

Fortuna City Council

July 7, 2003 7:00 PM

City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Mel Berti

Councilwoman Debi August

Councilman Tom Cooke

Councilman Dean Glaser

STAFF

City Manager

City Attorney

Administrative Assistant

Finance Director

Parks & Recreation Director

Public Works Director

Police Chief

Deputy City Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Berti said closed session was held to consider public employee appointment, Fortuna Police Department under Section 54957 of the Government Code. Mayor Berti announced the City Manager was directed to have a temporary Police Officer fill in for up to one year.

Mayor Berti also said closed session was held for conference with legal counsel, existing litigation, Daniel Vargas versus the City of Fortuna in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 54967.9 of the Government Code. Mayor Berti said no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 16, 2003 were considered. Councilman Cooke corrected page 4 under Payment of Bills to read; Councilman Cooke moved, seconded by Councilman *Shelton* to authorize payment....

Councilwoman August moved, seconded by Councilman Cooke to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CYNTHIA COFFER FOR "CITIES THAT READ" PROGRAM

Cynthia Coffe spoke briefly to Council regarding the "Cities that Read" program. She said this is funded from private donations and grants. Ms Coffe also noted she represents the Redwood Literacy Network and urged the City Council to join the "Cities that Read" program.

Councilwoman August moved, seconded by Councilman Cooke to enter into an agreement for the four non-cost items supporting adult literacy. Motion carried.

Councilman Tom Cooke advised he would act as liaison and representative of the City.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDED FY 2003-04 FEE RESOLUTION; RESOLUTION 2003-16

City Manager Duane Rigge reviewed the staff report and said several recreational fees did not get incorporated into Fee Resolution 2003-13. He also noted staff is recommending to continue the use of "non-profit organization" definitions.

Councilman Cooke moved, seconded by Councilwoman August to adopt Resolution 2003-16 and read it by title only. Mayor Berti read the title, motion carried by roll call vote.

AGREEMENT WITH CENTRATION, INC. TO PROVIDE MANDATED COST REIMBURSEMENT

Finance Director Paul Rodrigues said the current contract with Centration, Inc. expired on June 30, 2003. He said the proposed contract would run from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006 with either party terminating the agreement with ninety days written notice.

Paul said there is no cost to the City and the State of California reimburses the City with interest if they are slow to pay.

Councilman Cooke moved, seconded by Councilwoman August to accept the agreement with Centration, Inc. to provide mandated reimbursement claim preparation service for the City of Fortuna and authorize the City Manager to execute and administrate the contract. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH RCAA FOR ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Administrative Assistant Cheryl Bryant explained there are two contracts, the first contract is for technical assistance service at \$50.00 per hour and the second contract is for RCAA to apply for CDBG grants for us. Cheryl said we are just looking to approve the general format of the second contract, it would then be approved by Council each time a grant application is submitted.

Cheryl responded to questions and comments from Council and said the term of the contract is two months. Cheryl said we are asking RCAA to get us back into the funding cycle.

Councilwoman August moved, seconded by Councilman Cooke to authorize the City Manager to enter into the first contract agreement for technical assistance. Motion carried by roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilwoman August to authorize payment of the City's bills in the amount of \$388,264.74. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Glaser pulled item "D" Authorization to Award Bid for Rohnerville Road, West Side and Councilman Cooke pulled item "C" Designating Voting Delegates for the Annual League of California Cities Meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar consisting of Monthly Schedule of Events and Claims Against City-Semi-Annual Report to Council.

Councilman Cooke said the recommended Council action was to designate a voting delegate and alternate, however they were not named. Council concurred to designate Councilman Cooke as the voting delegate and City Manager Rigge as the alternate.

Councilman Glaser said RAO shaved \$17,000 off the bid and expressed concern that if the contract is awarded to RAO, that they not come back requesting more money. Public Works Director Charles Clark assured him this would not happen.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Duane Rigge briefed Council on the State budget crisis. Duane said he crafted a letter to Senator Chesbro, requesting he oppose the proposed local sales tax for property tax swap. City Manager Rigge encouraged Council to support this letter. No objection was heard from Council, Mayor Berti will sign the letter indicating Council's opposition.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Billy Myers 103 Boyden Lane commended the City Manager and Public Works staff for helping to make the shoot at the Trap & Gun Club a success this past weekend.

Cindy Guckenberger, representing Danco Builders told Council she is here to see if there is interest in an additional 20 units or less of cluster housing. Cindy said they would provide the gap financing and all discretionary approvals. She explained it would be Phase 2 of what is already in place.

Council agreed they are not asking to increase the density, it is appropriately zoned and it is a great concept. Councilman Cooke cautioned that sometimes the Council has gotten ahead of the Planning Commission and we need to be sensitive to that.

Rochelle Sullivan a resident of 1780 South Rohnerville Road expressed concern about her sidewalk. Ms. Sullivan said her property sits two and one-half feet below the grade of Rohnerville Road and the Street Superintendent indicated there is not going to be a retaining wall to hold the sidewalk up.

Mayor Berti assured Ms. Sullivan the City will make this work that we intend to please the residents.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Berti appointed Councilwoman August to the Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee. Council members reported on their various activities. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.