

Vice Mayor Stuart Titus called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Councilmen Niels Lourenzen, Ken Mierzwa, and John Maxwell, along with staff Police Chief Bret Smith, Deputy City Clerk Brianna Smith, Financial Manager Debbie Austrus, City Engineer Praj White, Project Manager Kent Hanford and City Planner George Williamson. Mayor Farley arrived at 7:08 due to an HCOG meeting. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Modifications to the agenda: Move item 11i. TTS Monitoring Station before item 11a. Wind Turbine and move item 11e. Public Hearing: Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Ferndale Housing Element, Historical and Cultural Resources Element and General Plan/Zoning Amendments before 11c. Public Hearing: Draft Historical and Cultural Element.

Consent Calendar: MOTION: Accept Accounts Payable, Approve the minutes for November 3, 2011. (Mierzwa/Maxwell) Unanimous.

TTS Monitoring Station : Tom Stephens gave an update on the TTS monitoring station. MOTION: Approve contribution of \$2000.00 for the continuation of the TTS monitoring station on Francis Creek at Van Ness. (Titus/Mierzwa). Unanimous.

Wind Turbine: Chief Smith gave an update. Members of the public Dick Hooley, Gordon Green, Marlin Mesman, Dan Tubbs, Jack McDonald, Nancy Trujillio, Willis Hadley, Bob Christie, Kathleen Klatt, Jerebob Bowden, and Andrei Hedstom spoke about their concern regarding the Wind Turbine Project and transportation through the City. They spoke about the negative effects that this project would have on the town. They also explained to the Council that they would like them to take a stance on this matter and send word to the County Planning Commission that the City Council is against the Shell Wind Project. Many members of the public urged Council to make a decision on this matter now instead of waiting until the spring. John Miller from the Humboldt County Planning Commission also gave a brief update on the Wind Turbine Project. He explained the only information available right now is the preliminary information; he has asked Shell for more information, but has not yet received it. In April more information will be available. Dick Hooley asked that this item be split into two separate action items; one being transportation and the other the opposition of the project entirely. MOTION: Bring back on the next agenda as separate action items. (Lourenzen/Titus). Unanimous.

Break from 9:15-9:23

Public Hearing-Draft Housing Element: City Planner George Williamson gave an update. Council pointed out that on page 2-11 of the Draft Housing Element under Overcrowded Households that the numbers don't correlate. This item will be brought back on January's agenda for Council's approval and then will be submitted to the State.

Public Hearing-Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Ferndale Housing Element, Historical and Cultural Resources Element and General Plan/Zoning Amendments: City Planner George Williamson gave an update. MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2011-45 for the Housing Element, Historical and Cultural Resources Element, and General Plan/Zoning Amendments Negative Declaration (SCH#201112001). (Maxwell/Titus). Unanimous.

Public Hearing-Draft Historical and Cultural Resources: City Planner George Williamson gave an update. MOTION: Adopt the Historical and Cultural Resources Element and approve additional work to include a photograph representation from Ferndale of each architectural style described in Chapter 3, as recommended by Planning Commission. (Maxwell/Mierzwa). Unanimous. The additional work is not to exceed \$825 and will be completed within 30 days of approval.

Public Hearing- Residential Two-Family (R2) Density General Plan and Zoning Amendment and Ferndale Housing Combining Zone Overlay Zoning Amendment: City Planner George Williamson gave an update.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2011-44 General Plan/ Zoning Amendments for Residential Two-Family (R2) Density and Ferndale Housing Combining Zone. (Farley/Titus). Unanimous.

Resolution 2011-46 16th Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the WWTP: Project Manger Kent Hanford gave an update. MOTION: Approve Resolution 2011-46 16th Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the WWTP. (Titus/Maxwell). Unanimous.

Change Order # 13: A study session was held from 6:30-7:00pm. Project Manager Kent Hanford gave an update. MOTION: Approve WWTP Change Order # 13. (Titus/Mierzwa). Unanimous.

Change the Design Review Zoning Ordinance from 3 votes to a majority vote(2nd Reading): MOTION: Approve the Design Review Zoning Ordinance Change from 3 votes to a majority vote. (Titus/Mierzwa). 4 ayes with 1 nay from Councilman Lourenzen.

Letter of support to CUPC regarding the Scotia Power Plant: MOTION: Authorize Mayor to sign letter of support for Scotia Power Plant to the CUPC. (Maxwell/Titus). 4 ayes and 1 nay by Councilman Lorenzen.

Reports: City Engineer Praj White gave an update on the Pedestrian Improvement Project.

The next regular meeting will be January 5, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 10:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Smith
Deputy City Clerk