



CITY NOTES

June 25, 2015

CITY JOB OPENINGS>> A flurry of hiring and promotions are underway in our City government. Police Chief Lizarraga recently promoted Acting Lieutenant Chuck Gilchrist to serve as Police Lieutenant, and Acting Sergeant Oscar Lopez was promoted to Sergeant to fill the vacant sergeant position. Congratulations to Lieutenant Gilchrist and Sergeant Lopez! We are wrapping up an internal recruitment for a Police Recruit who will attend the Police Academy in Santa Rosa starting in late July. The City is now conducting an internal recruitment for a “fourth sergeant” position that was authorized in the FY 2015/16 Budget. The Police Department is also in the final stages of hiring a seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer. We are accepting applications for a part-time Grants Assistant and an Associate or Assistant Planner in the Community Development Department. The Finance Department welcomed Caleb Cunha back as a temporary Finance Intern before he heads off later this summer for a job with an accounting firm. We are also accepting applications for a Temporary Office Clerk in Finance. The recruitment for an Administrative Services Director was successful and the selected candidate is completing the pre-employment process. The City is also in the final pre-employment stages for a part-time Audio-Visual Technician position. The City will be advertising for a Temporary Office Clerk in Administration to help out while the City Clerk is on leave. In Public Works, the City has recently hired two Seasonal Laborers and a third is in the pre-employment process. Prospective job applicants are encouraged to check out the City’s job announcements at <https://city.fortbragg.com> and to sign up for notifications using the NotifyMe app.

NOYO CENTER WILL HOST RENOWNED ARTICULATION TEAM IN LATE JULY>> In late July, the Noyo Center for Marine Science will host three renowned articulators of marine mammal skeletons: Mike deRoos, and Michiru Main of Cetacea, and Lee Post of the California Academy of Sciences. The Noyo Center is planning a series of related events during the last two weeks in July including opportunities to participate in the articulation of a Stellar sea lion skeleton and a California sea lion skeleton. More details will come soon!

FIREWORKS>> First the first time in years, Fort Bragg’s Independence Day Fireworks display will be held on July 4th which just happens to coincide with the World’s Largest Salmon BBQ in Noyo Harbor. Please help us get the word out that the City’s Police Department will be working to keep Noyo Beach free of fireworks and alcohol this year. New measures will be put in place to help improve public safety at the fireworks event. Please come and enjoy the fireworks in a family-friendly atmosphere and leave all fireworks and alcoholic beverages at home.

CITY PREVAILS IN “CCFB v CITY OF FORT BRAGG” RULING>> The City of Fort Bragg prevailed again in a Mendocino County Superior Court ruling that was issued earlier this week on the Old Coast Hotel project. In a 12-page court order denying the “Concerned Citizens of Fort Bragg” (CCFB) request for an injunction, the judge concluded that there is no likelihood that CCFB will prevail on the merits of their claim at trial. Based on this ruling, the City has released funds from the State Community Development Block Grant program to the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center (MCHC) for purchase of the property at 101 North Franklin Street. MCHC plans to use the property for a “wellness center,”

offices for mental health services, administrative offices, and transitional housing. The escrow is expected to close this week.

BALLOT-BOX ZONING>> The Concerned Citizens of Fort Bragg are circulating a petition for a ballot initiative that would change the zoning in the Central Business District such that “social service organizations” would not be permitted unless established prior to January 1, 2015. While the initiative is clearly targeted at the Old Coast Hotel project, its retroactivity clause would likely be unenforceable. Generally, when zoning laws change—uses in existence are “grandfathered” in to protect the constitutional rights of property owners.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS>> Check out the “Upcoming Agenda Items” pages on the City’s website or sign up for meeting notifications using the “Notify Me” feature on the website <https://city.fortbragg.com>. The following public meetings are coming up:

- Wednesday, July 1 @ 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room – Public Works & Facilities Committee. Continue discussion of draft Purchasing Ordinance.
- Wednesday, July 8 @ 3 PM, Police Dept Conference Room – Public Safety Committee Meeting. Receive update on Emergency Preparedness Plan and the Emergency Operations Center Upgrade Project.
- Wednesday, July 8 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – Planning Commission Meeting. Coastal Permit for single family residence.
- Thursday, July 9 @ 6:30 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – DTSC Public Hearing regarding Draft Remedial Action Plan for Areas C and D on former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site.
- Monday, July 13 @ 6 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – City Council Meeting. Agenda still in flux.
- Thursday, July 16 @ 3 PM, City Hall Conference Room – Public Works & Facilities Committee. Review Bicycle Master Plan.
- Tuesday, July 21 @ 1:30 PM, Fort Bragg Town Hall – Joint Board of Supervisors/City Council Meeting to Consider Action on Final EIR for Central Coast Transfer Station Project.

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