



Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 3:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

Special Meeting Agenda

**Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 822 8736 0616 Password:
926085**

- 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 Johnson called the public meeting to order at 3:00 pm and led the flag salute. ROLL CALL: Council Member Conley - Present, Council Member Diaz - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Trent - Present, Mayor Johnson - Present.

2. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

3. MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN AND ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Council member Diaz to adjourn to closed session at 3:01p.m. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

- a. 3:00 P.M. - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT Agency Designated Representatives:
City Manager Amy Nilsen Title: Interim Police Chief**

- b. **3:00 P.M. - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** Agency designated representatives: City Manager Amy Nilsen Unrepresented employee: Police Lieutenant

4. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Minutes:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open session at 3:38 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

5. BUSINESS ITEM

a. Consider appointing Lieutenant Matthew A. Eberhardt as Interim Police Chief

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: City Manager, Amy Nilsen, provided staff report on appointing Lieutenant Eberhardt as Interim Police Chief. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve and appoint Lieutenant Matthew A. Eberhardt as Interim Police Chief at an annual salary of \$148,000 with the city directly purchasing uniforms for total of \$1,500 effective March 29, 2025, with all other terms of his existing employment arrangement remaining in place. Voice Vote. AYES: Council Member Conley, Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 4/0

b. Authorize City Manager to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Jen Rice Consults for Strategic Planning and Supplemental Budget Request

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: City Manager, Amy Nilsen, provided staff report on the professional services agreement with Jen Rice Consults for strategic planning. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement with Jen Rice Consults for Strategic Planning and approve a supplemental budget request for \$18,810. Voice vote. AYES: Council Member Conley, Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 4/0

6. ADJOURN

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 4/0