



Regular Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

- 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.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Minutes:

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

2. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

a. Climate Action Plan

Minutes:

County of Humboldt Supervising Planner, Michael Richardson, provided a presentation on the Regional Climate Action Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Flyer – Explained that the Climate Action Plan (CAP) needs to use science to make changes and that data matters. As to the current CAP, please insist to current and accurate data before approving the CAP. 10 years makes a huge difference in technology and data. Don't leave the 1999 industrial omissions data out, by not using accurate it will eliminate or curtail the ability to live on rural land. The CAP looks at eliminating methane by feeding cattle seaweed, and that is infeasible. Jeff Stackhouse – Fortuna Resident – Echoed using the most current data which is not from 2015. Including 2020 data also includes natural resources, trees, water sources, and none of that is currently included. Include the 1990 data to include the industrial emissions. We have and will continue to decrease omissions. Consider wind power and offshore wind power, as there are no local experts. Encouraged the Council to consider bio generation. Jack Rice - Omissions as a community reflects where a

community is. He spoke to an actual 1990 baseline and elevated baseline. Elevated baseline creates elevated burden and that will hamstring the county with what we're in for. The topic will come up during the environmental review portion of the CAP, but it's better to look at these thing before we get there. There is also uncertainty about industrial resources, some are included and some are excluded. The current CAP says it excludes things that are review by North Coast Air Quality Management District (NCAQMD), but there are some activities governed by NCAQMD that are included and inconsistencies should be resolved. Ryan Rice Humboldt Prosperity Alliance - Wanted to reiterate statements made by John, Jack and Jeff Stackhouse. We need to use true and factual data from the 1990 levels for the County of Humboldt. It will create a heavy lift for the county if we don't push for 2010 census data and studies. There has been a lot of state improvements for transportation. Dr. Frank Mitler provides current information in regards to livestock and methane which goes into the air and creates carbon which in turn goes back into the ground. He believes the County is doing a good job there. Believes policy should be built on true accurate data and the 2010 and 2015 data needs to be brought to current 22-23. Emily Stackhouse - Buckeye Conservancy - Encouraged the Council that the CAP should use the most current data and should include industrial point source emissions in the 1990 levels. Livestock emissions are 13% of all contributors second behind transportation. The science should be expanded upon more improved ways to measure methane from cattle. GWP100 and GWP Star Method and star has been shown to be more accurate than the studies being used for the current CAP. Methane is more potent goes through a cycle in the atmosphere and methane goes back to CO2. Seaweed nutrition it doesn't have longevity and how will seaweed get to Humboldt county to our beef cows? Up to date data is the most imperative moving forward.

3. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

Shawn - River Life Foundation - Provided an update on River Life's progress including 458K trash removed in the Eel River Valley last year and they are close breaking over 360lbs of trash this year. Also, a positive note, Tuesday will mark 182 homeless reunited with family, on to a job or into rehab. The collaboration between the City, Police and River Life has been great. Dennis Wendt's Memorial trail looks great! There being no additional comments for topics not on the agenda. Mayor Long closed the public comment period.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA: Council Member Johnson pulled Items e & f and commented on the Police Department report recognizing Jade Campbell as being the employee of the month and fulfilling her role as a dispatcher. He wanted to recognize

her and for the public to recognize she is employee of the month.

Council Member Johnson also pulled the Parks and Recreation Report and commented on how he takes walks in the morning, and the parks and medians looks great! He stated that so many school districts come to Fortuna because we have great parks and locations. Also, Depot Museum Curator, Alex Service is back at work and he expressed a big thank you to all the volunteers that kept the museum going while Alex was out.

Council Member Losey, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve items a-k on the Consent Calendar. AYES: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Losey, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSENT: Council Member Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent ABSTAIN: None

- a. City Council Minutes - May 2, 2022 (Special Meeting) & May 2, 2022 (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. Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property; Resolution 2022-14**
- k. Authorization to File the Final Subdivision Map for Smith Lane Subdivision**

5. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Second Reading: Zoning Map Amendment**

Minutes:

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Losey to conduct the second reading of

Ordinance 2022-754, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Amending the Fortuna Zoning Map from Residential Single Family (R-1-6) to Residential Multifamily (R-M)

AYES: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Losey, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent Motion Passed 3/0

- b. First Reading: Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Ordinance**

Minutes:

City Manager Merritt Perry provided a Presentation on SB1383. Gary Bell also provided information via Zoom.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey, seconded by Council Member Johnson moved to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-755, An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Fortuna, California Amending Title

8 – Health and Safety Of The Fortuna Municipal Code By Adding Chapter 8.14– Organic Reduction and Recycling Ordinance AYES: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Losey, Mayor Long NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Council Member Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent Motion Passed 3/0

6. DISCUSSION

a. Fortuna Business Improvement District

Minutes:

Item 6. Fortuna Business Improvement District Discussion was moved up the agenda to take place right after oral comments from the public for items not on the agenda, to accommodate several members of the public present to comment on the item.

City Manager Merritt Perry provided a brief update on FBID. He informed the Council that BID Board Members will be staying on until June 1 and that the feedback from the special meeting is that the core members stay intact. PUBLIC COMMENT: Melissa Martinez – Fresh on Main – Spoke in regards to FBID and Downtown Merchants. Attempted to contact 18 owners, there are approx. 94 Downtown Merchants total. She outlined three potential options for the Downtown Merchants. Kevin Bradley –Downtown Merchant- Thinks if the City would take it on it would be benefit for the merchants. If we disband we will lose something. Beautiful downtown. Kathy Cormerer – Fortuna Fabrics and Crafts – Stated she has some amount of apathy with the Merchants and the BID. There have not been people within those organizations that want to do anything. A certain amount of apathy that the Board members requested the time and the Board members didn't show up. Businesses like hers are trying to survive, tread water. Sole proprietors can't meet in the middle of the day without closing or paying someone to watch their stores. Downtown Merchants will always be there. Downtown Merchants predates FBID and they will survive if FBID goes away. The assessment fees do help but it won't hold the merchants back if something happens to FBID.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Minutes:

City Manager Merritt Perry provided a verbal report.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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**

10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Council Member Losey moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the

meeting to closed session at 8:06 pm.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of
section 54956.9: 1 Case**

11. REPORT OUT AND ADJOURN

Minutes:

Council Member Losey moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the closed session at 9:25 pm. Motion passed 3/0. COUNCIL ACTION: No Council action taken.

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