



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*

Monday, April 24, 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. [23-125](#) Recognize Outgoing Planning Commissioner Stanley Miklose

Mayor Norvell recognized outgoing Planning Commissioner Stanley Miklose (May 2014 - March 2023) for his long standing dedication. Councilmember Lindy Peters presented former Mayor Dave Turner the City plaque who accepted it on behalf of Mr. Miklose. Mr. Turner shared some words written by Mr. Miklose.

1B. [23-134](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 1 - 7, 2023 as Rhododendron Week

Mayor Norvell presented a Proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2023 as Rhododendron Week to LeeAnn Dixon of the local Noyo Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- (1) Marcy Synder and Jay McMartin Rosenquist.
- (2) Jacob Patterson
- (3) Closed N/A

3. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters reported that he and City Manager Ducey will be meeting with Dr. Miller on his suggestion and to flush out some of his ideas. He also noted that on June 2nd that the military base located in North Carolina will be changing its name to Fort Liberty from Fort Bragg. He stated that we should be prepared for pressure from the outside media. Councilmember Rafanan reported she went on a ride along with Officer Frank and she attended the special school board meeting about the hoax shooting. Vice Mayor Godeke thanked the Noyo Food Forest for their Earth Day celebration. He also recently attended a meeting with Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority and they will be organizing household hazardous waste pick up on the coast. Councilmember Albin-Smith announced she attended the Quarterly Merchant Meeting on the 15th and that the Visit Fort Bragg Committee will be hosting a Summer Kickoff party on the first Friday in June. She also stated she was at Salt Point recently and is worried about the significant amount of dead trees on the coast that can lead to fire danger.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

5A. [23-131](#) Adopt City Council Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Opposing State Initiative 21-0042A1, the Taxpayer Protection And Government Accountability Act

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5B. [23-120](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2022/23-20 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment with Precision Wireless for the Procurement and Installation of One (1) Additional Police Patrol Upfit Kit (Amount Not To Exceed \$108,229.60)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5C. [23-121](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funded by SB 1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5D. [23-123](#) Approve the Establishment of Human Resources Manager Mid-Management Classification, Establishing Salary Rate Compensation Plan and Confirming All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5E. [23-127](#) Approve Letter in Support of Larry Spring Museum's Redwood Time Project

Grant Submittal

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

5F. [23-129](#)

Adopt City Council Resolution Approving a Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg Police Association and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5G. [23-128](#)

Approve Minutes of April 10, 2023

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [23-133](#)

Nomination and Appointment of Planning Commissioner to Serve on the Fort Bragg Planning Commission and Swearing In of New Commissioner

Councilmember Peters nominated Richard Neils to the Fort Bragg Planning Commission to replace outgoing Commissioner Stanley Miklose, giving his background and summarizing his resume.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, that the Appointment of Richard Neils to the Fort Bragg Planning Commission be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8B. [23-095](#)

Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment to the FY 2022-23 Budget (Budget Amendment No. 2023-17) Adding Funds to the Police Department Support Services Funds

Cheif Cervenka presented the staff report on this agenda item. This grant was obtained to help fund the Care Response Unit (CRU) grant. In addition, this grant will provide a full time Success Coach that will provide youth who are currently using or are at a risk of having substance use disorder with wrap around support and resources.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: There was some discussion that this program along with another agency will provide more robust mental health support to our community and will make sure not to duplicate services. That need is there for this kind of referral program and this project will help remove barriers and provide opportunities to help youth.

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

- 8C.** [22-623](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2022/23-18 and Awarding Professional Services Agreement to Palni, Inc. for Engineering and Design Services Related to Municipal Broadband Infrastructure, Associated Project Management and Technical Assistance, Approving Budget Amendment 2023-18 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$335,800.00; Account No. 426-4875-0310)

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

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: There was some discussion and some councilmembers expressed appreciation to get this project started.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Godeke, 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

- 8D.** [23-130](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2022/23-21 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract with Net Guardians for Procurement and Installation of a Camera System for the Police Department, City Hall, Water Treatment Plant, and Wastewater Treatment Plant (Amount not to exceed \$104,709.69; Account No. 167-4215-0381, 710-4712-0353, 521-4394-0351 and 610-4612-0351)

Public Works Director Smith presented the staff report for this agenda item.

Public Comment: Jay McMartin Rosenquist and Jacob Patterson

Discussion: There was some discussion and some clarification questions were asked.

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, 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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)