



Special Budget Workshop

Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 9:00 am

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 User ID: 814 1304 9135 Password: 444875

- We May Disagree, But We Will Be Respectful of One Another
- All Comments Will Be Directed to the Issue at Hand, and Addressed to the City Council
- Personal Attacks are Unacceptable
- The City Council May Take Action on any Item on this Agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

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Mayor Trent called the public meeting to order at 9:00 am and led the flag salute. ROLL CALL: Council Member Conley - Present, Council Member Losey - Present, Council Member Mobley - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson - Present, Mayor Trent - Present

2. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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There being no public comments, Mayor Trent closed the oral comment section.

3. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Fiscal Year Proposed Budget 2023-24 (Water & Wastewater)

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Finance Director Aaron Felmler and Council discussed the proposed budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sue Long, Wendt Construction - Expressed concern for building fees increasing while the level of service declined. She expressed concerns with the new building software not improving the actual efficiency of staff in the department. She commented that if the software does prove to increased efficiency in permit processing in the near future, she would commend the Council and City Manager at that time, but expressed doubt of that actually happening. She felt that until efficiency improved, it was wrong to increase fees. She also expressed frustration that the Council was considering

approving the increase to building fees with the passing of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget.

In regards to Parks and Recreation fee increases, she pointed out that the \$15,000 annual fees for park and field maintenance would be a cost even if there were not sport user groups using the fields.

Matt Eberhardt - Fortuna Resident - spoke in support of holding a workshop for the Council to discuss building fees.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

b. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Projects

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Public Works Director Brendan Byrd and Council discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Projects.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

c. 2023 Proposed Fee Schedule

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Finance Director Aaron Felmler and Council discussed the proposed fee schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

4. ADJOURN

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Losey to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am. MOTION CARRIED 5/0