



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

December 19, 20233

The City Council of the City of Eureka met in REGULAR Session on the above date, 5:00 P.M. Closed Session, 6:00 P.M. Open Session, at the Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers, 531 "K" Street, Eureka.

Public Comment: None

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
Citizens for a Better Eureka vs. City of Eureka City Council, Does 1 to 10
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No's. CV2300565, CV2300712,
CV2301562 and CV2301563,

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
Michele Constantine-Blackwell & Michael Munson vs. City of Eureka, et al.
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2301627

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
City of Eureka v. Nancy Baker
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2300888

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
City of Eureka v. Nancy Baker
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2201830

Conference with legal counsel - existing litigation
City of Eureka v. Hedlund, et al.
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kim Bergel
Leslie Castellano

Kati Moulton
G. Mario Fernandez
Scott Bauer
Renee Contreras-DeLoach

ABSENT: None

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: No report out of closed session.

- A) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mayor Bergel invited Eureka High Schools Limited Edition to perform Holiday Songs for Council and those in attendance. Mayor Bergel attended the Employee Recognition Dinner where Robert Williams from Uplift Eureka was nominated as employee of the year, in his position with the City he has housed 91 people in the last year, Amanda Auston, Animal Curator received City Manager nomination and Kristen Raymond, Housing Project Manager received City Council nomination. Mayor Bergel also attended the Lighted Skywalk at the Sequoia Park Zoo, attended the Salty Board Parade, the CAPE Holiday Party where she dressed as an elf to assist Santa in distributing gifts. Mayor Bergel also took an opportunity to acknowledge Chief Jarvis and the work he has done with EPD in anticipation of his retirement.
- B) PRESENTATIONS: None
- C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None
- D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Unidentified Speaker
Judy
Carl Carner
Micah Star
Unidentified Speaker
Ash Teeter
Latanya Jacob
- E) PUBLIC HEARINGS
E.1 Eureka Police Department Equipment Ordinance – Police Chief Todd Jarvis provided a report. Public Hearing Opened/Closed 6:48pm

No one from the Public addressed the Council on this matter.

Councilmember Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Councilmember Kati Moulton, to introduce Bill No. 1033-C.S., "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Eureka Adding Eureka Municipal Code Chapter 104, Sections 104.01 through 104.08 for the Military Equipment Use to Title IX General Regulations; and Adopt Eureka Police

Department Policy No. 709 Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition and Use, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None

Absent: None

F) CONSENT CALENDAR- Councilmember Kati Moulton moved, seconded by Councilmember G. Mario Fernandez, to approve consent calendar as presented, minus Item F. 5, motion carried.

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None

Absent: None

F.1 Council Minutes – Approve minutes from December 5, 2023 as submitted

F.2 Da' Yas Park Restroom Building Purchase – Award a contract for Da' Yas Park restroom building purchase and installation to Public Restroom Company in the amount of 350,484.00, utilizing Sourcwell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #081721-PRM; and Authorize the Community Services Director to increase the contract amount by up to \$10,500 (three percent, for a total not to exceed amount of \$360,984.00) to allow for any unforeseen contingencies; and Authorize Community Services Director to execute all applicable contract documents.

F.3 Bid No. 2022-13 Acceptance- Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project - Accept the Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project Bid No. 2022-13; and Authorize the filing of Notice of Completion at the Office of the County Recorder.

F.4 Council Meeting Cancellation – Cancel Council meeting for January 2, 2023

F.5 Chief of Police At-Will Appointment – City Manager Miles Slattery provided a report. Brian Stephens addressed the Council. No One from the Public addressed the Council on this matter.

Councilmember G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott Bauer, to Confirm the City Manager's appointment of Brian Stephens to Police Chief and authorize the City Manager to execute an Employment Agreement with Brian Stephens to serve as City of Eureka Chief of Police, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None
Absent: None

G) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE:

By consensus, Council approved Resolution No. 2023-58 "A Resolution of the City Council Opposing Initiative #21-0042A1 – The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

By consensus, Council requested that information about Measure A Cannabis County be agendaized for January 16th meeting (Councilmember Bauer abstained)

H) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

H. 1 Myrtle Ave Bike Lanes - City Engineer Jesse Willor provided a report. The following members of the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter;

Unidentified Speaker

David Hilligiest

David Wagner

Scott Willits

David Long

Ash Teeter

Maryann Waters

April Wheeler

Latanya Jacob

Donald Nino

Patty Callison

Council received report, no further action was taken.

I) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

I.1 2022-23 Budget Review - Finance Director Lane Millar provided a report. The following members of the public addressed the Council on this subject matter;

Latanya Jacob

Councilmember Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by Councilmember Kati Moulton, to approve an additional appropriation of \$75,000 in the current year budget to fund the 2024 Participatory Budget Program; and Approve budget adjustments for FY2022-23 Transfers between Funds; motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None

Absent: None

- I.2 Ambassador Program Report - Project Manager Davis provided a report.

J) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

By consensus City Council directed staff to report on a utility and rental assistance program.

Councilmember Kati Moulton moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott Bauer, to extend meeting to 10pm, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None

Absent: None

K) CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- K.1 Strategic Visioning: 90-Day Milestones - Berke Brown of Berke Brown International LLC provided a report.

City Manager Miles Slattery thanked Police Chief Todd Jarvis for his service.

L) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED: None

M) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:

Councilmember Castellano attended Humboldt Transit Authority meeting, employee recognition dinner, and met with regional tourism planners. She also attended Eureka Main Street meeting and attended Cal Non-profits and met with local Coast Guard.

Councilmember Moulton attended Employee Recognition Dinner, was unable to attend Humboldt Bay Fire JPA meeting, attended 2x2 with Chamber of Commerce, and will host a Town Hall with regards to Jacob Property.

Councilmember Fernandez attended Employee Recognition Dinner, REDEC will not be meeting this month and was appointed to the Cal Cities Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations Committee.

Councilmember Bauer attended Employee Recognition Dinner, attended Humboldt Bay Fire JPA meeting, and the Cram the Cruiser event where 1300lbs of food were collected.

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach attended Chamber 2x2, START board meeting, Employee Recognition Dinner, opening night of Light Skywalk, and will host a field trip with a 12th grade civics class from Eureka High School and was appointed to the Cal Cities Revenue and Tax Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45pm

APPROVED:

Kim Bergel
Mayor

Attest:

Shannon Fazio
Deputy City Clerk