



Regular Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID 882 5385 1909 Password 558166

- We May Disagree, But We Will Be Respectful of One Another
- All Comments Will Be Directed to the Issue at Hand, and Addressed to the City Council
- Personal Attacks are Unacceptable
- The City Council May Take Action on any Item on this Agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

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Mayor Trent called the public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. ROLL CALL: Council Member Conley - Present, Council Member Losey - Absent, Council Member Mobley - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson - Present, Mayor Trent - Present

2. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Dr. Caterina Kein - Fortuna Resident - spoke in support the River Life Foundation. She relayed her experience volunteering with River Life for a clean-up and described how unsafe the area was due to transient activity, needles and lack of sharps containers. She advocated for a way to create a means to address derelict properties for reporting and safety.

James Graham - River Life Foundation - Expressed his and River Life's dedication to the City. He commented on River Life receiving no finding from the City outside of dumping fees. He expressed appreciation for City staff but felt property owners need to be held accountable. He also felt that River Life shouldn't be responsible for all of the work. He advocated for working to get help for those who want it. He requested a special meeting with the City to discuss options.

Jennifer LaRue - River Life Foundation - Agreed with information stated by James Graham and added additional information about a previous \$15,000 contract the City held with John Shelter. LaRue added that the River Life Foundation is currently paying for their non-profit insurance and

vehicle registration. LaRue requested to be put on a future City Council agenda.

Walt Wilson - Fortuna Resident - Welcomed Chief Day back and thanked Lieutenant Eberhardt for his work while Chief was at training.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the Oral Comment section.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

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Tracy O'Connell, a volunteer with the American Red Cross accepted the American Red Cross Proclamation.

a. American Red Cross Month

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4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Conley to approve Consent Calendar items a - m. AYES: Council Members Conley, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Losey MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

- a. City Council Minutes – February 5, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
- b. City Council Minutes – February 20, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
- c. City Council Minutes – February 26, 2024 (Special Meeting)
- d. Administrative Department Monthly Report
- e. Community Development Department Monthly Report
- f. Finance Department Monthly Report
- g. Parks & Recreation Monthly Report
- h. Police Department Monthly Report
- i. Public Works Monthly Report
- j. River Lodge Monthly Report
- k. Report of Disbursements
- l. 2023 General Plan Annual Report
- m. 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

5. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services Agreement with CSG Consulting for SB 1383 Compliance and Franchise Agreement Development**

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: City Manager Merritt Perry provided staff report on executing a professional services contract with CSG Consulting for SB 1383 Compliance and Franchise Agreement Development. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Council Member Mobley to authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with CSG Consultants to

continue assisting the city with SB 1383 compliance and development of a franchise agreement. Voice vote. AYES: Council Members Conley, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Losey MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

b. Initiative No. 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: City Manager Merritt Perry provided staff report on Initiative No. 21-0042A1, the taxpayer protection and government accountability act. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional public comment, Mayor Trent closed public comment section. COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Mobley moved, seconded by Council Member Conley to Adopt Resolution 2024-06, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Opposing Initiative No. 21-0042A1, the Taxpayer Accountability Act. Roll Call Vote. AYES: Council Members Conley, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Losey MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Minutes:

City Manager Merritt Perry provided a verbal report.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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City Manager Merritt Perry informed Council of an upcoming Special Meeting to discuss revenue before the next City Council meeting. Perry also requested to add the annual FBID Annual Report for a future Council meeting.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- a. Council Member Kyle Conley
- b. Council Member Mike Losey
- c. Council Member Kris Mobley
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Johnson
- e. Mayor Tami Trent

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to continue this closed session to the next City Council meeting. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, City Negotiator: City Manager Merritt Perry, Employee Organizations: Fortuna Police Employees Association, Fortuna Employees Association, and the Unrepresented/Management group in accordance with Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.**

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Continued to 4/1/2024.

10. ADJOURN

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Conley to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

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