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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*

Monday, January 10, 2022

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, all Councilmembers appearing via video conference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jessica Morsell-Haye, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Norvell announced that Captain O'Neal will give a status report on the winter shelter situation. The Mayor welcomed Interim City Manager David Spaur. Captain O'Neal presented a comprehensive report on the background and current status of the winter weather shelter for homeless individuals in Fort Bragg. Mayor Norvell announced that he was appointing Councilmembers Peters and Albin-Smith to a new Communications ad hoc committee for the next six months, through July 10, 2022. He extended the Broadband ad hoc committee for another year, through January 25, 2023.

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

(1) Lydia Brunard spoke in support of retaining the trees on Cypress Street. LimaSierra Wooten commented on the Surviving the Odds Project (STOP) program and mental health services. Patty Bonuccelli commented on the need for safety measures for Ocean View Drive and Cliff Way near Pomo Bluffs Park. Jay McMartin-Rosenquist spoke about the James Lindsay receivership and the street sweeper schedule. Jacob Patterson commented on the trees on Cypress Street.

(2) Bruce Broderick spoke about Mendocino Railway [should have been under section (3), as this was a comment on Item 9A].

(3) George Reinhardt, Matt Drewno, Carrie Durkee, and Jacob Patterson commented on Item 9A.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Naulty reported that the Police Department lobby was closed last week because of the Covid variants; the situation will be reevaluated next week. Three Police Department employees are now attending the Police Academy in Eureka. A new police officer was given a conditional

offer of employment to begin in mid-February. The Police Department is expected to be at full staff by June or July. Chief Naulty reminded the public to drive and drink responsibly. He reported that there is money for the STOP program but the contractor has not filed the appropriate paperwork. He reported that the crosswalk at the intersection of Harold & Oak Streets has been re-stripped and asked everyone to drive carefully and watch out for children. Public Works Director Smith provided updates on the following projects: 2022 street project will include major repairs to Franklin Street; Cure-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Project will rehabilitate 1.8 miles of pipe beginning next week; the biosolids dryer is scheduled to be delivered next week; the Water Meter Replacement Project bids were opened on Friday and a recommendation will be presented to Council at the next meeting; the City expects to hear about Water Treatment Plant project grant funds by March. These various projects amount to approximately \$22.5 million.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Albin-Smith stated she supports slow down measures and gates at Todd Point. She requested that the Council approve a tree ordinance so the value of trees are considered before being taken down. Albin-Smith reported that she joined several new committees through Mendocino Council of Governments and League of California Cities. Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye said that the Citizens Commission regarding a potential name change for the City of Fort Bragg will make a presentation to Council on January 24. She urged the public to get a Covid booster shot due to the prevalence of the Omicron variant.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Albin-Smith requested that Item 5C be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5C. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5A. [22-002](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Confirming the Continued Existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Fort Bragg

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4497-2022

5B. [22-004](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Making the Legally Required Findings to Continue to Authorize the Conduct of Remote "Telephonic" Meetings During the State of Emergency

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4498-2022

5D. [22-010](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Successor Agency

Approving Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 22-23 (FY 22/23; July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l)

This RS Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES RS 33-2022

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

5C. [22-005](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of December 27, 2021

Councilmember Albin-Smith said the vote taken on Item 2H was incorrect, in that it showed all Councilmembers voting Aye when Councilmembers Rafanan and Peters had voted No.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that these Minutes be approved as amended to reflect the vote taken on Item 2H, showing Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye and Norvell voting Aye; Peters and Rafanan voting No. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [22-001](#) Approve Letter Offering David Spaur Employment as the Interim City Manager

City Attorney Collins said that changes to compensation schedules need to be done at a regular meeting instead of a special meeting, so Item 2G from the Special City Council Meeting agenda of December 27, 2021 approving the offer letter to Interim City Manager David Spaur is being brought back for consideration by Council at this regular meeting.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye, that this Letter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 7:30 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 7:33 PM.

9A. [21-664](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Name of Case: City of Fort Bragg vs. Mendocino Railway and Does 1-10,

Case No.: 21CV00850, Superior Court of the State of California, County of Mendocino

Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:15 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)