

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California USA

City Council Minutes for August 23, 2012

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Councilmen Ken Mierzwa, and Stuart Titus along with staff City Manager Jay Parrish, City Attorney Russ Gans, and Deputy City Clerk Brianna Smith. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag. The Deputy City Clerk called roll call. Councilmen John Maxwell was absent.

Fresnel Lens: City Manager Jay Parrish and City Attorney Russ Gans gave an update on the Fresnel Lens. City Manager Parrish explained to the Council that the Coast Guard is going let the City have the Fresnel Lens for four more years, in which time the City will try to come up with the funds to put it back together again. The Coast Guard will be paying for the disassembly and crating. The City will be responsible for the reassembly and storage costs. The climate control equipment for the lens will be around \$5300. The Fresnel lens will be reassembled in the Ferndale museum. City Attorney Russ Gans explained that Congressman Thompson's office is in full support of any kind of grant money that the City may seek. The Shining Light Foundation in collaboration with the City, The Chamber of Commerce, The Enterprise, The Fairgrounds and the Museum all played a role in the City being successful in negotiation of this MOU. A Council member had a question regarding the Fresnel lens and asked if the Coast Guard recognized the historical component that would be lost if the Fresnel lens left Ferndale. City Manager Parrish explained that it was not recognized as historically significant by the Coast Guard. Another question brought up by a Council member was a question as to if the City could meet the requirements in Section 11; creating an Interim Storage Facility for the Fresnel lens by September 9th, 2012. The City was certain that we would be able to reach this goal. The City will be responsible for taking a reading of humidity and temperature of the Lens every day and that it will be sent to the Coast Guard on a yearly basis. City Attorney Russ Gans explained that the Coast Guard has not yet signed the MOU, but that the City has been assured that they will. MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa). Approve Resolution 2012-27, Authorizing entry of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Coast Guard for relocation of the Fresnel lens to the Ferndale Museum. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21PM. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be on September 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum for
Brianna Smith
Deputy City Clerk