

Fortuna City Council
Fortuna Redevelopment Agency
February 20, 2007 6:00 PM
City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor John Campbell
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Whitchurch
Councilman Mel Berti
Councilman Dean Glaser
Councilman Doug Strehl

STAFF

City Manager
City Attorney
Deputy City Clerk
City Engineer

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Campbell read and presented a proclamation to Carol Kinser for Library Day.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Sylvia Jutila told Council she is pleased with the work the City Planners have done and is excited about the mixed use at the PALCO site.

There were no further comments, Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Whitchurch to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of the City's bills in the amount of \$200,098.66. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Whitchurch noted he would abstain on the approval of the February 5, minutes because he was absent. Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Strehl to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 7. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

PROPOSED PARTIAL VACATION OF EXISTING PUBLIC SERVICE EASEMENTS UPON THE LANDS OF ORVILLE AND JO ANN SMITH

City Manager Duane Rigge said we were hopeful to have received a firm agreement from the Smiths but we have not as yet received a formal agreement. He suggested Council receive the staff report, open the public hearing and continue it to March 5th.

City Engineer Doug Jackson told Council this is the third stage in the formal process and we are doing this to obtain a gas main right-of-way through the Smith property to the wastewater treatment plant.

Mayor Campbell opened the meeting to public comment at 6:10 PM. Ozzie Smith said they have to work out an agreement with the City and they need to have a meeting to get this cleared up.

Wally Wright said it appears that you will abandon a portion of the easement.

City Engineer Jackson said it is a new easement from PG&E and we nested that in pre-existing easements from the 1950's.

Councilman Berti clarified that the City already has easements, and PG&E has negotiated with the Smiths. He said this would increase the value of their property, but PG&E has to get an okay from the Smiths to put this easement in the pre-existing right-of-way.

There being no further comments, Councilman Glaser moved, seconded by Councilman Strehl to close the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Councilman Whitchurch moved, seconded by Councilman Glaser to continue this item to March 5, 2007. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Duane Rigge reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings, no action was taken.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor and Council Members reported on their various commissions, meetings and activities. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:30 PM.

Closed session was held for conference with legal counsel in accordance with Section 54956.9 of the Government Code; anticipated litigation (2 cases). Council called a special closed session meeting on Friday, February 23, 2007 to discuss labor negotiations with Fortuna Employees Association, Fortuna Police Employees Association and Fortuna Office Employees Association in accordance with Section 54957.6 of the Government Code. Council adjourned from closed session at 7:45 PM.