

Fort Jones City Council
Special Meeting
October 20, 2022

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING AGENDA

I, Celeste McFall, City Clerk for the Town of Fort Jones, hereby certify that the agenda for the October 20, 2022 Special Meeting of the City Council was posted in City Hall, near the door of the City Council Chambers, Ray's Food Place, Scott Valley Family Resource Center, Outside Ace Hardware and at the Community Church on October 17, 2022.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Celeste McFall, City Clerk

ROLL Call

The Special meeting of the Fort Jones City Council was called to order in person by Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker at 3:00 p.m. In addition to Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker council members present were Kathy Banks, Bill Beckwith Mercedes Garcia, and Mark Gepford.

Also present: City Administrator Karl Drexel, and City Clerk Celeste McFall. Present via Zoom was City Attorney Margaret Long.

Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker led the flag salute.

Public Comment on Closed Session:

Cindy Barger reads a written statement saying that she hasn't seen any improvements to the town of Fort Jones during the four years of Karl Drexel's term as City Administrator.

Susie LaMarr complains about trailers in people's yards and trash which "doesn't do our town much justice at all".

Adjourn to Closed Session

Return to Open Session: 4:07 p.m.

Report on Closed Session:

There will be a hearing on November 3, which is a status conference with the lawyers before the Judge regarding the status of the Marble View Motel abatement.

Public Comments:

Suzie LaMarr adds that when she is looking at all the bad places that need to be looked at and she is looking at sanitation and fire hazards and one of those places goes up, it could burn the whole town down.

Discussion/Reports: Action Items:

1. Discuss and approve Resolution 1114 authorizing City Administrator to sign all Agreements and Amendments with Cal Trans.

Kathye Banks makes a motion to table the item until the next Regular Meeting. Discussion follows. Motion fails

William Beckwith makes a motion to approve Resolution 1114 authorizing the City Administrator to sign all Agreements and Amendments with Cal Trans, Mercedes Garcia seconds the motion. Motion passes.

AYES: DeCausmaker, Beckwith, Garcia, Gepford.

NOES: Kathye Banks

ABSTAIN:

2. Discuss and approve Resolution 1115 authorizing the City Administrator to file annual certification of Maintenance of Effort required by AB 2778 for the allocation of Proposition 172 tax monies.

William Beckwith makes a motion to approve Resolution 1115 authorizing the City Administrator to file annual certification of Maintenance of Effort required by AB 2778 for the allocation of Proposition 172 tax monies. Mark Gepford seconds the motion. Motion passes.

AYES: DeCausmaker, Gepford, Garcia, Beckwith

NOES:

ABSTAIN: Kathye Banks

3. Discuss and approve Resolution 1116 authorizing the expenditure of the 2022-2023 allocation of funding under the COPS Program.

William Beckwith makes a motion to approve Resolution 1116 authorizing the expenditure of the 2022-2023 allocation of funding under the COPS Program, Mark Gepford seconds the motion. Motion passes.

AYES: DeCausmaker, Gepford, Garcia, Beckwith, Banks

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

4. Council to discuss and vote on hiring new City Administrator.

Kathye Banks reads the background information. Discussion follows. The lawyer weighs in and asks Kathye to stop reading her list of grievances against Karl Drexel.

Discussion continues.

Mercedes Garcia makes a motion to send Janet Martinez an offer letter with the approved compensation package, Kathy Banks seconds the motion. Discussion follows. Motion passes.

AYES: Beckwith, Garcia, Banks, Gepford, DeCausmaker

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

5. Council to discuss and vote on the termination of the contract with Karl Drexel, president, KD Management Services, LLC.

Discussion follows and disseminates into personal attacks. Attorney Margaret Long calls the Council back to task. Cookie Hunt suggests securing a new City Administrator before giving the current City Administrator his 30-day notice.

Kathy Banks makes a motion to terminate Karl's contract 30 days from today's date. Mark Gepford seconds the motion. Motion passes.

AYES: Garcia, Banks, Gepford

NOES: Beckwith, DeCausmaker

ABSTAIN:

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:



Celeste McFall, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor Michelle DeCausmaker

