



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes City Council

*THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL MEETS CONCURRENTLY
AS THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 1 AND THE FORT BRAGG REDEVELOPMENT
SUCCESSOR AGENCY*

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jason Godeke, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A.** [23-309](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Albin-Smith read the Proclamation declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A representative from Project Sanctuary received the proclamation and thanked the City of Fort Bragg for the proclamation.

- 1B.** [23-314](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day

Councilmember Rafanan read the Proclamation declaring October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day.

- 1C.** [23-332](#) Presentation of Proclamation In Loving Memory of City Clerk June Lemos

Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Peters read the Proclamation In Loving Memory of City Clerk June Lemos. June's sister's Jone and Jill Lemos received the proclamation in June's honor and thanked councilmembers and staff.

- 1D.** [23-333](#) Presentation of Proclamation in Loving Memory of Dannie Orsi

Mayor Norvell read the Proclamation in Loving Memory of Dannie Orsi. Dannie's son's, Fire Chief Steve Orsi and Darrell Orsi received the proclamation in Dannie's honor and thanked the councilmembers.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- (1) Dr. Richard Miller, Mr. Figueredo, Laura Bianchi Limbird, Joseph Quinn Maroney, Juli Mortensen, Jay, Will Lee.
- (2) None.
- (3) Jacob Patterson.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Peggy Ducey reminded everyone about the upcoming Magic Market happening on October 28th in Downtown Fort Bragg and the Trunk or Treat event happening on October 31st at CV Starr. All are welcome. Public Works Director John Smith gave an update about the construction and expected reopening of Wiggly Giggly Park. Mayor Norvell asked John if there was a plan in place for the repaving on Franklin St on Farmer's Market Wednesdays, Smith assured that they are scheduling the work to be done around Farmer's Market days. Police Chief Cervenka informed that he has been sworn in as 1st Vice President of the California Peace Officers Association and he thanked council for their support.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Vice Mayor Godeke did not have any matters to report on. Councilmember Albin-Smith gave an update on the Complete Streets Workshop and mentioned that with the help of the Blue Zones Grant they were able to invite Built Environment Expert, Dan Burden to look at our streets. Albin-Smith also mentioned that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Soroptomist International encourages all women to get their yearly breast exam and supplies roses for those who do so at the local hospital. She also mentioned the upcoming Magic Market and stated that there are 70 vendors so far and all are welcome to attend. Councilmember Peters is thankful for the rain as this is wildfire season. Councilmember Rafanan reminded everyone about the upcoming Magic Market. She also recognized Officer Baker for his outstanding service to the community. Mayor Norvell mentioned that the CV Starr Fee Structure Public Hearing will be happening at the next City Council Meeting and encourages anyone interested in the subject to attend. He also gave an update about the meetings held with the Sea Dragons and their concerns in regards to the pool availability and fees at the CV Starr Center.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Godeke, that the Consent Calendar be approved. The motion carried out by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

5A. [23-312](#) Accept Certificate of Completion for Corp Yard Roof Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

This Certificate of Completion was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5B. [23-315](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment with Miller Marine Science & Consulting for the

Preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Oneka Desalination Buoy Project (Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000, Account 651-6129-0731)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C.** [23-316](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Contract Amendment with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LPP for Legal Counsel in Filing of Eminent Domain Proceedings for Reconstruction of the City's Raw Water Line, Increasing the Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000 and Approve Budget Amendment 2023/24-07 (Account No. 651-6007-0310)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5D.** [23-317](#) Adopt City Council Resolution of Summarily Vacating a Right of Way Located at Property Adjacent to 31400 Sherwood Road that is not Needed for Public Purposes and Making a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5E.** [23-318](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Designating Director and Alternate Director to Represent the City of Fort Bragg on the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA) Board of Directors

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F.** [23-326](#) Approve Letter of Support for Noyo Harbor District's Grant Application

This Letter of Support was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5G.** [23-329](#) Approve Minutes of August 14, 2023

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5H.** [23-331](#) Approve Minutes of September 25, 2023

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A.** [23-247](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Cooperative Agreement with Housing Mendocino Coast

Special Projects Manager, Sarah McCormick presented the report on this agenda item.

Public Comment: Dennis Miller

Discussion: Mayor Norvell thanked Ms. McCormick for her hard work. Councilmember Peters

mentioned that accomplishing housing needs is going to take time and that they have accomplished additions thus far including the Danco Project. Vice Mayor Godeke thanked Ms. McCormick and the former Vice Mayor, Jessica Morsell-Haye for their work and support. Mayor Norvell thanked Ms. McCormick for setting the example in housing needs and solutions for other communities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- 8B. [23-325](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Contract Amendment With HDR Engineering Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project for Bid and Construction Services, Project NO. WTR-00017, Increasing the Amount of the Design Contract With HDR Engineering, Inc., and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed \$576,513); (Account 615-6006-0731)

Public Works Director, John Smith presented the report on this agenda item

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Councilmember Albin-Smith asked if there is a time frame for the replacement of the Water Treatment Plant. Finance Director Whippy added that a Capital Improvement Budget is developed before the budget cycle and it outlines the five year plan for the critical needs of the city and it is developed into the adopted budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rafanan, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Norvell Recessed the meeting at 7:02 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 7:05 PM.

- 9A. [23-321](#)** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code Section 54956.9: (one case)
- 9B. [23-322](#)** PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Gov't Code Section 54957 (b). Title: City Manager
- 9C. [23-323](#)** PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Gov't Code Section 54957 (b). Title: City Clerk
- 9D. [23-324](#)** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9. City of Fort Bragg v. Mendocino Railroad

Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:10 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)