



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes Special 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*

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Monday, April 6, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

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### Special Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing via teleconference.

#### ROLL CALL

- Present:** 4 - Mayor Will Lee, Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Jessica Morsell-Haye
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith

#### **1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA & (2) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

The City Clerk read public comments into the record as follows:

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Paul Clark commented on the City's compliance with the Governor's executive orders regarding public meetings.
- Annemarie Weibel and Justine Battersby requested the Council to impose a moratorium on small cells and other wireless infrastructure permits until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

**Councilmember Albin-Smith joined the meeting at 6:10 PM.**

- Helen Sears asked the Council to ban wireless telecommunications during the pandemic.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney submitted comments entitled The Three Keys of Freedom, namely health, financial and political wealth.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

#### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Miller announced a new website highlighting local restaurants, Fort Bragg 2 Go. Fort Bragg Food Bank's curb-side delivery is going well; volunteers are needed. The County launched a Warm Line for non-crisis emotional support, open Monday through Friday, 8AM to 5PM, call 707-472-2311. West Company is offering help to small businesses on small business loan assistance and SBA paycheck protection program loans for small businesses (500 employees or less) to keep workers paid and employed. Miller read a Public Service

Announcement from Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center who is continuing to provide shelter while Shelter-in-Place orders are in effect.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Norvell reported on his work for the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee regarding schools and the local Spanish-speaking community. Councilmember Morsell-Haye requested that Council consider an emergency moratorium on expansion of 5G wireless.

Councilmember Peters reported on his Committee work regarding grocery stores, businesses and infrastructure. He suggested a banner program to honor Fort Bragg High School seniors. Mayor Lee said radio station KOZT has a daily update with a hospital representative about COVID-19.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 5A.** [20-684](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Ratifying the City Manager's Approval of a Three-Month Business Loan Forbearance for Sportz Investments, Inc. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 4244-2020

- 5B.** [20-680](#) 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 4245-2020

- 5C.** [20-681](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 30, 2020

**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

#### **6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 6A.** [20-682](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 961-2020 Establishing Administrative Penalties for Violations of the Mendocino County Public Health Officer's Orders Pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

City Manager Miller presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment was read into the record by the City Clerk. Comments were received from:

- Paul Clark recommended tabling this ordinance and bringing it back to Council only if

needed.

- Gabriel Quinn Maroney urged the Council not to penalize people for violations of the County health orders.
- Paul McCarthy submitted comments stating that people do not have the money to pay fines right now.

Discussion: After much discussion, the City Council directed staff to revise the Ordinance and bring it back for consideration at a future date. They directed that the ordinance be limited to commercial businesses, be more specific about who code enforcement is, define what aspects of the County's orders would fall under the administrative policies, and make the penalties lower and on a tiered basis.

**This Ordinance was referred to staff.**

**6B. [20-685](#)** COVID-19 Emergency Financial Report Number 1

City Manager Miller and Finance Director Damiani presented the report on this agenda item. Public Comment from Jenny Shattuck was read into the record by the City Clerk.

Discussion: All Councilmembers made comments on the financial report. Budget matters will be discussed at the upcoming budget workshop. Mayor Lee recommended preparing for the worst case scenario.

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 8:31 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:36 PM.**

**This Staff Report was received and filed.**

**6C. [20-686](#)** Receive Report and Consider Establishing a COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program

City Manager Miller gave the staff report on this item.

Public Comment from Jenny Shattuck was read into the record by the City Clerk.

Discussion: After a brief discussion, the City Council provided staff direction to create a landlord assistance program utilizing the \$23,000 left in the Council program funds. Assistance would be limited to the lesser of \$2,000 or 50% of the costs or losses incurred by local landlords. Loans would be zero interest to be repaid within 180 days after the Eviction Moratorium expires. Rental property must be located in the City of Fort Bragg. Applications will be accepted for a two-week period starting mid-April and be allocated by the Council's Community Development Committee.

**6D. [20-687](#)** Updates, Discussion and Assignments for the City Council COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee

Each Councilmember provided updates on their work with the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Changes to the committee: (1) Homeless issues are assigned to Vice Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Morsell-Haye; (2) Childcare issues are assigned to Councilmember Albin-Smith.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.**

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WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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