

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Minutes for City Council Special Meeting of November 1, 2022</p>

Mayor Hindley called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 10:00 am via Zoom Video Conference. Those present did the flag salute. Present were Council Members Stephen Avis, Leonard Lund, Phillip Ostler, and Robin Smith, along with staff: City Manager Jay Parrish and City Clerk Kristene Hall

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Business:

Reconsider Vault Restroom for Per Capita Grant: City Manager Parrish stated the city has been working with Russ Park Committee on the approved signage from the per capita grant. Parrish added that staff does not support putting this on the per capita grant due to a lengthy process the city has already been through and has already submitted changes. Parrish also added the time constraints that we could be facing if more changes take place. Parrish also added that once staff is able to do its due diligence on the project, we could support the possibility of the vault restroom if the Russ Park Committee would like to use donation money for it. Councilman Avis question if any money was left over from the per capita grant. Parrish stated as of now, the money is accounted for. Avis also questioned the report date and why it did not appear on the October meeting. Staff stated the report was actually given to them one day before the council meeting and was to late to include in the packet. Councilman Smith questioned the long-term security of the donation. Mayor Hindley stated this should be addressed at the next meeting as this is only to determine if the council would like to reconsider the vault restroom on the per capita grant. Councilman Lund stated he agreed with staff on this. Lund added the council spent a long time discussing the projects and a lot of work and does not want to start over. Lund added that he likes the idea of the vault restroom and is in favor of using the donation. A member of the Russ Park Committee stated that he would like the ability to use any extra funds that may not be utilized to help fund the vault restroom. Consultant Rick Hill stated with having to do CEQA and time restrictions on completion, it may not be possible to add this to the grant. Hill stated he could check into it. Mayor Hindley stated that a lot of time was already put into the projects list for this grant and did not want to add or change things. Russ Park Committee Member stated he understood that the priory list was not wanting to be changed, but is hoping to add the restroom to the list so any leftover money can be put towards it. Consultant Hill stated he would talk to the program manager and see if its possible to pursue the restroom. Hill added the concern might be if there is enough time to do this project. Parrish stated his concerns on CEQA time and costs. Russ Park Committee Member stated the vault restroom that they had looked at was CEQA compliant and that he had meant with some local CEQA experts and they had all stated it should not be a problem or expensive. Councilman Avis stated he thought it could be a mitigated neg dec and not a full EIR. Councilman Ostler stated he didn't think the problem was the vault restroom itself, but the mechanics of adding it to the Per Capita Grant. Ostler added that keeping the per capita grant the same is the best option. Parrish also added that knowing how much is leftover will not be determined until the end of all the project completion, which in turn will not leave any time to complete the vault restroom project. The council further discussed the project and different possibilities. **MOTION:** to not change the Per Capita Grant project list and to ask

Rick Hill to consult with the program manager on the legality to use any addition monies that may not be used. **(Lund/Smith) Unanimous**

Discuss Expenditures List for Russ Park Donation: Russ Park Committee member stated he could answer any questions of items on the list. City Manager Jay Parrish questioned the tractor on the list. The Committee Member stated it was a motorized rubber track carrier that was previously looked at by the council. The member continued to detail that tractor and how it would help with the maintenance. Mayor Hindley asked the council to review the list and bring up any questions and concerns so that it can be an action item at the November regular meeting.

Mayor Hindley Adjourned the Meeting at 11:02 am

Respectfully submitted

Kristene Hall
City Clerk