

Regular City Council Meeting – October 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Sherman Schapiro, Kevin Benjamin, Lana Manzanita, Michele McCall-Wallace

Council Members Absent: Stephen Kullmann

Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk April Sousa, City Manager John Berchtold, City Planner Garry Rees

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to approve the agenda after moving item 5, review of smoking ordinance, to occur after item 10, Fire District Tax discussion. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

City Attorney, Nancy Diamond, introduced her associate, Tracey Boobar, to the council.

There was no other public input at this time.

Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Proclamation was passed out during the meeting. Mayor Schapiro read the proclamation to the council and audience. Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to accept this proclamation. Council Member Benjamin seconded. Brenda Bishop, Executive Director from Humboldt Domestic Violence Services (HDVS), accepted the proclamation and spoke about HDVS and Domestic Violence.

County Sales Tax Proposal Presentation

Phil Smith Haines, Humboldt County CAO, and Undersheriff Bill Honsal spoke about Measure Z – a local measure to obtain and improve essential county services through a ½ cent increase in sales tax. This measure will be on the November 4th ballot. If the measure passes, it will take effect on April 1, 2015 and will expire after 5 years. This was an informational presentation for the council and the public.

Energy Services for Income Qualified Households Presentation

Kristin Kovacs and Justin Fricker from RCAA presented on who RCAA (Redwood Community Action Agency) is, the programs offered by RCAA and the process of those programs. Garry Reese, Blue Lake City Planner, stated that this ties into the City's Climate Action Plan.

Resolution No. 1041, to Appoint a Representative to the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC) Board of Directors

Councilmember Manzanita moved to adopt Resolution No. 1041 to appoint a representative to the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC) Board of Directors. Councilmember McCall-Wallace seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 1042, Authorizing an Offering of the Continuation of the City's Dental and Vision Coverage to All Eligible Retirees, Clarifying Coverage, and Declaring that Resolution No. 1042 Supersedes Resolution No. 1003.

Councilmember McCall-Wallace moved to adopt Resolution No. 1042 authorizing an offering of the continuation of the City's dental and vision coverage to all eligible retirees, clarifying coverage, and declaring that Resolution No. 1042 supersedes Resolution No. 1003. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire District Benefit Assessment

City Manager Berchtold proposed assessments of City property. City Manager Berchtold clarified how a public agency is to make votes: The City Council would give a request to the City Clerk to vote a specific way. There was a discussion on how the units were delineated. Council discussed needing to know correct information before making a decision. Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to review the Assessor Parcel allotments with Ray Stonebarger, Blue Lake Fire Chief and bring the information back to the Council to the next meeting to make an informed vote. Councilmember Benjamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarification was made that if any community members have questions regarding their own vote, they can call the Fire Department. There will be a final meeting on October 29th at 5:30 p.m. All votes must be in before this meeting ends.

Review of Smoking Ordinance

City Manager Berchtold presented the original ordinance to the Council. He mentioned that there is a City Manager's meeting the last week of January that has "E-Cigarettes" as a major discussion session. After discussion, Council Member Manzanita suggests putting off the discussion until City Manager Berchtold

returns from the upcoming City Manager's meeting. Council Member McCall-Wallace agreed. There was a consensus to hold this discussion until February 2015.

Consent agenda

Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to accept consent agenda items a,b, and c. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Berchtold gave a general overview of item d. He met with department heads to come up with a realistic timeline. Council Member Benjamin moved to accept consent agenda item d. Council Member McCall-Wallace seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

There were no reports from Council Members McCall-Wallace or Benjamin.

Mayor Schapiro mentioned that the last HCAOG meeting was cancelled.

Council Member Manzanita gave a report on HWMA, CERT and a League report on voting. Council Member Manzanita also gave a report from the Public Safety Commission. She mentioned to the Council that a date needs to be decided upon for the joint Council and Public Safety Commission meeting. Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to request November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. as the joint meeting date. Council Member Benjamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This date will be confirmed at the next Council meeting.

City Manager Berchtold reported that the City is now participating in a full recycling program. There are new bins in City Hall. Also reported was that the Building Official and Engineer inspected the vacant property on Hartman and now awaiting the Engineer's report. City Manager Berchtold talked with RCEA. Prasch Hall may be a part of a couple pilot programs.

Motion to adopt minutes from September 23, 2014

Mayor Schapiro suggested the following edits: identify representative of "E-Cigarette" discussion (Jay McCubrey) and representative from the Fire District Board (P.J. Lynch) and add the explanation of the USPS correspondence ("... in response to the City's letter of opposition to the proposed closure of the Eureka mail sorting facility."). Council Member Benjamin moved to adopt minutes with suggested edits. Council Member McCall-Wallace seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt minutes from September 16, 2014

Mayor Schapiro suggested adding full names to those attending. Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to adopt minutes with full names added. Council Member Benjamin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda items

Fire District Tax

Public Safety Commission joint meeting date – November 3

Hank Seeman, Humboldt County Public Works – Levee Update

Measure T – Utility Users Tax

Correspondence

Deputy City Clerk Sousa passed out and read the Nominees of Public Office.

Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to enter into closed session at 9:14 p.m. to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 549757 (City Manager)/ Conference With Labor Negotiator Concerning Unrepresented Employee (City Manager) Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of Government Code. Council Member Manzanita seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*At 9:17 p.m. City Council returned to Open Session. Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to approve **Amendment No. 2 to City Manager Employment Agreement.** Council Member Manzanita seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Council Member McCall-Wallace moved to enter in closed session at 9:22 p.m. for Conference with Negotiators: City Manager John Berchtold, Realtor Dave Wells and Negotiating Parties: City of Blue Lake and B&B Portable Toilets LLC, Six Rivers Portable Toilets LLC, and Johnson's Mobile Rentals LLC, Regarding Property at 150 Taylor Way Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. Council Member Manzanita seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*At 9:29 p.m. City Council returned to Open Session. **Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 p.m.***

April Sousa, Deputy City Clerk