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Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm

621 11th Street, Fortuna CA

SPECIAL MEETING

Zoom Option: 1-669-900-9128 Meeting ID 895 0127 1494 Password 288406

- 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 Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the flag salute. ROLL CALL: Council Member Conley - Present, Council Member Diaz - Present, Council Member Stevens - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Trent - Present, Mayor Johnson - Present.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comments. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz, to approve consent calendar items b and c. AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson. NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 5/0 CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Council Member Stevens, to approve consent calendar items a. AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem Trent ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

- a. City Council Minutes – August 18, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
- b. Report of Disbursements
- c. Ducks Unlimited - Bingo Permit Application

3. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

a. City of Fortuna Revenue Generation Ad Hoc Committee Update and Discussion

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director Aaron Felmler and City Manager Amy Nilsen, provided a staff report and presentation on the City of Fortuna Revenue Generation Ad Hoc Committee. PUBLIC COMMENT: Connie Decoe-Munier, Sandy Dale, Sue Long. There being no additional comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comments. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz, to direct staff to return with an enhanced investment plan for the River Lodge, including physical upgrades and including marketing. AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson. NOES: Council Member Stevens ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None MOTION CARRIED: 4/1

4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

Minutes:

ABSENT: None

a. Authorize the City Manager to Award the River Lodge Exterior Staining Project to Hamanaka Painting Co. and Establish a Maximum Contract of \$158,000

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Public Works Director, Brian Issa, provided a brief history and staff report on the River Lodge staining project. PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional comments from the public, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment section. CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Diaz moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trent, to Authorize the City Manager to award the River Lodge Exterior Staining Project to Hamanaka Painting Co. and establish a not to exceed contract amount of \$190,000 AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson. NOES: Council Member Stevens ABSTAIN: None MOTION CARRIED: 4/1

5. STUDY SESSION

a. Cannabis Policy Study Session

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: Senior Policy Advisor, Mark Lovelace of HdL Companies, provided a Policy Study Session on Cannabis. PUBLIC COMMENT: Michelle Bushnell, Matt Eberhardt, Sue Long There being no additional public comment, Mayor Johnson closed public comment. COUNCIL ACTION: Council Member Conley moved, seconded by Council Member Diaz to have staff return with a Supplemental Budget Request indicating a specific amount to pay for a consultant to facilitate a public meeting to allow input on the potential of allowing cannabis industry within the City of Fortuna. AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz, Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None MOTION

CARRIED: 5/0

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Minutes:

STAFF REPORT: City Manager, Amy Nilsen, provided a verbal report.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes:

None at this time.

8. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

PUBLIC COMMENT: There being no additional public comment, Mayor Johnson closed the public comments.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- a. Council Member Kyle Conley
- b. Council Member Carlos Diaz
- c. Council Member Abe Stevens
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Tami Trent
- e. Mayor Mike Johnson

10. ADJOURN

Minutes:

CITY COUNCIL ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Conley to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. MOTION CARRIED: 5/0