

RESOLUTION NO. 3643-2013

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY, PART-TIME NOYO CENTER COORDINATOR POSITION AND APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE \$90,000 FROM GENERAL FUND UNDESIGNATED BALANCE TO FUND 110.4130 FOR PERSONNEL COSTS, MATERIALS & SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH POSITION

WHEREAS, after the Georgia-Pacific timber mill closed in 2002, the Fort Bragg community began a dialogue about future uses of the property and a "marine science institute" emerged as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, from 2005 until the present, the City of Fort Bragg has engaged in a number of planning processes funded primarily by grants and redevelopment funds to further the vision of the marine science institute – now known as the Noyo Center for Science & Education ("Noyo Center"); and

WHEREAS, these studies include a Strategic Plan for the Noyo Center (February 2006), a Detailed Project Program (March 2008), and Conceptual Plans for the Noyo Center (June 2010); and

WHEREAS, in March 2011, the City entered into an agreement with Georgia Pacific to purchase 11.5 acres of property adjacent to the Coastal Trail parkland for future use as the Noyo Center using State Coastal Conservancy and Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency funds and title was transferred to the City in December 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Noyo Center plans envision an exhibit space for the 75-foot blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) skeleton that has been entrusted to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a temporary, part-time Noyo Center Coordinator position in order move the Noyo Center project forward; and

WHEREAS, the Noyo Center Coordinator will be responsible for preparing a business plan to "spin off" the Noyo Center as an independent non-profit organization, preparing marketing materials, creating and implementing a fundraising plan, pursuing assembly of the blue whale skeleton, and developing educational opportunities relating to the blue whale skeleton and the Noyo Center; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. The temporary, part-time Noyo Center Coordinator position will help the City move forward with the Noyo Center project which is expected to create jobs, support local marine science research, and provide educational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.
2. The temporary, part-time Noyo Center Coordinator position is expected to be established for a period of no longer than two years, by which time the Noyo Center will be functioning as an independent entity and funded by grants and other revenues.
3. The Noyo Center Coordinator will enable the City to meet its obligations with regard to the blue whale skeleton that has been entrusted to it for "use in an educational display at a publicly accessible location within the City of Fort Bragg."
4. The proposed compensation for the Noyo Center Coordinator is consistent with the City-wide Compensation Plan.

5. The proposed \$90,000 budget for the Noyo Center Coordinator will cover personnel expenses, and immediate needs for services and materials for consultation on the skeleton, relocation of the Noyo Center office/classroom (i.e., the former "chalet"), and logo design and marketing materials.
6. The Noyo Center Coordinator's work associated with the blue whale skeleton will be supported by a \$32,000 grant from the State Coastal Conservancy that will be available in October 2013.
7. The FY 2013-14 costs associated with the Noyo Center Coordinator position will be partially offset by the \$14,000 "tipping fee" from the Noyo Harbor District for placement of dredge sands on the Noyo Center property, and by \$45,000 of the one-time "community benefit payment" that Waste Management made to the City of Fort Bragg in exchange for an extension of their franchise agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve a new temporary, part-time (0.6 FTE) position for FY 2013/14 titled Noyo Center Coordinator, which will be an exempt, unrepresented position with benefits conferred in accordance with the mid-management employment resolutions and a salary established as follows:

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Annual (.6 FTE)	36,817.67	38,658.55	40,591.48	42,621.05	44,752.11

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve Budget Adjustment No. 2013-__ amending the FY 2013/14 Budget to appropriate \$90,000 from the undesignated balance of the General Fund to the following accounts to cover the costs associated with the Noyo Center Coordinator position:

110.4130 Personnel Costs	61,245
110-4130-0319 Professional Services	27,000
110-4130-0366 Training/Travel	1,755


The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Courtney, seconded by Councilmember Hammerstrom, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 22nd day of July, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Courtney, Deitz, Hammerstrom, Kraut, and Mayor Turner.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:


 Cynthia M. VanWormer, MMC
 City Clerk