

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of January 15, 2025

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, City Attorney Ryan Plotz, 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: 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. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation:

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Resolution 2025-02 Accepting an Easement for Recreational Trail Purposes: City Manager Jay Parrish explained that this has been a discussion for many years and will be a great asset for the city and Russ Park. City Attorney Ryan Plotz explained that the easement is to be used to establish a trail or trails into Russ Park and construct a parking area with the possibility of a restroom facility. Plotz explained the easement details and the terms of the acceptance of the easement. Councilman Jorgensen questioned if there would be anything that could prevent this from taking place. Plotz stated that it will have to go through a design and regulatory process, however, with the 5-year time allotment given that there should be plenty of time to complete the processes. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned if the construction of the trail is in the budget. Parrish stated that it is not yet, however, it can be discussed for next year's budget, and there may be grants available. Plotz added that only the trail needs to be completed in 5 years, not any parking area or other facilities. Ms. Lorenzen spoke regarding the parking area and encouraged the Council to put in parking as soon as possible as not to create a problem in people driving up and not having anywhere to park. The Council thanked Ms. Lorenzen and Family for the generous donation,

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2025-02 Accepting an Easement for Recreational Trail Purposes; Authorizing City Manager to take Such Further Actions as Necessary; and Determining the Action be Exempt from CEQA **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Resolution 2025-01 Approving the Annual Events and Parades for 2025: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish stated this is routinely done the first meeting of every year to help with the process of approval for the events and parades that are done every year in Ferndale. Mayor Cady questioned the Concours on Main being in June instead of September.

City Clerk Kristene Hall stated that the Ferndale Chamber verified it was being held in June this year.

MOTION: to appoint Resolution 2025-01 Approving the Annual Events and Parades for 2025.
(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous

Review, Confirm, and Appoint Representatives to Committees, Boards, and JPA's: Mayor Cady explained that this is the time to review the previously appointed Councilmembers to the variety of different Committees, Commissions, and JPA's to see if anyone would like to change their appointments. After a brief discussion, the Council determined they would all remain on their current assignments.

MOTION: to Reconfirm Appointments of Councilmembers to their current Committees, Commissions, and JPA's. **(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous**

Correspondence: None

Council Comments: The Council commented on a study session date to review an Ordinance for Universal Solid Waste Collection. The date set will be January 29, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Reports:

City Managers Report: City Manager Jay Parrish explained some flooding and excessive water problems at the end of Francis Street. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated the new gutters on the Community Center looked great.

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