

**CITY OF FERNDALE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY CALIFORNIA – U.S.A.
AGENDA - SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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| Location: | City Hall | Date: | September 17, 2014 |
| | 834 Main Street | Time: | 5:30 pm |
| | Ferndale CA 95536 | Posted: | September 11, 2014 |

We welcome you to the meeting. Members of the Public may be heard on any business item on this Agenda before or during the City Council consideration of the item. The public may also directly address the City Council on any item of interest to the public that is not on the Agenda during the public comment time; however, the City Council generally cannot take action on an item not on the agenda.

A person addressing the City Council will be limited to five (5) minutes unless the Mayor of the City Council grants a longer period of time. While not required, we would appreciate it if you would identify yourself with your name and address when addressing the Council.

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TO SPEAK ON ANY ISSUE, BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE MAYOR BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE PODIUM, STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD (optional), AND DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS ONLY TO THE COUNCIL.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor
2. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
3. ROLL CALL –City Clerk: Mayor Titus; Vice Mayor Mierzwa; Councilman Brown; Councilman Maxwell; and Councilman Sweeney
4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. (This time is for persons who wish to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Council has jurisdiction. Items requiring Council action not listed on this agenda may be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3rds of the Council that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgent nature requiring immediate action. This portion of the meeting will be approximately 30 minutes total for all speakers, with each speaker given no more than five minutes.)
6. BUSINESS
 - a. Review and Choose Alternative Design and Use of the Old Nilsen Property Page 4
7. ADJOURN

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The next Regular Meeting of the Ferndale City Council will be held on
October 2, 2014 at City Hall at 7:00pm.**

Section 1**CALL MEETING TO ORDER****Section 2****PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE****Section 3****ROLL CALL****Section 4****MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA****Section 5****PUBLIC COMMENT**

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(This is optional.)

Section 6

BUSINESS

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| Meeting Date: | September 17, 2014 | Agenda Item Number | 6.a |
| Agenda Item Title | Review and Choose Alternative Design and Use of the Old Nilsen Property | | |
| Presented By: | City Council Members Brown and Sweeney | | |
| Type of Item: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Information |
| Action Required: | <input type="checkbox"/> No Action | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voice Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call Vote |

RECOMMENDATION:

Review three options and choose alternative use of the Old Nilsen Property.

BACKGROUND:

At the City Council Meeting of December 5, 2013, the Council appointed Council Members Dan Brown and Michael Sweeney to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Recommend Potential Uses of the Old Nilsen Property. At the regular City Council meeting of February 6, 2014, Council Members Sweeney and Brown gave an update on the publically noticed walk-through of the Old Nilsen Barn and property. In that update, they invited members of the community to come forward with potential proposals for use of the property or a sub-section of the property in the ensuing 30 days. At the City Council meeting of March 6, 2014, Council Member Brown reported that no proposals for use of the property had come forward and the group was now considering the option of taking down the barn (in a manner that salvaged the old growth redwood) and using the lot as a parking lot.

Phil Ostler has come forward with a plan to renovate the shed and to incorporate rooms for storage. The rental money would be used to reimburse the renovation costs, and then monies would go to the city for a maintenance fund. The building would be saved at little to no cost from the City and then income would mostly go toward up-keep. Phil has raised approximately half the renovation estimations and the Ad Hoc Committee is waiting to see if he will be able to raise the needed amount or whether a different alternative will need to be selected.

The Ad Hoc Committee has presented three options for the Nilsen Barn site: Option 1 (as stated above) involves restoring the old wood shed for use as storage with the balance of the property being used for expanded public parking (final layouts to be determined); Option 2 involves using the wood from deconstruction of the old shed to construct a fence keeping the ambiance of the redwood siding within the setting. For Both Option 1 and 2, the north wall of the restored shed or the fence constructed along a similar alignment would serve as a backdrop for a public gathering area (farmer’s market/arts & crafts fair, etc.). As with Option 1, the balance of the property for

Option 2 would be expanded public parking. Option 3 involves deconstruction of the old shed and no fence with the majority of the site being used for public parking. Rough concept level cost estimates have been prepared for Options 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

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