

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of March 15, 2023</p>
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Mayor Cady called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those present did the flag salute. Present were Council Members Leonard Lund, Skip Jorgensen, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, City Planner Vanessa Blodgett, Police Chief Ron Sligh, and City Clerk Kristene Hall. Councilwoman Jennifer Fisk-Becker had an excused absence.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: Public Comments included comments on the following: Public Restroom; California Street Sewer Replacement; and support and opposition for an anti-hate/inclusion resolution.

Consent Calendar: There were four items on the Consent Calendar for approval. There were no questions or comments from the Council or Public.

MOTION: to approve the consent calendar. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Ferndale Water Quality and Drainage Improvement Project: City Manager Jay Parrish stated Brett Vivyan from GHD was present and would be presenting this agenda item. Vivyan briefly explained that the City had previously applied for a drainage grant which was unsuccessful. Vivyan gave a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of Prop 1 Stormwater Technical assistance, the proposed revisions of the previously submitted concept that was unsuccessful including the project components that will potentially be used. Vivyan also described and explained the existing drainage conditions. Vivyan went over the stakeholder outreach which includes the City of Ferndale, County of Humboldt, Humboldt County Fair Association, and Adjacent Property Owners. Vivyan also went over cost estimates which totaled approximately 1.5 million. Vivyan explained the next steps would be to adopt Resolution 2023-08 authorizing the City Manager as the city's designee and to approve the City Manager to sign and submit the CEQA Notice of Exemption. Councilman Lund questioned the ability to use of some of the proposed components on certain streets as there was not room for some of them. Vivyan stated that these areas would use pipes. Councilman Jorgensen questioned if this project had the okay from the stakeholders. Members of the public stated their concerns about the

project. Vivyan explained the newly proposed project revisions were different and stated the new revisions should not impact any part of their property. Vivyan stated that all project components would be on County or City property. Vivyan stated he would be happy to meet with them and go over the project.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing the City Manager as Designee for the City of Ferndale Water Quality and Drainage Improvement Project. **(Jorgensen/Ostler)**

Unanimous

MOTION: to Authorize the City Manager to sign and file the Notice of Exemption for the City of Ferndale Water quality and Drainage Improvement Project. **(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous**

General Plan and Housing Annual Progress Reports: City Manager Parrish stated this was a yearly report put together by Planwest. Parrish added that these reports are required by the state and submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Mayor Cady asked for comments from the Council and Public. There were no comments. **MOTION:** to Approve the General Plan Annual Progress Report. **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Appoint Applicants to Serve on Planning Commission: Mayor Cady asked for comments from the public. There were no public comments. Councilman Jorgensen stated he had some questions for the applicants. Applicants Joshua Purvis and Jorgen von Frausing-Borch were present. Councilman Jorgensen questioned the two individually. There were no other comments. City Clerk Kristene Hall handed out voting ballots to each Councilmember. Voting was as follows:

Mayor Cady: Joshua Purvis/Jorgen von Frausing-Borch

Councilman Lund: Joshua Purvis/Jorgen von Frausing-Borch

Councilman Jorgensen: Stephen Avis/Jorgen von Frausing-Borch

Councilman Ostler John Richards/Jorgen von Frausing-Borch

MOTION: to Appoint Joshua Purvis and Jorgen von Frausing-Borch to the Planning Commission. **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Appoint Applicant to Serve on Design Review Committee: Mayor Cady asked for comments from the public and Council. There were no comments. Applicant Julie Hadley was not present.

MOTION: to Appoint Julie Hadley to the Design Review Committee. **(Ostler/Lund)**

Unanimous

Approval of Russ Park Proposed Projects and Expenditures from the Russ Park Donation: Russ Park Committee Member John Miller was present to answer questions. Miller went over the proposed projects. City Manager Parrish questioned Miller regarding the Eugene Street Entrance proposed project. Parrish stated that staff would recommend a study session on this and further research to be done. Parrish went over some of the previous administrations' guidance on the Eugene Street entrance and the importance of relaying this information to the current Russ Park Committee as well as Council.

MOTION: to Approve the following:

- Project 1 – Trail Maintenance Necessities as stated.
- Project 2 – Off-Site Signage Program as stated.

- Direct City Engineer to prepare preliminary project and CEQA cost estimates for the Bluff Street Parking Lot Improvements and allow direct costs to be charged to the Russ Park Donation budget.
- Drafting of Strategic Master Plan

Resolution 2023-06 Authorizing the Participation In and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Fire Risk Management Services JPA: City Manager Parrish explained that his item has to do with the city employee medical plan. Parrish explained that this is a large fire department group that also invites municipalities to join. Parrish added that being part of this group has kept our medical plan costs down and staff hopes to continue using this group. There were no comments from the public.

MOTION: to Approve Resolution 2023-06 Authorizing the Participation In and Approving the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the Fire risk Management Services JPA. **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Approval of Contract Renewal for City Auditor: City Manager Parrish explained that we have had this firm now for quite some time. Parrish stated they do a great job and work well with staff. Councilman Jorgensen questioned the fee and how much it increased from last year. Parrish stated he believed it was about a couple thousand-dollar increase. There were no comments from the public.

MOTION: to Approve the Contract Renewal for the City Auditor for FY22-23.
(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous

COVID 19 Update and Discussion: City Manager Parrish stated that we had been going through this for quite a while now. Parrish added that the Governor had rescinded that state emergency. Councilman Ostler questioned if there was still any financial benefit to the city in continuing the emergency. Parrish stated since the State had rescinded the emergency, he did not think there was any financial benefit anymore.

MOTION: to Approve Resolution 2023-07 Rescinding the Local Emergency. **(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous**

Correspondence: None

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen commented on the draft resolution he submitted to the council at the February 15, 2023, meeting.

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilman Lund thanked Parrish for a great report.

Other Reports: Councilman Jorgensen gave an update on the JPA meetings he had attended for RCEA and HCOAG.

Mayor Cady thanked the audience, staff, and fellow councilmembers and Adjourned the Meeting at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk