



# Regular Meeting Agenda

## Minutes

Monday, July 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

**Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 831 5587 9316 Password:  
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- 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

**Minutes:**

Mayor Trent called the public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

**a. Special Presentation from the Chief of Police: Employee Commendations**

**Minutes:**

Police Chief Casey Day presented an employee commendation to Lt. Matt Eberhardt.

### 3. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

**Minutes:**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Community Member James Graham voiced their love for the City of Fortuna and commended working with Lt. Eberhardt while Chief Day was in training. There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the oral comment section.

### 4. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Minutes:**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Trent closed the public

comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to approve Consent Calendar items a - h. AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

- a. **City Council Minutes – June 13, 2024 (Special Meeting)**
  - b. **City Council Minutes – June 17, 2024 (Special Meeting)**
  - c. **City Council Minutes – June 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting)**
  - d. **Report of Disbursements**
  - e. **Approval of the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Concerning Working Conditions, Wages and Benefits with the Fortuna Employee Association (FEA)**
  - f. **Establish and Authorize Supplemental Compensation and Benefits for Management and Confidential Employees, Resolution 2024-16**
  - g. **Approval of the Full Time Classification and Pay Rate Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Resolution 2024-20**
  - h. **Approve a Special Wastewater Agreement with Eel River Brewery and Authorize the City Manager to Execute**
5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
- a. **PUBLIC HEARING: Proposition 218 Majority Protest Process Relative to Proposed Increase to Water Rates**

**Minutes:**

STAFF REPORT: Public Works Director Brendan Byrd provided presentation on the proposed increase to water rates. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Community member Karen Denny expressed concern regarding the City's publication process and spoke in general opposition to the rate increase. Community member Mike Flockhart expressed concern for this rate increase as a landlord on behalf of tenants and spoke in general opposition for the rate increase. Community member Bryce Luster expressed understanding of the need for this rate increase but spoke generally in opposition on behalf of tenants to the rate increase. Community member Abe Stevens reiterated previous concerns regarding the increase meter fees. There being no additional public comments, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Mobley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adopt Resolution 2024-21 "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna, California, Setting Forth the Results of Protests in Connection with Water Rate Hearing Conducted Pursuant to the Requirements of Proposition 218". AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

- b. **PUBLIC HEARING: Proposition 218 Majority Protest Process Relative to Proposed Increase to Wastewater (Sewer) Rates**

**Minutes:**

STAFF REPORT: Public Works Director Brendan Byrd provided presentation on the proposed increase to wastewater (sewer) rates. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Community member Sue Long wanted to clarify point that Public Works Director Brendan Byrd made in the previous public hearing. Community member Mike Flockhart inquired about the comparison of sewer charges in Fortuna neighborhoods. Community member Abe Stevens

asked if the rates presented today are able to be adjusted at a later time due to future inflation. Community member Polly Kinsinger spoke in generally opposition to the rates due to their home including an ADU system that has an additional sewer charge. There being no additional comments from the public, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Mobley moved, seconded by Council Member Losey to adopt Resolution 2024-22 "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna, California, Setting Forth the Results of Protests in Connection with Wastewater Rate Hearing Conducted Pursuant to the Requirements of Proposition 218". AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

## 6. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

### a. Consider Adopting Schedule of Fees and Charges for Water Service; Resolution 2024-23

#### Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Aaron Felmler provided staff report on the consideration of adopting the schedule of fees and charges for water service; resolution 2024-23. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Losey moved, seconded by Council Member Conley to adopt resolution 2024-23, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges for Water Service and Finding the Action Exempt From CEQA". Roll Call Vote. AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 5/0

### b. Consider Adopting Schedule of Fees and Charges for Wastewater Service; Resolution 2024-24

#### Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Aaron Felmler provided staff report on the consideration of adopting the schedule of fees and charges for wastewater service; resolution 2024-24. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There being no comments from the public, Mayor Trent closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adopt resolution 2024-24, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Adopting a Schedule of Fees and Charges for Wastewater Service and Finding the Action Exempt From CEQA". Roll Call Vote. AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED 5/0

## 7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

#### Minutes:

Nothing at this time.

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### Minutes:

None at this time.

**9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- a. Council Member Kyle Conley
- b. Council Member Mike Losey
- c. Council Member Kris Mobley
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Johnson
- e. Mayor Tami Trent

**10. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Minutes:**

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adjourn to closed session at 7:25 p.m. Voice vote. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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

**Minutes:**

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council approved an incentive of \$150 per month for the position of Transit Dispatch/Office Assistant for taking on additional responsibilities while the Administrative Assistant II (P&R) position is vacant. The incentive will only remain in place until the position of Administrative Assistant II (P&R) is filled.

**11. REPORT OUT AND ADJOURN**

**Minutes:**

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. MOTION CARRIED 5/0