

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Councilmen Titus and Maxwell as well as City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Finance Manager Deb Austrus, Project Manager Kent Hanford. Councilmen Mierzwa and Lorenzen were absent.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Manager Kent Hanford talked with the council about Change Orders 4 and 5, as well as the Contract Change Order Summary. Hanford answered questions from the Council. The study session ended at 6:56pm.

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmen Titus, Lorenzen and Maxwell as well as City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Finance Manager Deb Austrus, Project Manager Kent Hanford, City Planner George Williamson and Police Chief Bret Smith. Councilman Mierzwa was absent. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Ceremonial: The City Clerk read the "Older Americans Month Proclamation" and Mayor Jeffrey Farley presented the Proclamation to Dr. George Ingraham. The City Clerk read the "National Bike Month – May 2011" and Mayor Jeffrey Farley presented the Proclamation to Mr. Bill Etter. Both recipients gave short speeches.

Consent Calendar: MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Accept Accounts Payable, Approve the minutes for April 7, 2011 and April 21, 2011. Unanimous vote 3-0 (Councilman Lorenzen abstained which is not counted as a vote, according to the Rosenberg's Rules of Order).

Presentation: Supervisor Jimmy Smith talked to the Council about the Humboldt County General Plan Update and how it affects the City of Ferndale. Martha Spencer, Sr. Planner for the County of Humboldt spoke on the phases of the update, how public comment has been collected throughout the process and how questions have been answered. Planning Staff prefers Alternative B, but the Planning Commission can pick and choose between the alternatives when the General Plan is presented to them. John Miller talked about our Sphere of Influence. The City's sphere is within the city limits. LAFCo has not adopted a sphere of influence outside the city limits of Ferndale. There is an area of critical concern which includes the Francis Creek Watershed. As far as development outside the city limits, we are surrounded mostly by Agricultural Exclusive, Timber Production, Agriculture General (smaller parcel sizes) and others. In all four alternatives the immediate surrounding area land uses remain the same. Miller counseled the City to ask the County to continue to let us know about development in our area of Special Concern. General Plan Update information was distributed to the Council.

Ferndale Housing Element: Planner George Williamson explained where the city's housing element is right now, and what still has to be done to answer the Housing and Community Development's (HCD) concerns. Williamson believes there are sufficient existing R2 and R4 sites to accommodate HCD's requirements of an additional 40 units. MOTION: (Maxwell/Titus) Approve. All in favor.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): Project Manager Kent Hanford talked about the WWTP Construction Project as well as change orders discussed during the study session immediately before the City Council Regular Meeting. We are still within budget, even with the change orders. MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Approve Resolution 2011-20 9<sup>th</sup> Progress Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the WWTP. Unanimous. MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Approve Change Order 4, resulting in an increase in construction costs of \$52661.77 and Change Order 5, resulting in a credit to construction costs of \$3624.73. Motion carried with a Nay from Councilman Lorenzen.

Unmet Transit Needs Follow-up: City Manager Jay Parrish explained that all the City needed to do at this point is to let HCAOG know what the comments were on unmet transit needs. The next step would be for HCAOG to look into the feasibility of any programs that may be associated with requests from the entity or the public.

PARSAC Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), Revision of Governing Documents: City Manager Jay Parrish explained that five years ago PARSAC was 130<sup>th</sup> in the state for pools of cities. Now it is within the top 5, and many non-

municipal entities want to join the JPA. The changes in the language of the governing documents will allow for non-municipal entities to join.

Mobile Vendors Process Change: While examining our existing ordinance it was found that there is a section of the existing ordinance that governs mobile vendors. Using that section will enable staff to develop an appropriate process and possible ordinance change.

Staff Reports and Community News: City Manager Parrish talked about the Navy Housing acquisition. The City is now looking at July for the property to be turned over to the City. It will then take some time to renovate the units. The Navy's delay has been a boon to the city's coffers for security and sewer charges. Parrish also explained that our Chief Plant Operator, Doug Culbert has been recognized as the top Wastewater Operator in California. During our June Meeting the city will give recognition to Culbert.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next regular council meeting will be June 2, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum

City Clerk