

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of July 17, 2024

Mayor Randy 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: Police Chief Ron Sligh, City Planner Michelle Nielsen, and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: There were three members of the public that spoke regarding bringing back the tradition of American Flags being hung on the light poles during the summer months in the downtown district.

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

MOTION: to approve the consent calendar. **(Ostler/Fisk-Becker) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: Sean Quincy from the Humboldt County Administrative Office and Tom Madsen, Director of Humboldt County Public Works gave a presentation regarding disaster preparedness, 9-1-1 response times and County Road needs. They spoke on the countywide need for better preparedness and improvement needs for disaster planning.

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Resolution 2024-14 Submittal to the Planning Commission a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Requesting a Report Thereon: City Planner Michelle Nielsen explained the Design Review Committee is currently tasked with the responsibility to review and approve applications for a design review permit and Design review permits are required for the construction or modification of structures within the Design Control Combining. Nielsen also added that City staff recommends the elimination of the Design Review Committee and to, instead, task the Planning Commission with design review approval, as the Planning Commission is better suited to consider all aspects of a project. Nielsen added that this will simplify the process considerably and make it more efficient as with new state laws on housing, many cities now task design review processes either ministerial, or with the Planning Commission. City Clerk Hall explained that currently the Design Review Committee regularly does not have a quorum, or members arrive late, which results in wasted staff time as well as wasted applicant time. There were no comments from the public or Council.

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2024-14 to initiate the process to amend the Zoning Ordinance and revise the procedure to obtain a Design Review Permit. **(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous**

Correspondence: No Comments

Council Comments: No Comments

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Reports:

City Managers Report: No Comments

Other Reports: No Comments

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Kristene Hall
City Clerk