

Fort Bragg, California
November 23, 2009
Town Hall

The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg, meeting concurrently as the District Board of the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 and Agency Board of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency, met in regular session on the above date at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall, southwest corner of N. Main and Laurel Streets (363 N. Main Street), Fort Bragg, with Mayor Doug Hammerstrom presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL as acknowledged by Mayor Hammerstrom:

Present: Councilmembers Dave Turner, Meg Courtney, Dan Gjerde, and Mayor Doug Hammerstrom.

Absent: Councilmember Jere Melo.

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing reported on the following:

- City office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- There will be a public scoping meeting for the Coastal Trail Environmental Impact Report on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. This is the portion of the trail from Soldier's Bay to Pudding Creek that will be on both the former mill site property and Glass Beach headlands.
- The tree lighting and Holiday Lights Parade will be on December 5th.

Director of Public Works Goble reported that Baxman Gravel is doing structural repair on Pine Street and Harold Street this week. Pine Street was closed today and portions of Harold Street will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday. Following the Pine and Harold Street work, Baxman will then repair the street damaged by a water leaks on Harrison and Fir Streets.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Hammerstrom reported on meetings he attended regarding the College of the Redwoods and ocean issues. He noted that progress is being made regarding the College of the Redwoods in terms of both the curriculum master plan and facilities master plan plus they are working on making their website more user friendly. He and Councilmember Courtney met with representatives from the County and community groups regarding wave energy and believes that the Council's ad-hoc committee on wave energy has now wrapped up their assignment. He then formed an ad-hoc group of himself and Courtney to deal with ocean matters. Hammerstrom concluded by noting that the group looking at the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) now has an acronym – MOCA – which stands for Mendocino Ocean Community Alliance; they continue to focus on the MLPA process and are also wanting to proactively discuss other issues relating to the ocean.

Vice Mayor Turner reported that the Fort Bragg Fire Protection Authority Board meets tomorrow and he will report out at the next meeting.

Councilmember Courtney informed the Council that she attended a special meeting of both the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MSWMA) and Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) on Thursday. MSWMA had a presentation from a gentleman who had taken a trip to explore the Pacific Gyre, which is where a large mass of plastics has collected; she stated she would like this person to make a presentation at a future Council meeting. She noted that plastic attracts toxins, the fish then eat the plastic (and toxins) and then people eat the fish. Courtney stated that the Board then discussed banning plastic non-degradable Styrofoam takeout packages, noting that municipalities are now taking

up this issue since State legislators have not passed any laws banning them. This is something she wants to bring to the Council for a vote.

Councilmember Gjerde reported that the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) Executive Committee met and recommended \$200,000 toward the cost of the Simpson Lane Roundabout; this will go to a vote of the full Board on December 17th. The Executive Committee also got to review the early draft of the County Regional Transportation Plan and recommended language stating that investments in the future (this 30-year spending plan) should reduce greenhouse gases. Gjerde then noted that he has been participating in a group looking at the need for on-going funding for parks, recreation and open space and they have prepared a resolution for the County Board of Supervisors asking them to support more parks, recreation and open space in Mendocino County and provide funding. He requested that the City Council also pass this resolution; **Mayor Hammerstrom requested this item go to the Finance/Administration Committee for review.** Gjerde then noted that the Fifth District Supervisor, who is the County's coastal representative on MCOG, will not be asking for reappointment; Gjerde felt that it was important to continue to have coastal representation from the Board of Supervisors and noted that Fourth District Supervisor Smith has expressed an interest in serving on MCOG. He requested a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that they continue to appoint a coastal representative to MCOG and recommending Supervisor Smith for that appointment. **A letter will be prepared and placed on the December 14th Council meeting.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto from the Planning and Technical Assistance General Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

City Manager Ruffing reviewed the Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item with the City Council, and noted that since the Summary was prepared staff received the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from the State; nothing in the NOFA requires amendment to the Summary. The first date applications will be received by the State is December 18th and funds are awarded on a first come-first served basis.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- The original Water Master Plan was done in 1985.
- A Sustainable Water Management Plan that addresses water, wastewater, and stormwater will be compiled by staff using information from this and other plans.
- Vice Mayor Turner commended Housing and Economic Development Coordinator Owen on a job well done in thinking ahead on these grants.

Mayor Hammerstrom opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.; seeing no one wishing to speak the public hearing was immediately closed.

Moved by Turner, seconded by Courtney, to adopt City Council Resolution (3328-2009) approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the Planning and Technical Assistance General Allocation of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. #271

VOTE: Ayes: Councilmembers Turner, Courtney, Gjerde, and Mayor Hammerstrom.

Absent: Councilmember Melo.

5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

A. Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding City Application for Funds from Mendocino Council of Governments 2010 Overall Work Program

The Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item was reviewed with the City Council by City Manager

Ruffing. She noted that the Mayor suggested earlier that a Pudding Creek footbridge be added to the "City Surrounded by a Park" concept.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Staff recommended any proposal be issued for the full amount; the City's representative on the Mendocino Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee (MCOG TAC) can amend it to phase the project during the TAC meeting if the need arises.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: George Reinhardt suggested water catchment be part of the Alley Master Plan as it will relieve the strain on the City's storm drain system.

Discussion: The following was noted during continued discussion of this item.

- The water catchment concept will be addressed in the Water Master Plan being proposed for funding from the Community Development Block Grant discussed during the public hearing.
- Mayor Hammerstrom suggested including pedestrian facilities in the Alley Master Plan study; his thought was to use stamped asphalt to designate pedestrian walkways.

Council supported staff's recommendation to seek funding for an Alley Master Plan. #205

B. Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Local Nominees for Regional Stakeholder Group the North Coast Marine Life Protection Act Process

City Manager Ruffing reviewed the Agenda Item Summary prepared for this item with the City Council and commended Dave Wright for the work he has done for the City in both serving on the Regional Stakeholder Group (RSG) and acting as liaison for the Council on this process; she recommended giving Wright extra recognition in any letter written. Ruffing noted that there were original fourteen people listed in Summary report but three of those people have withdrawn from the list – Peter Bogdahn, Bruce Campbell, and Terry Nieves.

Discussion: The following was noted during discussion of this item:

- Staff believes there will be an interview process prior to appointments to the RSG prior to announcement of appointments on February 1st.

Public comment on this agenda item was received from: Bill Lemos, Dave Wright, and Gabriel Maroney.

Discussion: The following was noted during continued discussion of this item:

- Council praised Wright for the work he has done with the town hall meetings and noted his valuable knowledge of the ocean, GPS, and mapping.

Council directed staff to prepare a letter for Council review endorsing Jim Bassler, Tom Estes, John Gebers, Larry Knowles, Bill Lemos, Jim Martin, Atta Stevens, Tom Trumper, Judith Vidaver, David Wright, and Dan Yoakum, with special recognition of David Wright for his representation of the City's interests. #186

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA AND CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A. Non-Agenda Items

1. Santa Dog (Johanna Jensen) reminded everyone that the Holiday Lights Parade is happening on December 5th and that applications are available on-line and at various locations around town. She invited people to join her and her rain-dog Riley in the McDog entry, which is being done as a fundraiser for the dog park. She asked people to send an e-mail to mcdog@mcn.org for more information.

B. Consent Calendar Items

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Turner, seconded by Gjerde, to accept the Consent Calendar, as received, with the actions noted, namely:

A. Waive the Second Reading and Adopt, by Title Only, Ordinance 884-2009; an Ordinance Amending Section 3.12.070 (Reporting-Remitting) of Chapter 3.12 (Transient Occupancy Tax) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code. #284

B. Authorize Cancellation of December 28, 2009 Meeting.

C. Approval of Minutes

(1) Minutes of November 9, 2009.

VOTE: Ayes: Councilmembers Turner, Courtney, Gjerde, and Mayor Hammerstrom.

Absent: Councilmember Melo.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hammerstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

DOUG HAMMERSTROM, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC
City Clerk

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