



MINUTES OF  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

April 1, 2025

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

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

Conference with legal counsel - initiation of  
litigation Pursuant to 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 Bauer motioned, Councilmember Fernandez 2<sup>nd</sup>, allow legal counsel initiation of litigation Pursuant to paragraph(4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, motion carried.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mayor Bergel provided clarification with regards to Police sweeps and confiscation of property.

- A.1 Proclamation - Mayor Bergel presented a Proclamation Gretchen Ziegler, Zoo Director Emeritus
- A.2 Proclamation - Councilmember Moulton presented a Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- A.3 Proclamation - Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach presented a Proclamation Week of the Young Child
- A.4 Proclamation - Councilmember Bauer presented a Proclamation Evidence and Property Technicians Appreciation Week.

B) PRESENTATIONS

- B.1 Eureka City Parks Update - Environmental Project Manager Robin Praszker and Deputy Community Services Director Jeff Raimey presented.

C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None

D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Stephen  
Pat  
Kent Bates  
Jason Mather  
Anonymous  
Eddie  
Mark Matteoli  
Del McCain  
Anonymous  
Ellen  
Wee Noir  
Ames

E) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- E.1 Appeal of North Coast Substance Abuse Council Non-Medical Care Housing Facility Conditional Use Permit (UP-24-1) – Deputy Director Caitlin Castellano and Assistant Planner Alexandra Gonzales provided a report.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:35pm – The Following Individuals addressed the Council on this matter:

Anonymous  
Danette  
Jean Scheffler  
Melissa  
Jan  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Napha  
Rafael  
Sunny Gonzales-Valero  
Patricia  
Chelsea  
Frank Riley  
Mary Ann Hansen  
Tony  
Thea Stewart  
Hava  
Deborah Dukes  
Jennifer Gonzales  
Marylin Field  
Carrie Durky  
Jamie  
Virginia  
Chandler  
Jordan  
Jess Rebholtz  
Karpani  
C. LaRochelle  
Public Hearing Closed 8:42pm

Renee Contreras-DeLoach moved, Leslie Castellano 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07 finding the project is exempt from CEQA, and sustaining the Planning Commission's conditional approval of the North Coast Substance Abuse Council Non-Medical Care Housing Facility Conditional Use Permit at 309 Harris Street with modification of Condition B to limit the level of service to a California Department of Health Care Services 3.1 Residential Level Recovery Home, 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 approve Consent Calendar, minus F. 5, motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- F.1 Council Minutes – Approve Council minutes March 18, 2025
- F.2 Da'Yas Park Improvement Project (Public Restroom Company)- Bid No. 2024-10. Accept the Public Restroom Company Project (part of Da' Yas Park Improvement Project), Bid No. 2024-10; and Authorize the filing of a 'Notice of Completion' at the Office of the County Recorder
- F.3 City Council Policy and Procedures – Adopt updated Travel Policy 2.10 and Vehicle Use 3.75
- F.4 Policy 6.10 Telematics – Adopt policy No. 6.10 Telematics
- F.5 2024 Participatory Budget Program Update- Administrative Technician Suzanne Ross-Mantle provided a report

No Members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter.

G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, Approve the Update to the 2024 Participatory Budget Program Process; and Approve the Participatory Budget Submission from Eureka Theater in Ward 5; and Approve the Youth Council as a body to select and approve Participatory Budget applications with the funds allocated to Ward 3, motion Carried.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- F.6 Destruction of Records – Adopt Resolution No. 2025 - 08 for Destruction of Certain Records in the Human Resources Department.

G) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

By Consensus Council, to authorize the Mayor to sign letter in support of Assembly Bill 476 on metal theft

By Consensus Council, to authorize the Mayor sign a letter against AB 306 freeze State Code updates for 6 years.

H) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

Kati Moulton moved, G. Mario Fernandez 2<sup>nd</sup> to extend meeting to 10pm

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

I) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- I.1 Award Contract for Bid No. 2024-20 Bay to Zoo Trail Consultant - Project Manager Brittany Powell provided a report.

No members of the Public Addressed Council on this Matter.

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, Receive Bay to Zoo Trail project status report from City staff; and Declare Bender Rosenthal, Inc. the selected proposer for Request for Proposal Bid No. 2024-20 for professional right of way services; and Authorize contract with Bender Rosenthal, Inc. for professional right of way services in the amount of \$285,000.00 funded with project grants: and Authorize Director of Engineering to negotiate and execute applicable contract documents, motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- I.2 Endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative - Director Kelly Allen introduced Beth Herman and Deborah Dukes from Energy Commission.

No Members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter.

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Leslie Castellano, Authorize the Mayor to endorse the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty global campaign, motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

G. Mario Fernandez moved, Kati Moulton 2nd, extend meeting to 10:30pm, Motion carried.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

I.3 Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Project Update - Deputy Director Brian Issa provided a report.

No members of the Public Addressed the council on this matter.

J) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

K) CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

K.1 Human Resources Benefit Update - Human Resources Director Will Folger provided a report.

L) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED: None

M) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:

Councilmember Castellano, traveled to Burbank for League of California Cities policy meeting. Attended EMS meetings, planning Humboldt Bay Trail Celebration, June 28<sup>th</sup> and attended HTA, HWMA meetings.

Councilmember Moulton, attended HBF Awards dinner, was unable to attend Wiyot Housing update, attended mornings with Main Street, attended ECS 2x2, attended HBF Board meeting where budgets were reviewed.

Councilmember Fernandez, attended Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc meeting, attended Eureka City Schools 2x2, will attend Offshore Wind Energy meeting.

Councilmember Bauer, traveled for League of California Cities policy meeting, attended County 2x2.

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach, attended 2x2 Humboldt County, attended Wiyot Housing update. First Emergency Shelter Ad Hoc was held. Helping to organize Offshore Wind event coming up.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:26 P.M.

APPROVED:

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Kim Bergel  
Mayor

Attest:

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Shannon Fazio  
Deputy City Clerk