

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of June 21, 2023</p>

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, Skip Jorgensen, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, Police Chief Ron Sligh, City Planner Michelle Nielsen, and Finance Manager/Deputy City Clerk Lauren Boop.

Report out of Closed Session: Mayor Cady stated there was a Closed Session held on June 19, 2023, at 2:30 pm for a performance evaluation of the City Manager. There was no reportable action taken at that meeting.

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: Mayor Cady stated that there was a study session held on June 7, 2023, with the Ferndale Planning Commission to discuss and review the Land Use Element update currently in progress. Cady also stated another study session was held just prior to tonight's City Council Meeting to discuss and review the FY2023-24 Operating Budget.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: A PowerPoint presentation was given by Jill Demers director of the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District on behalf of the Salt River Restoration Project. Demers stated she was present to update the council on the project. Demers briefly went over the background of the project. Demers stated there is approximately 1 mile left of the project. Demers explained some of the challenges they are facing in getting the last 1 mile of restoration completed. Demers also added that they are still working on implementation of the project and long-term management of the completed portion of the restoration.

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Recology Annual Rate Review & Adjustment: Linda Wise, General Manager of Recology, was present as well as Frank Nelson, Operations Manager. Wise gave a background on the annual rate review. Wise explained that per the franchise agreement there are several components that make up the rates including CPI changes, Disposal Fees which include transportation, disposal, and recycling processing costs. Wise added that the rates significantly went up this year due to increased transportation costs and CPI changes which represent Cost of Living increases. Wise stated the increase to residential curbside collection will be 14.7% and commercial collection

will be 15.6%. Councilman Lund questioned AB1383 compliance. Wise stated that Ferndale, because of its small size, received a waiver on compliance. Lund also questioned the use of new trucks and cans. Wise stated that the trucks have not yet come but were ordered about two years ago. Wise also added that they are hoping to start distributing the new cans to current customers.

MOTION: to Approve Rate Changes for Recology Curbside Collection. **(Ostler/Lund)**

Unanimous

Resolution 2023-15 Authorizing a Letter of Support for HCOAG Safe Street and Roads for All Grant Applications and Commit a Local Contribution:

City Planner Michelle Nielsen was present along with Steven Luther from HCOAG to explain this agenda item. Nielsen gave a PowerPoint presentation going over the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application for the preparation of a Vision Zero Action Plan. Nielsen explained that Vision Zero is the goal of zero traffic deaths or injuries of all road users including pedestrians and bicyclists. Nielsen added that an added benefit of the SS4A is that it overlaps with the City's in-progress work to develop Ferndale's Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP). Nielsen explained once a plan is developed and adopted by HCOAG, jurisdictions would be eligible for implementation grants. Nielsen added that HCOAG's budget is \$600,000 with a match of \$120,000 and is requesting Ferndale's portion of the match be in the amount of \$2500-\$4000. Nielsen also explained that in addition to the match HCOAG is requesting that a letter of support be submitted. Councilman Jorgensen asked Nielsen to briefly explain the LRSP. Nielsen stated it would provide a framework for identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing roadway safety improvements on local roads and results in a priority list of issues, risks, actions, and improvements. Councilman Ostler questioned when there was a fatality in Ferndale? Nielsen stated there had been two deaths. City Manager Parrish stated they were up on Bluff Street near the park. Jorgensen questioned a recommendation for an amount to be contributed. HCOAG representative Steven Luther commented on the amount of money contributed may reflect on the "pop-up" demonstration. Parrish asked Luther to explain a "pop-up". Luther explained that this was a temporary low-cost demonstration project and helps serve as a educational setup.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-15 Authorizing a Letter of Support for HCOAG Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Applications, and to Commit a Local Contribution of \$3,000.

(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous

Resolution 2023-16 Approving the Annual Military Equipment Report: Police Chief Ron Sligh went over the background of the Military Use Policy and Ordinance. Sligh stated that annually a report needed to be given along with a public meeting to allow for public input and questions. Sligh stated the meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 2023. Sligh also stated that after review of other city reports, the department is amending the military equipment inventory to include five (5) Colt AR-15 rifles, .223. even those these were not previously owned military rifles and are not to military specifications. Councilman Jorgensen questioned if the AR15 rifles were the same rifles that are involved in so many tragedies. Sligh stated they are basically the same platforms. Sligh explained the use of these rifles. Jorgensen questioned if these rifles were in the vehicles. Sligh stated they were.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-16 Approving the Annual Military Report.

(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous

Resolution 2023-13 Adopting the FY2023-24 Budget, Declining Sewer Rate Increase, and Approving City Manager Merit Increase: City Manager Parrish explained that the city is required by the state to adopt a operating budget annually. Parrish stated that the Finance Committee had met, and a study session was held to review the budget. Parrish also added that the city still had some Covid funds that will be used to fix a couple streets and many potholes. **MOTION:** to Approve Resolution 2023-13 adopting the FY2023-24 FY Budget, Decline Sewer Rate Increase, and Approving the Merit Increase for the City Manager. **(Lund/Ostler)**
Unanimous

Resolution 2023-14 Adopting the FY2023-24 Gann Appropriations Spending Limitation: City Manager Parrish stated this is also done annually along side the budget. Parrish added that his is to ensure the city is over burdening its citizens with taxes and added the city is well under the appropriations limit. **MOTION:** to Approve Resolution 2023-14 Adopting the FY2023-24 FY Gann Appropriations Spending Limitations. **(Jorgensen/Ostler)** **Unanimous**

Correspondence: No Comments from Council or the Public.

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen stated he would like to see a study session held to discuss streets and roads. Parrish stated he would see who is on the streets and roads committee and contact them. Councilman Lund asked if a list of the council representative JPA's and committee assignments. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated that public works should be invited as well.

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned the street sweeping schedule and a question regarding a public query.

Councilman Jorgensen stated he saw a notice in the paper regarding cleaning gutters and curbs and stated that helps keep the streets clean.

Councilman Lund questioned the public bathroom remodel and who is running it. Parrish stated it was a small group of individuals. Lund added that when that is completed, he would like to see recognition of the individuals.

Other Reports: None

Mayor Cady thanked the Police Dept, staff, public, and fellow councilmembers and Adjourned the Meeting at 7:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk