



Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

Regular Meeting Agenda

Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID 853 5682 5135 Password 503586

- 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

Minutes:

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the flag salute.
ROLL CALL: Council Member Conley - Absent, Council Member Diaz - Present,
Council Member Stevens - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Trent - Present, Mayor Johnson - Present

2. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

a. Annual Measure E Report Presented by Measure E Committee Chair Sue Long

Minutes:

Measure E Committee Chair Sue Long presented the annual Measure E report.

b. FY 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review Presented by Finance Director Aaron Felmlee

Minutes:

Finance Director Aaron Felmlee presented the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year budget.

3. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no public comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no public comment, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent, to approve the consent calendar. AYES: Council Member Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Conley MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

- a. **City Council Minutes – 01-20-2026, (Special Meeting 5pm) and 01-20-2026 (Special Meeting 6pm)**
- b. **Report of Disbursements**
- c. **Revise Measure E Committee Bylaws - Meeting Date Schedule, Resolution 2026-01**
- d. **Review and Approve Mayor's Recommendation of Appointee to the Historical Commission and Park Commission**
- e. **Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate Professional Services Contracts with GHD, SHN, Ontiveros & Associates, Whitchurch Engineering, and Shobe Engineering to Provide Various On-Call Consulting Services**
- f. **Approval of EV Charging Station MOU and Lease Agreement with Redwood Coast Energy Authority and Associated Utility Easement Agreement with PG&E**

5. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2026-781 Amendments to the Fortuna Zoning Map**

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Senior Planner Michelle Nielsen from Planwest Partners Inc. provided a staff report on Ordinance 2026-781, amendments to the Fortuna Zoning Map.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to hold a second reading and adopt Ordinance 2026-781, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Certifying Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and Amending Section 17.302.030 of the Municipal Code (Zoning Map) to Implement General Plan Land Use Amendments and the Mill District Specific Plan. Roll call vote. AYES: Council Members Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Conley MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

- b. **Public Hearing: Consideration of the Approval of the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Joint Participation Agreement to Allow Full Delegation of the City of Fortuna's 2022 and 2023 Allocation of the (PLHA) Funds to the**

County of Humboldt

Minutes:

Senior Planner Katey Schmidt provided a staff report on the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Joint Participation agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Oroville Garrison.

There being no additional public comment, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz to adopt Resolution 2026-02, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Authorizing an Agreement Between the County of Humboldt and the City of Fortuna, for Joint Participation in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funding Program for Fiscal Years 2021-2023, and to Delegate the County of Humboldt as the Administering Local Government for the Program. Roll Call vote. AYES: Council Member Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Conley MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

c. Public Hearing: Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2026-782 Amendments to Title 17, the Zoning Regulations

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Senior Planner Michelle Nielsen from Planwest Partners Inc. provided a staff report on Ordinance 2026-782 amendments to Title 17, the Zoning regulations. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to introduce and conduct the first reading of Ordinance 2026-782, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Certifying Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and Amending Title 17 (The Zoning Regulations) of the Fortuna Municipal Code to Comply with State Law for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and continue the public hearing to the next regular meeting for the second reading and adoption. Roll call vote. AYES: Council Member Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Conley MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

d. Fortuna Transit Operations and Alternatives

Minutes:

Parks & Recreation Director Kaylyn Stainbrook provided a staff report on the Fortuna transit operations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Katy Garrison

There being no additional public comment, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section.

Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to authorize Option B, for City staff to begin the process to open same-day transit services to the general public, open recruitment for a full-time, salaried Transit Supervisor, approve RideCo application services and call center contract, and request staff report back with progress in FY 27-28. Roll call vote. AYES:

Council Member Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES:
None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Conley MOTION CARRIED:
4/0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Minutes:

City Manager Amy Nilsen provided a verbal report.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes:

None.

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- a. Council Member Kyle Conley
- b. Council Member Carlos Diaz
- c. Council Member Abe Stevens
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Tami Trent
- e. Mayor Mike Johnson

9. ADJOURN

Minutes:

Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. MOTION CARRIED: 4/0