



Regular Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

- 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.

Brown Act

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by member of the City Council, City staff, and the public to participate by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

Public Comments

To submit public comments for this meeting prior to the meeting, please email comments to cityclerk@ci.fortuna.ca.us by noon on Monday, December 20, 2021. All public comments received by noon will be read into the record (limit to 3 minutes) during the meeting. If your public comments are received after noon on Monday, they may not be read into the record, but will be included in the official minutes.

Zoom Meeting Details

To provide public comment during the meeting, you can call 1-669-900-9128 and enter Meeting ID: 823 0046 3785 and Password: 606633 press star (*) 9 on your phone - this will raise your hand. You will continue to hear the meeting on the call. When it is time for public comment on the item you wish to speak on, the Clerk will unmute your phone. You will hear a prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. Please state your name and begin your comment. You will have 3 minutes to comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Council Member Losey led the flag salute.

2. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

a. Introduction of New Street Maintenance Worker II, Billy Fountain and Michael Hall

Minutes:

General Services Superintendent Bob Natt introduced Public Works new Street Maintenance Workers, Billy Fountain and Michael Hall.

b. Introduction of New Lead Street Maintenance Worker, Brett Wheeler.

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c. Update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan for the Eel River Basin by Jack Rice for the County of Humboldt

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County of Humboldt Senior Environmental Analyst, Summer Daugherty provided a brief introduction and Jack Rice, on behalf of the County of Humboldt, provided an update on Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan for the Eel River Basin.

3. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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Tom Ross- Fortuna Resident - Read a letter to the Council into the meeting record and expressed concern for the residents of Royal Crest during the loss of PG&E services, which left many elderly residents without electricity and heat. Walt Wilson- Fortuna Resident and Measure E Committee Chair - Expressed his gratitude to City Manager Merritt Perry, Finance Director Aaron Felmlie and Fire Chief Lon Winburn, for taking action and volunteering to ignite pilot lights for the residents of Royal Crest after PG&E was restored following a three day outage. There being no additional public comments, Mayor Long closed the public comment section.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey moved, Seconded by Council Member Stanfield to approve Consent Calendar items a-j. Roll Call vote. AYES: Council Member Johnson, Losey, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

- a. **City Council Minutes - December 6 , 2021 (Regular Meeting)**
- b. **Administrative Department Monthly Report**
- c. **Community Development Department Monthly Report**
- d. **Finance Department Monthly Report**
- e. **Parks & Recreation Monthly Report**
- f. **Police Department Monthly Report**
- g. **Public Works Monthly Report**
- h. **River Lodge Monthly Report**
- i. **Report of Disbursements**
- j. **Approval of the Employment Agreement between the Finance Director and the City of Fortuna**

5. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2021-750 Amending the Chapter 9.24 of the Fortuna Municipal Code to Provide Amended Regulations for Camping and Related Activity within the City**

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Ryan Plotz, City Attorney provided a staff report on amending the City of Fortuna's camping ordinance. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey moved, Seconded by Council Member Stanfield to conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-750, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Amending Chapter 9.24 to Title 9 of the Fortuna Municipal Code to provide for regulations governing camping and related activities within the City of Fortuna. Roll Call vote. AYES: Council Member Johnson, Losey, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

- b. **Supplemental Budget Request to Use American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Server Upgrades Necessary to Implement the Parks and Recreation Tyler Technologies Software**

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Aaron Felmlee provided a staff report on the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the implementation of Tyler Technologies Software at the Parks & Recreation Department. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey moved, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent to approve an supplemental budget request to Use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the server upgrades necessary to implement the Parks and Recreation Tyler Technologies software in the amount of \$25,000. Roll Call vote. AYES: Council Member Johnson, Losey, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Minutes:

Merritt Perry, City Manager provided a verbal report.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- a. Council Member Mike Johnson
- b. Council Member Mike Losey
- c. Council Member Jeremy Stanfield
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Tami Trent
- e. Mayor Sue Long

9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

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

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, Seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

- 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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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council provided direction to staff.

10. REPORT OUT AND ADJOURN

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, Seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.