

AGENDA
CITY OF FERNDALE – HUMBOLDT COUNTY CALIFORNIA – U.S.A.
DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Location:	City Hall	Date:	November 5, 2020
	834 Main Street	Time:	3:00 pm
	Ferndale CA 95536	Posted:	November 2, 2020

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the City Council, City staff, and the public by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

We are strongly recommending that public comment for this meeting be submitted prior to the meeting. Public comment should be submitted to cityclerk@ci.ferndale.ca.us by 4:pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, please be sure to put “Public Comment “in the subject line, and include the agenda item. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record (limit to 5 minutes) during the special meeting.

To provide public comment during the meeting, you will need to join the Zoom meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN
2. ROLL CALL - MAYOR SWEENEY, TOM STEPHENS, JAMES BASS, JEFF FARLEY, BILL BECKER AND WAYNE AMBROSINI
3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of the October 1, 2020 Drainage Committee
5. PUBLIC COMMENT. *(This time is for persons who wish to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Committee has jurisdiction - Drainage. Items requiring action not listed on this agenda will be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration, unless a finding is made by at least 2/3rds of the Committee that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgent nature requiring immediate action.*
6. BUSINESS
 - A. Easement Acquisition Discussion
 - B. Hydrologic Year Record HY2020 Francis Creek Gauging Station
 - C. Drainage Fees
 - D. Christi Negotiation for ESD Easement
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMENTS
8. ADJOURN

**The next regular meeting of the Ferndale Drainage Committee will be on
 December 3, 2020**

MINUTES
CITY OF FERNDALE - HUMBOLDT COUNTY U.S.A.
DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2020

Chairman Sweeney opened the meeting at 3.00 pm. Those present were Tom Stephens, Bill Becker, and Wayne Ambrosini, along with City Staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, and City Clerk Kristene Hall. Mayor Sweeney modified the agenda to include Approval of the September 5, 2020 meeting minutes. No public comments were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the September 3, 2020 Minutes. **MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Drainage Committee Meeting. **(Stephens/Becker)**
Unanimous

BUSINESS

Discuss Priority Drainage Projects List Recommended by Sub-Committee: Mayor Sweeney stated the sub-committee, consisting of the Mayor, City Manager, City Engineer Committee Member Becker and Committee Member Stephens, had put together a list for drainage projects that are concerns for the city. These projects included Rose Ave Culvert; Rose Ave Gutter at Watson; Herbert St Storm Drain System and Dewey Ave; Intersection of Shaw Ave and Berding St; Ambrosini Ln Culvert; Market St Culvert; Van Ness Drainage Inlet at Bridge; Fern St Bridge; and Arlington Ave and 5th St Drainage Sweeney stated the Drainage Committee needed to come up with a priority list of these projects. Sweeney also added that these projects had not yet been cost estimated yet. Mayor Sweeney presented the list via Zoom. City Manager Parrish went over 8 items on the list in more detail. Committee Member Stephens went over the Fern Street Bridge proposed project. Mayor Sweeney stated that grant funding will be need for most of these projects. Mayor Sweeney asked the committee when they would like to prioritize the list. Sweeney added the list would need to be given to the City Engineer for cost estimates on the projects. Committee Member Stephens suggested labeling each project as high, moderate, or low priority. Sweeney agreed with Stephens. Sweeney added that over the next few months and more water, the committee can revisit this and start to prioritize the projects. The committee agreed to prioritize at a later time. A member of the public commented on the Rose Ave Culvert. There was no action taken.

Discuss Fern Avenue Bridge Bank Emergency Plan for Upcoming Winter Storms: Mayor Sweeney stated that Committee Member Stephens was going to watch for significant storm systems. When a storm system is expected, City Manager Parrish will coordinate with Mercer-Fraser as well as Cal Fire and their inmate crews to help fill sandbags that can be used to help with the high water. No Action was Taken

Develop Plan for Acquisition of Francis Creek City Easement and Other Discontinuous Drainage Easements Through the City: Mayor Sweeney stated there are easements on maps that will need to be cleaned and visited to ensure there are no structures or clogged by debris. City Manager Parrish stated the city can ask for an easement to help clear Francis Creek and assist with bank stabilization but property owners do not have to grant any easement. Committee Member Stephens stated his concerns on the growing riparian vegetation. City Manager Parrish stated his appreciation to the Francis Creek Vegetation Removal Volunteers and their help over the last six years of helping to keep the vegetation cleared. Committee Member Stephens suggested asking the City Attorney for the best way to try to acquire easements on the stream channel of Francis Creek. Mayor Sweeney directed the City Manager to consult with the City Attorney on obtaining the easements. City Manager Parrish recommended prioritizing easements needed. No Action was taken.

Correspondence: None

Comments: Committee Member Becker stated his concerns on the acknowledgment of a citizen and his offering financial help with a project.

Mayor Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

Kristene Hall
City Clerk