

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of October 16, 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, Skip Jorgensen, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, Police Chief Ron Sligh, and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: Mayor Cady stated there was a workshop hosted by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District on Sept 25, 2024 that the Council attended.

Public Comment: None

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: The Ferndale Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation to the council. Chamber president Janet Carney headed the discussion. Carney stated that the website traffic was up approximately 25% this year. Carney added that both social media followers and email subscribers had also increased. Carney also went over the upcoming events. The Council thanked the chamber for all their hard work.

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-01, Amendment of Section 6.05, Design Control Combining or D-Zone, of the Ferndale Zoning Ordinance: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish added there were no changes from the first reading conducted at the Council Meeting on September 18, 2024. Councilman Lund stated he had spoken with two of the Planning Commission Members and both stated to him that taking on the Design Review duties would not be a burden to the Commission.

MOTION: to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2024-01, by title only, **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Correspondence: Councilwoman Jennifer Fisk-Becker questioned the correspondence regarding the new General Manager of Recology.

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen questioned the SB1383 process and would like to request Edgar Evans to come give a presentation or update to the council. Parrish stated he would contact Evans to see what availability is. Jorgensen also questioned the progress on the 5th & A project. Parrish stated the design was approximately 75% complete and are hoping to go out to bid soon. Jorgensen also questioned the progress on the clock tree. Parrish stated he had reached out to Caltrans and a local pruner.

Councilman Lund questioned if the Berding Street & Washington Street Intersection was still going to be a 4-way stop, and if they were planning on painting the curbs. Parrish stated it was still going to be, and they are still working on getting it completed. Lund also questioned the raising of the berm. Parrish stated they were still working on the design and are hoping to have it completed by April or May 2025.

Councilman Ostler stated the new gravel at Russ Park looked great and he is glad to see progress with the Silvas.

Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated she would like to schedule the brunch again for the city staff.

Mayor Cady stated there was a military reunion in Fortuna he attended and many of the attendees spoke highly of Ferndale.

Reports:

City Managers Report: No Comments

Other Reports: Councilman Jorgensen stated that RCEA has been very busy.

Councilwoman Fisk-Becker spoke regarding the workshop with HCRCD.

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Kristene Hall
City Clerk