



# 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*

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Monday, May 22, 2023

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and  
Via Video Conference

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### 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**

Mayor Norvell announced that he was appointing Vice Mayor Godeke and himself to the new CV Starr ad hoc committee for the next six months, through November 22, 2023 and he is appointing Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan to the Animal Shelter ad hoc committee for the next six months, through November 22, 2023 as well.

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

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.

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

City Manager Ducey announced that the budget workshop for the FY 23-24 will be on May 24th at 1:30 (CV Starr) and 2:30 (City). She also shared that City Council will hold a Special City Council meeting on June 5th at 5pm for the Grocery Outlet Public Hearing. Police Chief Cervenka gave an update on the current status of the receivership case on Whipple Street.

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

Vice Mayor Godeke stated he attended the Community Development Committee where they discussed upcoming changes from the State on ADU's specifications and the committee agreed to support restaurants any way they can as the State is moving away from allowing restaurants to use outdoor dining tents. Councilmember Albin-Smith stated she attended the Public Works and Facilities Meeting and is reminding the public that they can attend in person or online.

Councilmember Peters reported that the City is aware of the traffic caused by the lane closures as they work on the Pudding Creek Bridge and that he will attend the next Fire Board meeting. Councilmember Rafanan mentioned the Coast Cats Project, a local non-profit that provides assistance to injured or abandoned cats.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

- 5A. [23-164](#)** Accept Certificate of Completion for Bollard and Street Light Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

**This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5B. [23-155](#)** Receive and File Minutes of February 9, 2022, April 13, 2022, June 8, 2022, June 21, 2022, August 10, 2022, September 14, 2022, September 22, 2022, October 12, 2022, November 9, 2022, December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023 Finance and Administration Committee Meetings.

**These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5C. [23-163](#)** Approve Minutes of May 8, 2023

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

## **6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## **8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [23-078](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving the Contract with Redwood Roofers, City Project PWP-00128; Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$105,841.00, Account No. 427-4876-0731); and Finding the Project Exempt from CEQA under 14 CCR 15268

Assistant Director Engineering O'Neal presented this item. The City has awarded Redwood Roofers the contract to replace the Corporation Yard roof.

Public Comments: George Reinhardt

There was some discussion and this contract was approved.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this 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

**8B. [23-156](#)** Discuss Reservoir Project Design Engineering Request for Proposals and Recommend Release

Assistant Engineering Diane O'Connor reported on this project. She presented the different components to this project and is hoping to send out requests for proposals to interested contractors.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Council unanimously directed staff to proceed with the request for proposals for this project.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff for further action.**

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 6:31 PM; the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 6:39 PM.**

**9A. [23-166](#)** 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

**9B. [23-165](#)** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of Gov Code Section 54956.9: (two cases)

**Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:46 PM and reported that no reportable action was take on the Closed Session items.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.**

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BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

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June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (\_\_\_\_\_)