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority meeting and the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs. He also reported on the April 29th Rural Health Rocks Concert that benefitted the teaching hospitals of Lake and Mendocino Counties.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Turner requested that Item 5D be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Norvell and Councilmember Turner

- 5A. [17-237](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2016-17 C.V. Starr Community Center Budget to Appropriate a Net Total of \$6,000 from the C.V. Starr Enterprise Fund (Budget Amendment No. 2017-23); Not To Exceed \$6,000; Fund 810 to Account No. 810-4812-0319; Professional Services)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3997-2017

- 5B. [17-255](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2016-17 Budget to Use De-Federalized CDBG Funds Not to Exceed \$5,000 to Complete Final HOME Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Project (Budget Amendment No. 2017-24, Account No. 131-5010-0630)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3998-2017

- 5C. [17-251](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of the August 28, 2017 City Council Meeting to Accommodate Summer Vacation Schedules

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3999-2017

- 5E. [17-225](#)** Approve Insurance Matrix Updating and Establishing Insurance Limits for Contracts and Activities

This Consent Calendar item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F. [17-261](#)** Approve City Council Letter of Opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Regarding De Facto Ban on Local Government Contracts

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5G. [17-258](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the March 22, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting

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

- 5H. [17-257](#) Receive and File Minutes of the March 28, 2017 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

- 5I. [17-242](#) Approve Minutes of Special Closed Session of April 19, 2017

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5J. [17-241](#) Approve Minutes of April 24, 2017

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5K. [17-262](#) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of April 28, 2017

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5D. [17-266](#) Adopt by Title Only and Waive Second Reading of Ordinance 929-2017 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.68 (Preservation of Parks) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Safety and Morals) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to Allow Segways in City Parks

Councilmember Turner requested that the ordinance language be modified to say "Segway-like" vehicles instead of simply "Segways," since the local tour business does not own Segways ("Segway" is a brand name). As this change does not significantly alter the ordinance, it was agreed that Ordinance 929-2017 can be adopted as amended.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lee, seconded by Councilmember Norvell, that this Ordinance be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: ORD 929-2017

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 7A. [17-256](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Safe Routes to School Outreach Program

Special Projects Manager Owen presented the staff report on this agenda item and responded to questions from Councilmembers. She introduced Neil Davis, Director of Walk & Bike Mendocino, who is implementing the Safe Routes to School Program activities in Fort Bragg. Mr. Davis gave a slide presentation to the Council showing the public education efforts of Walk & Bike Mendocino. Owen explained that the resolution formally approves the Safe Routes to School Outreach

Program.

Public Comment: None.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Norvell and Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES 4000-2017

7B. [17-263](#)

Receive Report and Solicit Public Input Regarding How to Improve the Civility of Discourse in Public Forums in Our Community

City Manager Ruffing noted that the City Councilmembers discussed the civility of social discourse in their recent retreat and considered adopting rules of conduct that would provide guidance to Council, staff and the public regarding how to productively engage in Council discussion. This agenda item is to solicit input from members of the public regarding the issue.

Public Comment was received from:

- Miranda Ramos provided an example of a listening tool called LAWS, Like-Add-Worry-So. She said speakers should find something that they Like about what the opposing side is saying; Add their own perspective on the issue; address what their Worry is; and end with So, in summary...then stop and let the discourse go on from there.
- Hilary White could not stay for the public comment on this item, but the Mayor read her remarks expressing support for this conversation regarding civility in social discourse.
- Scott Menzies noted that this issue is critically important to the peaceful discussion of matters, as those who cannot control their emotions drive others away which is an affront to democracy. He recommended that whatever policy the Council decides should include "teeth" to enforce it.
- Carol White would like to see the elimination of hate speech and bullying, stating that this is happening everywhere and it is intimidating. She would like to see grievance procedures afforded to the public.
- Simon Smith said it is important to impress upon members of the public that they have a responsibility to do homework before showing up at meetings and attacking staff or Councilmembers, as it is counterproductive to getting business done when half of a meeting is spent telling people information they could have gathered on their own.
- Ann Rennacker spoke about recent trends in public discourse and the lack of civility in national politics.

Discussion: The following points were noted during discussion of this item:

- The public should address remarks to the Mayor and not yell at staff.
- Abuse of City staff will never be tolerated.
- The Speak Your Peace website can be a starting place for working on a code of conduct and civility.
- Public comment should not include profanity or name calling.
- Showing respect for each other should be the order of the day.

Staff was directed to schedule this matter for discussion by the Finance and Administration Committee during the month of June to create and refine a Code of Conduct.

7C. [17-234](#)

Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Accepting the Bid of GOC Construction and Roofing as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding the Contract for the Guest House Roof Replacement Project, City Project 2017-03, to GOC Construction and

Roofing and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$178,580.00; Account No. 416-5506-0731)

Assistant Director of Public Works Smith presented the staff report on this item and responded to questions from Councilmembers regarding the vetting of the contractor, the use of materials for the roofing job, and safety measures for the project.

Public Comment was received from:

- Eric Dwyer thanked Councilmember Norvell for saving the City \$60,000.

Discussion: The Council generally agreed on the importance of the Guest House Museum building to the City of Fort Bragg and noted that in addition to the reroofing and painting planned for this year, efforts will need to be undertaken soon to solidify the building.

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: 5 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Norvell and Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES 4001-2017

7D. [17-267](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding Scope of Services for Grant Application to the California Coastal Commission Requesting \$120,000 to Offset Costs of the Fort Bragg Mill Site LCP Amendment Project

Community Development Director Jones summarized the staff report for the Council, asking that they provide input and direction before she completes the grant application to the Coastal Commission. She itemized the seven tasks included in the application and responded to questions from the Council.

Public Comment was received from:

- Susan Kelley encouraged the Council to support the grant application, saying it is important that staff has the resources they need to look at the issues involved.
- Ann Rennacker wants a cleanup of the toxins on the Mill Site and is concerned about the property being sold piecemeal.
- John Gallo spoke about rising sea level, existing trends and conditions assessments. He recommends that the Council consider adding more emphasis on open space and update the open space and aesthetics study.

Discussion: The Councilmembers unanimously supported applying for the grant and thanked Community Development Director Jones for her work on the staff report and in completing the grant application. They directed her to emphasize the sea level and climate change aspects of the application to help get the funding.

Staff was directed to proceed with the grant application.

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

LINDY PETERS, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)