



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 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.

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,

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kim Bergel
Leslie Castellano
Kati Moulton
G. Mario Fernandez
Scott Bauer

ABSENT: Renee Contreras-DeLoach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Allowed Councilmember G. Mario Fernandez to participate via teleconference.

A) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item I.3 was pulled and will be addressed on the next agenda.

The Mayor welcomed Old Town Rotary who presented on Rhododendron Parade. The Mayor also welcomed the Redwood Discovery Museum who presented an award to the City of Eureka for the Perilous Plunge. The Mayor shared an upcoming work day at Ross Park this Saturday 10-11:30am March 23rd. She also thanked Councilmember Castellano and City Manager Slattery for filling while unable to attend certain events. Also, thanks to Eureka High School floral design class for the flowers on dais. Lastly, May 4th Mental Health Month kickoff.

A.1 Proclamation – Councilmember Fernandez read a Proclamation recognizing Two-Spirit Day of Appreciation and Celebration

B) PRESENTATIONS

B.1 Bike Plan Update - Senior Engineer Willor gave a presentation.

C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Carole
Judy Sousa
Jackie McBeth
Unidentified Speaker
Matt Simmons
Shannon Townsend
Althea Christensen
Patty Callison

E) PUBLIC HEARINGS

E.1 Tirsbeck Surplus Property and Right-of-Way Vacation and Local Coastal Program Amendment - Senior Planner Castellano provided a report.

Public Hearing Opened 7:07pm – The following individuals addressed the Council on this subject matter:

Althea Christensen

Public Comment Closed 7:08pm

Kati Moulton moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, Receive Planning Commission report; and Hold a public hearing; Adopt Resolution No 2024- 11 of the City Council of the City of Eureka adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the entire project; and Adopt Resolution No 2024- 12 of the City Council of the City of Eureka declaring a City-owned 20-foot by 30-foot (600-sf) parcel known as APN 003-182-013 surplus property, and summarily vacating an approximate 20-foot by 130-foot right-of-way easement over APNs 003-182-013 and -014; and

Adopt Resolution No. 2024- 13 of the City Council of the City of Eureka approving a Local Coastal Program Amendment to change the Land Use Plan map designation from General Industrial to General Service Commercial at 936 W Hawthorne Street (APN 003-182-010); and Waive reading, read by title only and introduce Bill No. 1034-C.S., an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Eureka amending the Implementation Plan map of the certified Local Coastal Program to change the zoning designation from General Industrial to Service Commercial at 936 W Hawthorne Street (APN 003-182-010)., motion Carried

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

F) CONSENT CALENDAR

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, to approve Consent Calendar, motion Carried

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

- F.1 Council Minutes – Approve Council minutes March 5, 2024 as submitted.
- F.2 Eureka Rhododendron Parade – Sponsor the Eureka Rhododendron Parade coordinated by Eureka Old Town Rotary.
- F.3 Senate Bill 1119 Letter of Support – Authorize Mayor Bergel to sign a letter in support of Senate Bill 1119.
- F.4 Coast Guard Building Improvements – 1. Accept the Coast Guard Building Improvements, Bid No 2023-18; and 2. Approve \$1,627.93 for additional construction cost and; 3. Authorize the filing of a “Notice of Completion” at the Office of the County Recorder.
- F.5 Crowley Property Electrical Installation Project – 1. Declare Spencer Electric, Inc. the low bidder on the Crowley Property Electrical Installation Project, Bid No 2024-11; and 2. Award Bid No. 2024-11 to Spencer Electric, Inc for the amount of \$207,036; and 3. Approve \$230,000 for construction, which includes a contingency of approximately 11%.
- F.6 Crowley Property Electrical Equipment Purchase – 1. Declare Platt Electric the low bidder on the Crowley Property Electrical Equipment

Purchase; and 2. Approve the purchase of the electrical components from Platt Electric, in the amount of \$127, 042. 83.

F.7 Amend the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) plan. Adopt a Reso No. 2024–14, of the City Council approving an application amendment for the 2019 funding cycle of the State Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program (PLHA) through the Housing and Community Development Department.

F.8 Salary Schedule Update - April 2024 - Adopt Reso No. 2024-15 of the City Council approving City's salary/pay rate schedule for the all Regular Full-time, Regular Part-time and Temporary classifications reflecting previously approved salary adjustments for various positions due to minimum wage changes and retention management.

G) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE: None

H) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

H.1 Memorandum of Understanding - Eureka Police Officer's Association/City of Eureka - Human Resources Director Will Folger provided a report.

The following members of the Public Addressed the Council on this matter;
Stephen Parr

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, Adopt Resolution No 2024-16 of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eureka and the Eureka Police Officers' Association effective through June 30, 2027, motion Carried

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

H.2 Bill No. 1035 Open Space, Parks and Recreation Commission - Assistant City Manager Pam Powell provided a report.

The following individuals addressed the Council on this matter;
Unidentified Speaker

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, Waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce Bill No. 1035-C.S. an Ordinance of the City Council amending Title III, Chapter 33, Boards, Commissions & Committees, Section 33.045 Open Space Parks and Recreation Commission., motion Carried

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

I) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- I.1 Planning Commission Vacation Rental Report - Development Services
Director Cristin Kenyon and Planning Commission provided a report.

No members of the Public addressed the Council on this matter.

- I.2 Jacobs Campus Town Hall Debrief and Next Steps

Assistant Planner Penelope Ponce & Development Services Director Cristin Kenyon provided a report.

The following members of the Public addressed the Council on this matter;

Thomas Stewart
Unidentified Speaker
Patty Callison
Althea Christensen
Shannon Townsend
Phillip
Matt Simmons

By Consensus, Council moved to receive more information on the mixed neighborhood overlay option.

- I.3 Eureka Cultural Arts District Memorandum of Understanding – This item was pulled and not discussed.
- I.4 Housing Element Annual Progress Report - Director Cristin Kenyon provided a report.

Councilmember Castellano motioned, Councilmember Bauer 2nd, to extend meeting to 10pm. Unanimous Yes vote, motion carried.

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

The following members of the Public addressed the Council on this matter:

Matt Simmons
Althea Christensen

- I.5 General Plan Annual Progress Report - Senior Planner Caitlin Castellano gave a presentation.

The following members of the Public addressed the Council on this matter;

Thomas Stewart

J) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

By Consensus Councilmember Castellano requested an update on the Homeless Strategy and Master Plan.

By Consensus Councilmember Bauer would like further information on the County's nitrous oxide restrictions.

K) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- K.1 Update on Neighborhood Naming Effort - City Manager Miles Slattery and Penelope Ponce provided a presentation on the Neighborhood Naming Effort.

L) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

M) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS

Councilmember Castellano traveled to Willits for Redwood Empire Board meeting, will travel to Burbank for CalCities policy committee meeting, she also attended Eureka Main Street meeting and will be hosting Town Hall, April 30th.

Councilmember Moulton, has no travel to report. Attended JPA meeting, attended healing ceremony for Nex Benedict, wants to advise members of the public that the 2040 General Plan available on City website.

Councilmember Fernandez attended CivicWell Policy meeting in Yosemite, attending legislative conference in Burbank later in the week also attended ride along with EPD. Additionally, he attended healing ceremony for Nex Benedict.

Councilmember Bauer traveled to Willits for Redwood Empire Board meeting, attended Keep Eureka Beautiful tree planting, will be traveling to CalCities for Environmental Quality meeting, invited members of the public on March 30th to Cooper Gulch clean up with PacOut Green Team, April 7th Historical Society will have vintage newspapers on display.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:50pm

APPROVED:

Kim Bergel
Mayor

Attest:

Shannon Fazio
Deputy City Clerk