

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of May 17, 2023

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, Jennifer Fisk-Becker, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, Police Chief Ron Sligh, and City Clerk Kristene Hall. Councilman Jorgensen had an excused absence.

Presentation: A Presentation was given by Caltrans to alert the public regarding upcoming work on Fernbridge. Caltrans stated that there will be more public meetings in the future to discuss the bridge.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: A Proclamation was read by Mayor Cady to honor May as Older Americans Month.

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: A member of the public commented thanked the Council for the Proclamation for Older Americans Month. The public member also went over some accomplishments of the Ferndale Senior Resource Center.

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Resolution 2023-11 Amending the city's SB2 Grant: City Planner Vanessa Blodgett was present. Blodgett explained that the SB2 Grant is being used to fund the Land Use Update currently in progress and was also to cover zoning code amendments. Blodgett stated that the zoning code amendments could not be started until the Land Use Element is adopted. Blodgett added that the city staff is making good progress on the Land Use update, however the SB2 grant has a timeline in which final invoices will need to be submitted to the state by September 30th. Blodgett added that with this deadline, there will not be adequate time to adopt the Land Use document and zoning code amendments. Blodgett stated that staff is proposing amending the SB2 grant to reallocate \$40,000 from the zoning code amendment activity to the Land Use Update and CEQA compliance. Blodgett also added that some of the zoning code amendments will be able to be allocated to the city's LEAP grant. City Manager Jay Parrish added that the reallocation of funds will ensure the city does not lose any money that has been funded by the state.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-11 Authorizing Filing an Amendment to the City of Ferndale's SB-2 Planning Grant Program Application. **(Lund/Oster) Unanimous**

Resolution 2023-12 Adopting the Projects List for 2023-24 Funded by SB:1 The Road Repair Accountability Act of 2017: City Planner Vanessa Blodgett stated that this has to do with road funding and comes to the Council annually since its implementation in 2017. Blodgett stated this is a small chunk of money that the city can stockpile for future road repairs. Blodgett added the resolution includes a list of projects that the funds could potentially be used for in the future. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned one of the potential projects. Councilman Lund questioned Craig Street potholes and road conditions. Parrish stated that there are a number of projects that have come forth since the harsh winter and flooding that will need to be addressed. Lund also questioned the installation of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Washington and Berding. Parrish stated that this could be addressed by the Police Chief who is our Safety Officer. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned if Public Works had been doing any patching. Parrish stated they had but this time of year only allows for soft batch which only lasts a short time. Parrish added the City is in the process of buying a hand held compactor which will help. A member of the public questioned the amount of money the city receives and added that the roads are in terrible shape.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-12 Adopting a List of Projects for FY 2023-24 Funded by SB:1. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Resolution 2023-10 Approving Partial Closure of Hwy 211 for the Sacred Liturgy Conference Procession: There were no comments from the Council or Public

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing the Street Closure for a Parade for Assumption Parish Religious Procession. **(Ostler/Fisk-Becker) Unanimous**

Correspondence: Mayor Cady asked about the Surplus Auction. City Clerk Kristene Hall stated that only three lampposts received bids.

Council Comments:

Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated that she had attended the League of California Cities Redwood Division Conference held in Fort Bragg.

Councilman Ostler stated he had attended to RREDC meeting and also attended his first Russ Park Meeting.

Mayor Cady stated he had attended the HWMA meeting.

Reports:

City Managers Report: City Manager Parrish gave an update on the different grants.

Other Reports: Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated that she had attended the League of California Cities Redwood Division Conference held in Fort Bragg.

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Mayor Cady thanked the audience, staff, the Fire Department, and fellow councilmembers and
Adjourned the Meeting at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk