

Study Session: Present at the study session were City Councilmembers Jeffrey Farley, John Maxwell and Stuart Titus; Staff City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum and Financial Manager Deb Austrus. The study session proceeded with City Manager Parrish distributing suggestions for goals. He asked that the Council look these over and edit them in any way in the next two weeks. Discussion continued regarding the City Manager Evaluation process. It was decided to refer to the evaluation form in the City Manager Contract. Councilman Maxwell discussed expectations vs. goals. The study session continued with Kent Hanford discussing change orders for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). We are still well within the budget. The study session concluded at 6:50 pm.

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7 p.m. Also present were Councilmen Mierzwa, Maxwell, Lorenzen and Titus as well as City Manager Parrish, City Clerk Kaytis-Slocum, Financial Manager Deb Austrus, Chief Plant Operator Doug Culbert, Police Chief Bret Smith and Manhard Project Manager Kent Hanford. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Kaytis-Slocum read the Proclamation "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets." Veteran Craig Cowan accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Farley and thanked the City for their support.

Modifications to the Agenda: City Manager Parrish asked that 11i be moved to the front of the Business section.

Under Public Comment Al Dunnegan spoke about the Humboldt Tea Party Patriots' Resolution Against Smart Meter Deployment, and asked the City Council to consider passing an ordinance banning Smart Meters.

Consent Calendar: MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa) Accept Accounts Payable, Approve the minutes for March 3, 2011 and March 14, 2011. Unanimous vote 4-0 (Councilman Lorenzen abstained which is not counted as a vote, according to the Rosenberg's Rules of Order).

Presentation: Chief Plant Operator Doug Culbert gave a visual presentation showing the progress at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Comments were also provided by Project Manager Kent Hanford.

Humboldt County General Plan Update: Tina Christiansen and Bob Morrison distributed a packet of information to each of the councilmen, to the City Manager and City Clerk. Also speaking on the subject were Estelle Fennel, John Miller and Duane Martin. Councilmen Titus, Mierzwa, Lorenzen and Maxwell asked for more information. MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa) Table this item until we can get more information from the County on it. All in favor.

Mayor Farley opened the PUBLIC HEARING for Unmet Transit Needs at 7:50pm. Brian Simon of 32 Herbert Street in Ferndale says that it costs him \$350 a month to drive to his job in Eureka five days a week. The addition of citizens in the Ferndale/Navy Housing complex may increase the need for public transit. Fernbridge has limited stops (six a day) by Humboldt Transit Authority. He feels Ferndale needs public transit. John Miller, 504 Shaw Avenue in Ferndale is in favor of transit service in Ferndale and feels it is needed at least to Eureka and Fortuna. It is important for access to the economically challenged. He encouraged the city to work the HTA to see if service to Ferndale would be economically feasible. Maryann Bansen reminded the audience and council that the Senior Resource Center provides transportation for seniors and the disabled. Mayor Farley Closed the Public Hearing at 8:12pm. The City Council discussed the issue and asked that the City Manager research having HTA come to Ferndale, or whether Ferndale can afford to offer their own transit service with a small van offering two trips in the morning and two in the evening. Ms. Bansen advised if Ferndale offers their own service to look at the costs of Workers Compensation for the driver. The council asked the City Manager to bring information back to the May 5, 2011 meeting.

Mobile Vendors moratorium: The council discussed the issue and decided that this is a process change and not an ordinance change. MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Approve a 30 day or less moratorium and direct staff to change the mobile vendor process. All in favor.

Ferndale/Navy Housing Market Study: Councilmen Maxwell and Mierzwa both expressed their disappointment in the document. City Manager Parrish relayed that the Navy is doing the Lead & Asbestos study, and will also do the mold remediation. They have extended the police department contract and the grounds-keeping contract. We have not yet signed a document accepting the complex from the Navy. MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa) Accept Revised Draft Market Study as Final. Motion carried with a Nay from Councilman Lorenzen.

Resolution 2011-14 8<sup>th</sup> Progress Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the WWTP. Project Manager Hanford advised that we are over 50% finished; by mid-September we should be operational, and by mid-November final acceptance. MOTION: (Mierzwa/Maxwell) Approve Resolution 2011-14 8<sup>th</sup> Progress Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the WWTP. All in favor.

Contract with Humboldt State University for Sewer GIS Mapping: Chief Plant Operator Culbert explained that the city would be getting this service done for about 1/3 of the price usually asked by a GIS Mapping service. MOTION: (Maxwell/Titus) Approve Resolution 2011-13 Authorize Contract with Humboldt State University for Sewer GIS Mapping. All in favor.

Change in Health Insurance Provider: MOTION: (Maxwell/Titus) Approve Resolution 2011-17 Health Insurance provider change to California State Association of Counties (CSAC). All in favor.

Vehicle Lease Agreement: Chief Smith proposes entering into an agreement to lease one new 2010 Dodge Charger. The terms of the agreement include leasing the vehicle for one dollar (\$1.00) from date of delivery until December 1, 2014 or until the vehicle has 25,000 miles, whichever comes first. It is Leasor's desire to accept back the vehicle for their business use and provide the police department with a new Dodge Charger at the time of return. MOTION: Approve Resolution 2010-15 Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Vehicle Lease Agreement. All in favor.

Fernbridge Centennial Celebration: The Fernbridge Celebration Committee is planning the Centennial Celebration of Fernbridge for Sunday, August 7, 2011. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11 am and will conclude with a Run/Walk across Fernbridge, which requires the closure of the bridge for a fifteen minute time period that will occur somewhere between 12:30 and 1:00 pm. The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) requires a formal resolution from the communities affected by the closure. MOTION: (Farley/Titus) Approve Resolution 2010-16 Acknowledging and authorizing the closure of Fernbridge on August 7, 2011 for the Centennial Celebration. All in favor.

Under Staff Reports and Community Events, Liz Murgia's retirement party is coming up at the Botanical Gardens.

Under Council comments, Councilman Mierzwa talked about his dissatisfaction with the Market Study as well as the RFP that was issued last month regarding the Ferndale/Navy Housing complex. Costs keep mounting and delays should have been better anticipated. City Manager Parrish explained that the mounting costs and delays are tied to the Navy, not the City.

Redwood Regional Economic Development Commission: Councilman Mierzwa explained that in trying to get airlines to come to Humboldt County, two staff went to Texas where 100 airports sent representatives to court 30 airlines. It is not easy to get an airline to commit to coming to Humboldt County.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be May 5, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum  
City Clerk