



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2024

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
Michele Constantine-Blackwell & Michael Munson vs. City of Eureka, et al.
Humboldt County Superior Court Case No. CV2301627

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 - Initiation of Litigation (1 Case)
Pursuant to California Government Code paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of
section 54956.9

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Councilmember Scott Bauer recused himself and left the room. On a motion from Councilmember G. Mario Fernandez, seconded by Councilmember Kati Moulton, to initiate litigation to begin receivership on the property at 1766 P Street.

A) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.1 Proclamation - Appreciation of Service for Charles Petty – Mayor Bergel presented a proclamation to Historic Preservation Commission member Chuck Petty.
- A.2 Proclamation - USCG Manson - Councilmember Bauer presented a proclamation to Spencer Manson Aviation Technician Second Class
- A.3 Proclamation - National Mentoring Month - Councilmember Moulton presented a proclamation for National Mentoring Month

B) PRESENTATIONS

- B.1 2023 "Home for the Holidays" Recognition – Economic Development Coordinator Sarah West provided a report. Mayor Bergel presented 1st, 2nd Place and Mayor's Choice Awards for Holiday Lights.

C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jessica Rebholtz
Jeff Harris
Joanne McGarry
Topher Reynolds
Sheri Woo

E) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- E.1 Carrington Company Lot Line Adjustment Coastal Development Permit (CDP-23-0001) Appeal - Senior Planner Caitlin Castellano provided a report. Michael Hearn representing the applicant, Carrington Company, provided information. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:45 PM. The following individuals addressed the Council regarding this subject matter:

Eric Bloom
Steve Staidler
Ken Canapa

Dr. Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom
Nina Richland
Yvonne Pastori
Adam Canter
Public Hearing closed at 7:03 PM

G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Renee Contreras-DeLoach, Adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 of the City Council finding the project is exempt from CEQA, and sustaining the Planning Commission's conditional approval of the Coastal Development Permit for a lot line adjustment at 4775 Broadway, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None

F) CONSENT CALENDAR - G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, to approved the Consent Calendar minus item F.4, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None

F.1 Council Minutes - Approve the City Council regular and special minutes of December 5, 2023 meeting as submitted.

F.2 Outdoor Equity Grants Program Fund Authorizing Grant Resolution for D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. (Discovering Your Nature Adventure and Making Impactful Connections) - Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 of the City Council for the application to the Outdoor Equity Grants Program for D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. (Discovering Your Nature Adventure and Making Impactful Connections).

F.3 Mayor's Appointments to Boards and Commissions - Approve the Mayor's appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions.

F.4 Humboldt Asians and Pacific Islanders Letter of Support - Councilmember Leslie Castellano recused herself from this item and left the room. City Manager Miles Slattery provided a report. The following individual addressed the Council regarding this subject matter:

Sheri Woo

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, to approve a letter of support for Humboldt Asians and Pacific Islanders grant application, motion Carried

Ayes: Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: Leslie Castellano

F.5 Biosolids Disposal Project 2024/26 Award - Declare Synagro-WWT, Inc., the preferred bidder on Biosolids Disposal Project 2024/26; and award Bid No. 2024-2 to Synagro-WWT, Inc., authorizing a (2) two-year contract, with a potential to extend the contract for (1) one year; with an annual not to exceed amount of \$314,000.

F.6 Community Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) Standard Agreement Amendment - Adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 of the City Council approving an amendment to the standard agreement issued under the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV)

G) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE: None

H) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

H.1 2024 Salary Schedule - Human Resources Director Will Folger provided a report. No one addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, Adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 of the City Council approving City's salary/pay rate schedule for all Regular Full-time, Regular Part-time, and Temporary position titles and classifications reflecting salary adjustments for various positions and establishing pay rates for new classifications, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None

H.2 Eureka Police Department Equipment Ordinance - City Manager provided a report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, Waive full reading, read by title only and adopt Bill No. 1033-C.S., Ordinance No. 952-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, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None

Absent: None

I) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- I.1 Measure A Opposition Letter - Councilmember Bauer recused himself and left the room. City Manager Slattery provided a report. The following individuals addressed the Council regarding this subject matter:

Betsy Watson
Kent Sawatzky
Ross Gordon
Mark Thurman
Craig Johnson
Dylan Mattole
Guy Rocourt
Nataline DeLapp
Ellen Johnson
Jackee Riccio

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in opposition to Measure A, a March 2024 ballot initiative., motion Carried

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

- I.2 Mayor Pro-Tem -Mayor – Mayor Kim Bergel provided a report. No one from the public addressed the Council regarding this subject matter.

Kati Moulton moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, to appoint Councilmember Castellano as Mayor Pro-Tem to serve for 2024, motion Carried

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None

J) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

By Consensus, Council approved Councilmember Bauer's request for a report on the City's Mental Health (CARE) program on a future agenda.

By Consensus, Council approved Councilmember Bauer's request to include Private Equity Firms as property owners when the Vacation Rental regulation are brought forward.

- K) CITY MANAGER REPORTS – City Manager Slattery reported that the City received a 1.9 million federal grant for 19 charging stations throughout the City of Eureka.

K.1 Development Services Customer Service Survey - Development Services Director Cristin Kenyon provided a report.

L) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED: None

M) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:

Councilmember Bauer reported that he attended Cal Cities Policy committee meeting, Humboldt Bay Fire JPA meeting and RCEA meeting. This will be a busy winter with legislation.

Councilmember Castellano attended Eureka Main Street meeting, Humboldt Transit Authority and Martin Luther King Celebrations at Adorni Center and in Arcata. There were powerful leaders who spoke at these events.

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach held a field trip in Council Chambers for a local civics class. She attended the Cal Cities Tax and Revenue orientation and will be attending their first quarterly meeting. She also attended Eureka Police Department promotion ceremony and the NAACP Martin Luther King Celebration.

Councilmember Fernandez had his City cell phone stolen and missed some events. Attended orientation for Cal Cities Governance and Transparency Policy Committee. Looking forward to the 2x2 with Eureka City Schools later this month. He also attended the Martin Luther King event at the Adorni Center.

Councilmember Moulton is looking forward to the 2x2 meeting with Eureka City Schools. Congratulations to Chief Stephens on his promotion. The Arts Alive in January well attended. She spent holiday traveling to Houston, TX which gave her an appreciation for our local communities who work together. Attended the Humboldt Bay Fire JPA meeting. Reminder that there will be a Ward 2 Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 6 to 8 PM in the Council Chambers and Zoom will also be available.

Mayor Bergel – It was an honor and privilege to administer the oath of office to Chief Brian Stephens. She reminded members of the Community that many opportunities to volunteer exist and invited people to come out and participate in City events and meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 PM

APPROVED:

Kim Bergel
Mayor

Attest:

Pamela J. Powell
City Clerk