

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of December 18, 2024</p>

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 and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial:

Resolution 2024-26 Certifying the November 5, 2024, Municipal Election Results: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish congratulated Councilman Lund and Councilman Ostler on their reelection.

MOTION: to Adopt Resolution 2024-26 Declaring the Certified Results of the Ferndale Municipal Election held November 5, 2024. **(Ostler/Jorgensen) Unanimous**

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: None

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation:

SB1383 Update Evan Edgar: Consultant Evan Edgar gave a presentation to the Council regarding SB1383. Edgar explained that SB1383 was a climate change bill that took effect January 1, 2022, that includes mandatory jurisdiction requirements that include separating organics, recyclables, and trash; edible food recovery; contamination monitoring; organics collection service; and other actions that cities must comply with. Edgar also stated that Ferndale was included in a low population waiver which procurement and collection was waived until 2027. Edgar also explained the composting requirements and the opportunity for community compost at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The council had many questions and concerns about the process, composting requirements and processes, The Council thanked Edgar for his work on this with the city.

Brett Vivyan-Grant Updates: Brett Vivyan from GHD gave a presentation to the council on two of the grants. Vivyan first updated the council on the Wastewater Treatment plant raising of the berm. Vivyan went over the three options that were available to raise the berm approximately 3ft including Earthen Fill, Sheet Pile Wall, and MSE Wall. Vivyan explained each alternative and the cost. Vivyan added that option 3, the MSE Wall, was likely the best choice. Vivyan went over the tentative timeline with final construction possibly in 2027-2028.

Vivyan then went over the Drainage grant which included the existing conditions, the 65% design overview and the next steps. Vivyan added that this was a multi-benefit project which includes water quality improvements, beautification, and flood reduction. Vivyan included the project components. Vivyan explained the next steps were outreach, permit agency coordination,

complete design, and implementation of the project tentatively in summer/fall of 2025. The council stated concerns on open culverts and swales, trash from the fair getting into the inlets, and the water table being so high. The Council thanked Vivyan for his work on these projects.

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Approve Recology Franchise Extension: Recology General Manager Frank Nelson was present and went over the staff report. Nielsen explained that Recology was offering a 6-month extension to allow the council time to pass and adopt a universal waste service ordinance. Nielsen added that at the end of the 6-month extension the city would likely be presented with an 18-month extension that will either support the universal services, increasing the collection 19% or continuing with existing subscribers only with a rate increase of 30%. Nielsen added that the 6-month extension presented does not have any pricing changes. Councilman Lund and Councilman Jorgensen both expressed their support of universal collection and the need to move toward compliance of SB1383 which requires universal collection starting January 1, 2027. All Councilmembers stated the need to educate the community on the matter and have public meetings to ensure education.

MOTION: to approve the 6-month extension of the Recology Franchise Agreement.
(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous

Interview and Consider Appointment of Applicant to Planning Commission: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Planning Commission applicant Mia Rudynski was present and introduced herself to the Council. The Council thanked her for stepping forward and applying. There were no questions or comments.

MOTION: to appoint Mia Rudynski to the Planning Commission **(Jorgensen/Ostler)**
Unanimous

Resolution 2024-27 Authorizing the Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF): City Manager Parrish stated that this is a process all cities go through. The city needs to update the resolution by naming authorized personnel to make orders. Councilman Jorgensen questioned if the county treasurer was still involved. Parrish stated they were.

MOTION: to Approve Resolution 2024-27 Authorizing the Investment of Monies into the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Resolution 2024-28 Establishing the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2025: City Manager Parrish went over the staff report. There were no questions or comments.

MOTION: to Approve Resolution 2024-28 Establishing the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2025. **(Jorgensen/Lund) Unanimous**

Correspondence: No Comments

Council Comments: Councilman Lund thanked the community and everyone for the support and appreciated being reelected. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated she was looking forward to tomorrow's staff brunch hosted by the City Council.

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilman Lund questioned the updates on the Community Center earthquake damage. Parrish stated as of yesterday, the community center was back up and running. The ceiling and heater had been fixed. Lund also stated he appreciated the Caltrans meeting held at City Hall on December 11th. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned the gutters

at the community center and the down spouts. Parrish stated they are scheduled for installation and staff will be sure the downspouts are placed appropriately. Fisk-Becker asked if the porch around the side could be looked at as well. Fisk-Becker also asked about any updates on the police services talks between the city and the cities of Blue Lake and Trinidad. Parrish stated the possibility of having a study session on the matter in the upcoming months.

Other Reports: None

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Kristene Hall
City Clerk