

**CITY OF ARCATA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
736 F Street, Arcata

APRIL 19, 2017
Wednesday, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

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SPECIAL MEETING

4:30 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (One Item). Employee Organization: Arcata Police Association. Agency Negotiator: Danette Demello.**
- 4. OPEN SESSION**
 - A. Interview Applicants for Three Vacancies on the Open Space and Agriculture Committee for Two Terms Expiring on April 30, 2020, and One Term Expiring on April 30, 2018.**
- 5. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**
 - A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (One Item). Employee Organization: Arcata Police Association. Agency Negotiator: Danette Demello.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. ROLL CALL

III. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

A. Proclamation Celebrating *Water Week*, May 7–13, 2017.

B. Proclamation in Recognition of the *22nd Annual Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival*, April 19–25, 2017.

C. Proclamation in Recognition of *Wetlands Month*, May 2017.

D. Proclamation Designating May 2017 as *National Historic Preservation Month in Arcata*.

E. Proclamation in Recognition of *Bike Month*, May 2017.

F. Swear-in Appointed City Council Member Brett Watson.

IV. REPORT BY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

A. Annual Report of the Wetlands and Creeks Committee 2016.

V. EARLY ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This 15-minute time period is provided for people to address the Council on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all oral communications the Council may respond to statements. Any request that requires Council action will be set by the Council for a future agenda or referred to staff. Speakers addressing the Council at this time may be limited to two minutes. All other Oral and Written Communications will be heard at this meeting under Agenda Item XI.

VI. N/A

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the City Council and are enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Council members or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

- A. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 5, 2017.**
- B. Bi-Weekly Report on General Warrants.**
- C. Reappoint Brad Freeman to the Open Space and Agriculture Committee for a New Three-Year Term Ending April 30, 2020; and Reappoint Zane Brotherton and Jayne McGuire to the Parks and Recreation Committee for New Three-Year Terms Ending April 30, 2020.**
- D. Accept an \$800 Donation from Arcata Main Street's "Plaza Watershed Program" for Riparian Tree Planting in the Jolly Giant Creek Watershed.**
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 167-46 Authorizing a Grant Application to the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Urban Greening Program for the Forsyth Property Acquisition (49 acres); and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Pertinent Grant Agreements.**
- F. Authorize Mayor to Sign On to the Climate Mayors' Letter to President Trump Opposing the Rollback of U.S. Climate Actions.**
- G. Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter in Support of Assembly Bill 1326, Theft: Aggregate Valuation.**

VIII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Receive an Update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan and Upgrade Project; Authorize an Upgrade Alternative to Pursue for Development of Additional Detail; Authorize Staff to Seek State Revolving Loan/Grant Funding for Preliminary Design and Engineering; and Initiate CEQA Environmental Review.**

The Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Facility Plan/upgrades are designed to:

- provide reliable service to the community now and in the future;
- meet permit/regulatory requirements that protect public health and the environment; and
- meet the City's goals for sustainability, as much as possible.

The required capital improvements fall into three general categories:

- 1) Facilities beyond their useful life including the WWTP headworks, clarifier and internal and external pumping stations.
- 2) Facilities necessary to accomplish the permit requirements to be chlorine free and move our discharge point to be in compliance with our NPDES permit including pipes, pumps, and valves to re-route wastewater. This will allow the plant to utilize ultra-violet (UV) disinfection process and eliminate chlorine contact basin blending that is not compliant with current standards.

- 3) Identified performance issues to reduce WWTP discharge violations and resolve the narrow compliance safety margins, including the removal of chlorine from the WWTP treatment process which currently contributes significantly to the WWTP's biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) reduction; as well as other pollutants of concern including total and suspended solids removal and anticipated new effluent limits requirements for ammonia discharges to the bay.

Performance enhancements to assure WWTP performance include increased reliability, ease of operation, redundancy and flexibility to accommodate moderate growth and high volume wet weather flows.

Following City Council presentations and focused workshops on this topic, the City Council directed staff and the consultant team to further explore a few items including:

- 1) Meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board staff to obtain clarity on the future permit requirements.
- 2) Provide detail on the WWTP flow rating and/rainfall inflow for sizing.
- 3) Consideration of oxidation pond improvements.
- 4) Determine if the underlying bay muds would allow for long term use of unlined ponds for treatment and also if the existing bay front levee was stable enough to raise elevation over time for sea level rise adaptation.
- 5) Provide detail on estimated population growth projections.
- 6) Return with revised alternatives for consideration.
- 7) Provide additional detail on costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1) Receive an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan and upgrade project;
- 2) Authorize an alternative to pursue for development of additional detail;
- 3) Authorize staff to seek State Revolving Loan/Grant funds for preliminary design and engineering; and
- 4) Initiate CEQA Environmental Review.

B. Introduce Ordinance No. 1486, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Arcata Municipal Code Title IX—Land Use Code, Section 9.12.020, Zoning Map and Zoning Districts, Affecting 21 Parcels, Waive Reading of the Text and Consent to Read by Title Only; and Adopt Resolutions Amending the Zoning and General Plan Designations for 21 Publicly Owned Properties and a Minor Adjustment to the Urban Services Boundary Affecting the Forsyth Property (Assessor's Parcel No. 020-201-005).

On March 1 and 15, 2017, the City Council received staff reports and public testimony, and deliberated on this item. The Council directed staff to separate the two aspects of the project by bringing the zoning map and land

use amendments affecting 21 parcels back for adoption independent from the larger Urban Service Boundary and Sphere of Influence boundary adjustments, which will be considered at a later date.

The Forsyth Urban Services Boundary adjustment, however, is a minor adjustment to accommodate existing conditions on the site and will facilitate the acquisition of a 49-acre property by the City for inclusion into the Arcata Community Forest. This was included originally in the larger project and was reviewed by the Planning Commission which recommended approval of all the proposed amendments in its adoption of Resolution PC-17-02 on January 24, 2017.

This action will approve general plan and zoning amendments for the subject publicly owned parcels and a minor Urban Services Boundary adjustment to better align a segment of the boundary to existing conditions. Previous staff reports can be viewed on the City's Meeting Portal website.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Council:

- 1) Introduce Ordinance No. 1486, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Arcata Municipal Code Title IX—Land Use Code, Section 9.12.020, Zoning Map and Zoning Districts, affecting 21 parcels, waive reading of the text and consent to read by title only;
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 167-33, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Adopting a General Plan Amendment Modifying the Land Use Designations of 21 Parcels Throughout the City;
- 3) Adopt Resolution No. 167-43, Accepting a General Plan Amendment Modifying the Urban Services Boundary Affecting the Forsyth property (Assessor's Parcel No. 020-201-005); and
- 4) Find that the project is covered by the General Rule, §15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, for projects that will not have a significant effect on the environment.

C. Review Investment Policy and Adopt Resolution No. 167-44, Adopting the City of Arcata Investment Policy.

Section 53646(a) of the California Government Code states that the treasurer may annually provide the City Council with a statement of investment policy for consideration at a public meeting. The City's Investment Policy was last reviewed and adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 167-44, Adopting the City of Arcata Investment Policy.

D. Adopt Resolution No. 167-47, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Approving an Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants for the Transfer of Caltrans Property, Assessor's Parcel No. 507-141-050, to the City of Arcata and the Cooperative Agreement for Same Property.

The purpose of the Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants for the transfer of property and Cooperative Agreement for shared use of the property is to allow the City of Arcata to utilize the property as a park to provide the infrastructure to promote public access to the Mad River, promote conservation and stewardship, develop public appreciation for nature, and support outdoor recreation on the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 167-47, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Approving an Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants for the Transfer of Caltrans Property, Assessor's Parcel No. 507-141-050 to the City of Arcata and the Cooperative Agreement for Same Property.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appoint Members for Three Vacancies on the Open Space and Agriculture Committee for Two Terms Expiring on April 30, 2020, and One Term Expiring on April 30, 2018.

XI. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

This time is provided for people to address the Council or submit written communications on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all oral and written communications, the Council may respond to statements. Any request that requires Council action will be set by the Council for a future agenda or referred to staff. Speakers addressing the Council may be limited to three minutes, with a maximum of five minutes, and a time limit on the overall length of oral communications may be imposed.

XII. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

All reports shall be specifically limited to City business and shall not request or lead to action by the Council at this meeting.

XIII. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS—None

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

XV. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Other than items continued or tabled to a date certain, the Council may, by majority vote, continue all matters not completed by 10:30 p.m. to the following Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Should the Council vote to continue the meeting past 10:30 p.m., discussion on an item on the agenda that either requires or allows for public input may not begin without a unanimous vote of the City Council members present. (Closed Session items may begin later.) (Reference: Resolution No. 101-69)