RESOLUTION 2022-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FORTUNA MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL 361, AND AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor issued Executive Order Nos. N-08-21, N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to conduct public meetings without strict compliance with the teleconferencing provisions of the Brown Act;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 361, which was signed into law on September 17, 2021, amended Government Code section 54953, to provide relief from the teleconferencing provisions of the Brown Act under certain circumstances provided the legislative body makes certain findings;

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, in accordance with the section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and the state of emergency remains in effect;

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of Public Health and the Humboldt County Health Officer continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council does hereby find and resolve as follows:

- 1. That the Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the previously declared and existing state of emergency arising from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2. That local and State officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
- 3. That the Council and its subordinate Committees, Commissions, and Boards are, upon the determination of the City Manager, authorized to conduct public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e);
- 4. That the Council will reconsider the above findings within 30-days of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 6th day of September 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Johnson, Losey, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Sue Long, Mayo

Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk