

**RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2024**

Mayor Garnes called the Special meeting of the Rio Dell City Council to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Garnes, Mayor Pro Tem Carter, Councilmembers Wilson, and Woodall

Absent: Councilmember Orr

Others Present: City Manager Knopp, Community Development Director Caldwell, and Senior Fiscal Assistant Maciel.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Garnes called for public comment on non-agenda matters. No members of the public were present to comment.

**SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS**

Authorize the Submission to the State of California one or more application(s) in the aggregate amount, not to exceed \$3,600,000 for the following CDBG activities, pursuant to the 2024 CDBG NOFA: 1) Phase II of the Eel River Trail, Construction of an Accessible Concrete Ramp; 2) Belleview/Ogle Drainage and Street Improvements; 3) Pacific Avenue Drainage and Street Improvements; and 4) Second Avenue Drainage and Street Improvements

City Manager Knopp provided a staff report and said that the first item is related to Phase II of the Eel River Trail Project, for the construction of an accessible concrete ramp. With limited grant funding, the project was divided into two phases. Staff looked into various potential funding sources for Phase II and identified potential funding through the CDBG program. He noted that the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is aware of the proposed project and is very supportive.

He explained that the other three items are street improvement projects including Belleview/Ogle Ave.; Pacific Avenue and Second Avenue, all eligible under the CDBG LMI threshold. Once these projects are shovel-ready, funding applications could be made for these drainage and street improvement projects.

He extended special thanks to Community Development Director Caldwell for all his hard work in getting the application ready for submittal and noted that there is a lot of planning that goes into these projects to secure grant funding.

Community Development Director Caldwell reiterated how competitive the grant program is with only \$34 million available statewide with 390 cities with populations of 50,000 or less

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qualified to apply. He commented that CDBG staff found a loophole to make the Eel River Trail eligible and as City Manager Knopp indicated, they have been very supportive.

He said that staff will be making application for Phase II of the Eel River Trail Project tomorrow as the opening day for submittal of applications. The other two applications for the planning and technical assistance grants for Pacific Avenue and Second Avenue would be submitted once staff receives the project scope from the City Engineer, GHD.

Community Development Director Caldwell noted that in the packet was supplemental information and a copy of the slides presented at the October 22, 2024, public meeting. He said that the Resolution was amended bumping the grant amount from \$1.5 million to \$1.6 million to make sure there are enough funds to award the projects.

Mayor Garnes called for public comment on the matter. No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Carter/Woodall to authorize the submission to the State of California one or more application(s) in the aggregate amount, not to exceed \$3,600,000 for the following CDBG activities, pursuant to the 2024 CDBG NOFA: 1) Phase II of the Eel River Trail, Construction of an Accessible Concrete Ramp; 2) Belleview/Ogle Drainage and Street Improvements; 3) Pacific Avenue Drainage and Street Improvements; and 4) Second Avenue Drainage and Street Improvements. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m. to the November 5, 2024 regular meeting.

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Debra Garnes, Mayor

Attest:

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Karen Dunham, City Clerk