

**Minutes of the Fortuna City Council
Special Meeting
Friday, April 26, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.
Fortuna City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Strehl called the Public Session to order at 8:30 AM

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Strehl led the salute to the flag

ROLL CALL:

Council Present	Staff Present
Mayor Strehl	City Manager Candelario
Council Member Trent	Deputy Clerk Vassel
Council Member Glaser	Public Works Director Flockhart
Council Member Long	Engineering Tech III Carter
Council Absent	
Mayor Pro Tem Losey	

I. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There being no comment Council Member Glaser moved, seconded by Council Member Long to close public Comment. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 4-0

II. CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, City Negotiator: City Manager Regan Candelario, Employee Organizations: Fortuna Employees Association and Fortuna Police Employees Association in accordance with Section 54957.6 of the Government Code

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

No reportable action

III. BUSINESS:

A. Alternatives Analysis Presentation of the Rohner Creek Flood Control and Habitat Improvement Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive staff and GHD Inc. presentation and review Council questions with staff.

STAFF REPORT:

The City Council received a written and oral report from City Manager Candelario, Engineering Tech III Carter, and GHD.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several members of the public provided comments regarding each alternative commented in support of maintenance access on private property and against public access and asked questions about bridge replacement.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Dean Glaser: Commented on the on the computer analysis of 7.5 inches. Using his own data he stated 5 inches was the highest he had seen it. He also commented that when the river is up to fl

ood stage then the creek has nowhere to go and all the changes to the creek won't matter. Widening of the creek will make hardships for property owners to access their property, would require bridges to be built. Prefers the underground method as it will be out of sight and the landowner can access their land, city has less maintenance issues more important. If it's in the ground can't we build culvert bigger? Hillside creek area needs to be addresses (willow trees Salmon habitat)

Doug Strehl: Prioritized: 1) Property owners are important, 2) Flood control then cost 3) maintenance issues 4) cost maintenance issue. He also commented that between 12th and Fortuna Blvd was supposed to be a retention basin.

Sue Long: Asked if any are any not going to be approved by permitting agencies. Alternative 2 is favored by agencies. The pipe options will require habitat improvements. Also commented that costs have to

Tami Trent: 100 year plan preferred. Culvert better for property owners. 1) Flooding 2) Property owners

Final Council summarized Priority:

1) Flood 2) Private Property 3) Cost 4) Maintenance 5) Environment.

IV. ADJOURN

Council Member Glaser moved, seconded by Council Member Long to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 3-0. (Council Member Trent had to leave the meeting at 11:00 AM)

Respectfully submitted by
Michelle Vassel
Deputy City Clerk