I. CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL
Mayor Long called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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II. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
Finance Director Aaron Felmlee introduced the new Account Clerk II, Lauren Boop.

Measure E Committee Chairman Walt Wilson provided a presentation to Council on Measure E expenditures.

Fire Chief Lon Winburn gave a presentation on the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD). Lon provided call stats: 1,569 requests for service in the last year. He announced that FVFD is currently recruiting and that they have volunteers that live outside of the district area, so if you’re interested and live outside the district you can still volunteer. Chief informed the Council and public that their training course is on track for construction and that the FVFD offers CPR classes the first Monday of each month.

Chief of Police Bill Dobberstein gave a presentation on the Fortuna Police Department. He provided stats of theft and petty theft reports, and that the Problem Oriented Policing Officer and Code Compliance have around 30 cases. He announced that Coffee with a Cop went well and thanked Starbucks for their donation of coffee.

III. ORAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Robin Donald - Spoke on behalf of Lori Machado and he provided a hand out to the Council members and staff.

Gail Leavitt, Eel River Hydroponics Owner - Requested Council consider conducting town meetings or workshop to discuss potential changes to the City’s Marijuana Ordinance. She felt changing the Ordinance could promote sales tax and assist in aiding the economy.

Michelle Bushnell, Second District Candidate - Expressed her desire to run for Second District Supervisor and provided an outline of her experience and qualifications. She provided a printed candidate statement for staff and Council.

James Graham, Volunteer for River Life Foundation, Founder Humboldt Against Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR) – Stated he contacts the police department when he witnesses or sees someone and he thinks qualifies for emergency assistance. He stated there are some transient people within the City that need help and there are a lot of hypodermic needles within the City that need to be cleaned up for public safety.
Sean DeVries, Second District Supervisor Candidate – Requested the Council consider a Solar Farm on the Pacific Lumber Mill Site and that a project of that nature could generate Humboldt energy needs and local jobs. He believes a solar project would improve Fortuna’s energy independence.

Sean Swanson, River Life Foundation – Expressed gratitude for the partnership between the River Life Foundation and the City and the many projects they have been able to pursue as a direct result from Measure E funds, which made the partnership possible. He is excited and looking forward to 2020 and more projects.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Long closed this public comment section.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR
These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Any member of the Council may pull a particular item for further discussion.

1. City Council Minutes – December 16, 2019 (Regular Meeting) and December 16, 2019 (Special Meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed this public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:
Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve Consent Calendar.

AYES: Council Members Glaser, Johnson, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Carried: 5/0

V. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS
A. Appoint CalPERS Retired Annuitant Mike Downey as Interim Chief of Police, Resolution 2020-01

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
To appoint CalPERS Retired Annuitant Mike Downey as Interim Chief of Police by adopting Resolution 2020-01.

STAFF REPORT:
City Manager Merritt Perry provided an oral report on the appointment of CalPERS annuitant Mike Downey as the Interim Chief of Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
James Graham – spoke in support of Mike Downey as Interim Police of Police.

There being no additional public comments, Mayor Long closed this public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:
Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Glaser to approve Resolution 2020-01; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Appointing a CalPERS Retired Annuitant to the Position of Interim Chief of Police. Roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Glaser, Johnson, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long
NOES: None
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
Motion Carried: 5/0

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Amendments to the Fortuna Municipal Code Title 13 – Utilities, Amending Section 13.12 – Water Bills and Charges, Ordinance 2019-740 (Second Reading)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

STAFF REPORT:
Finance Director Aaron Felmlee provided an oral report on amending Title 13 – Utilities, Section 13.12 – Water Bills and Charges.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed this public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

AYES: Council Members Glaser, Johnson, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
Motion Carried: 5/0

C. Supplemental Budget Request and Professional Services Contract with GHD for Construction Management Services for the Jameson Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Receive staff presentation and recommendation to authorize City Manager to execute professional services contract with GHD for Construction Management Services for the Jameson Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project at Rohnerville Road Culvert (CIP#9374) and authorize a supplemental budget request in the amount $250,000.

STAFF REPORT:
Deputy City Engineer Brendan Byrd provided an oral report on authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional contract with GHD and authorize a supplemental budget request for $250,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There being no public comments, Mayor Long closed this public comment section.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:
Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Glaser to Authorize the City Manager to execute professional services contract with GHD for Construction Management Services for the Jameson Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project at Rohnerville Road Culvert (CIP#9374) and authorize a supplemental budget request in the amount $250,000. Voice vote.

AYES: Council Members Glaser, Johnson, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Long
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
Motion Carried: 5/0

**D. PUBLIC HEARING:** Consider Repealing and Replacing Title 15, Chapter 15.10 of the Municipal Code with the 2019 California Building Codes Mandated by the California Building Standard Commission and Department of Housing and Community Development, *Ordinance 2019-741* (Second Reading)

Mayor Long recused herself from Item D and left the Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Trent continued to run the meeting.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**


**STAFF REPORT:**

Building Official Gary Goade provided an oral report on repealing and replacing Title 15, Chapter 15.10 of the Municipal Code.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There being no public comments, Mayor Pro Tem Trent closed this public comment section.

**CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

Council Member Stanfield moved, seconded by Council Member Johnson to hold the second reading of *Ordinance 2019-741; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Repealing and Replacing Title 15 – Buildings and Construction; Division I. Generally; Chapter 15.10, Building Code of the Fortuna Municipal Code*. Roll call vote.

AYES: Council Members Glaser, Johnson, Stanfield, Mayor Pro Tem Trent  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: Mayor Long  
Motion Carried: 4/0

Mayor Long re-entered the Council Chambers at 6:55 and continued to run the meeting.

**VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Merritt Perry provided a verbal report including a list of upcoming meetings.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

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Safety Commission

- Mayor Sue Long

Redwood Region Economic Development Corporation, Local Agency Formation Commission, League of California Cities Legislative Committee, Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, Humboldt County Redevelopment Oversight Board

IX. ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Trent moved, seconded by Council Member Stanfield to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Siana L. Emmons, City Clerk