



# 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, February 22, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing by 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

### AGENDA REVIEW

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

Mayor Norvell appointed Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Albin-Smith to an ad hoc committee to review citywide design guidelines; the committee will meet as needed for one year.

**1A.** [21-076](#) Administer Oath of Office to Councilmember Marcia Rafanan Meadlin

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to new Councilmember Marcia Rafanan.

**1B.** [21-059](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Arbor Week, March 7-14, 2021

Mayor Norvell read a Proclamation recognizing March 7-14 as Arbor Week.

**1C.** [21-071](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing March 2021 as "Women's History Month"

Councilmember Albin-Smith read the Proclamation recognizing Women's History Month; Val Muchowski accepted the proclamation and spoke on behalf of the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition.

**1D.** [21-072](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing The Coast-KOZT FM for 30 Years of Local Programming and Community Service

Councilmember Peters read the Proclamation recognizing KOZT for 30 years of service; Jamie Peters-Connolly of KOZT accepted the proclamation and spoke on behalf of the radio station.

- 1E. [21-077](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Supermarket Employee Day, February 22, 2021

Mayor Norvell read the Proclamation recognizing Supermarket Employee Day.

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

(1) Comments from Sierra Wooten and Jenny Shattuck were read into the record by the City Clerk. (2) None. (3) N/A.

## **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Miller reported on restaurant week (month) this year. She noted that County health officials are now using [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov) for Covid-19 vaccination tracking. The City received grant award letters from CDBG for \$117k for microenterprise development and \$500k for a business assistance program. Special economic development workshops will be held on March 1st and March 15th at 6pm. Mid-term budget update will be held on March 4th at 9am followed by a joint meeting with Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District board regarding the CV Starr Community Center budget. A City Council retreat for setting goals and priorities may take place in April or May.

## **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Albin-Smith reported that the Economic Development Financing Corporation (EDFC) does not currently have an executive officer and EDFC is looking for someone to fill that spot. Councilmember Peters commented on an upcoming Community Development Committee meeting.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye requested that Item 5A be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5A. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 5B. [21-070](#) 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 4358-2021

- 5C. [21-073](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of February 16, 2021

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5D. [21-074](#) Approve Minutes of February 8, 2021

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

**MATTERS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

5A. [21-069](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Supporting the Formation of a Public Benefit Corporation Recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) Under Non-Profit Status - A Community Land Trust to Provide Permanently Affordable Housing and Homeownership Opportunities for Very Low, Low and Moderate Income Households

Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye noted that using the Community Land Trust as a tool has been important to her and staying focused on housing, instead of commercial businesses, makes it stronger, more succinct and competitive, and streamlines the funding. She removed this matter from Consent Calendar as she has heard from many members of the community and wanted to give them the opportunity to speak about it as a business item.

Public Comment was received via Zoom from Mary Rose Kaczorowski.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Morsell-Haye, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Enactment No: RES 4359-2021

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

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

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BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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