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Special Budget Workshop

Minutes

Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 9:00 am

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 User ID: 846 7484 1704 Password: 456950

- 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.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

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Mayor Trent called the public meeting to order at 9:30 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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PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Long - Fortuna Business Owner - Stated she would have to leave the meeting before the Tax Measure discussion and requested she be allowed to make her comment during the general public comment section. The Council agreed. Sue asked the Council to consider amending the tax measure language from: "from .75" to "total of 1.5". There being no additional comments from the public, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

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3. DISCUSSION ITEM

a. Measure E Committee Recommendations to Council for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Measure E Funds

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STAFF REPORT: Measure E Committee Chair, Sue Long, provided staff report on Measure E Fund Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-25. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

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b. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget (General Fund, Transit)

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STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Aaron Felmler provided presentation on the proposed fiscal year 2024-25 budget for the general fund and transit. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Long, Fortuna Business Owner - commented on the poor state of the housing market and that raising costs for building permits and water and sewer rates is like slapping those that are struggling. There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

c. 2024 Proposed Fee Schedule

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STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Aaron Felmler provided presentation on the 2024 proposed fee schedule. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

d. Presentation of Updated Draft Proposed Water and Wastewater 5-year Rate Adjustments

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Public Works Director Brendan Byrd, provided an updated presentation on the proposed Water and Wastewater 5-year rate adjustments. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

e. Review and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Transaction and Use Tax Measure Ballot Title and Ballot Question

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STAFF REPORT: City Manager Merritt Perry provided a staff report on the Transaction and Use Tax Measure Ballot Title and Ballot Question. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section.

4. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adjourn to closed session at 11:33 a.m. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, City Negotiator: City Manager Merritt Perry, Employee Organizations: Fortuna Police Employees Association, Fortuna Employees Association, and the Unrepresented/Management group in accordance with Section 54957.6 of the Government Code.

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COUNCIL ACTION: Provided direction to staff.

5. REPORT OUT AND ADJOURN

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CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

