



# 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, October 26, 2020

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing by video conference.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

Also present: Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Supervisor Ted Williams

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

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Lee moved Item 8A to follow Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items: A comment from Linda Jupiter regarding political signs was read into the record by the City Clerk. The following persons made public comment via Zoom: Lorna Dennis, Jacob Patterson, George Reinhardt, Linda Tejada, Robin Epley, Cindy Plank and Susan Nutter.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

### 8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

#### **8A.** [20-890](#) Interview Applicants for Noyo Harbor Commission Appointments

City Clerk Lemos presented the staff report on this agenda item and reported that Councilmember Albin-Smith had notified the City of a conflict of interest because her husband Doug Albin is an applicant for Noyo Harbor Commissioner and she would recuse herself from voting for that appointment. Councilmembers and Mendocino County Board of Supervisors ad hoc committee members Ted Williams and Dan Gjerde posed questions to applicants Douglas Albin, Bill Forkner, Jim Hurst and Tara Larson.

Public Comment: None.

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 7:25 PM; the meeting reconvened at 7:31 PM.**

Due to technical difficulties, one applicant, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, was unavailable for his interview. The Council and ad hoc committee decided to continue this item to either Tuesday or Thursday, depending on the best availability. Later in the meeting, Council decided on 6:30 PM Thursday for the continuation of this item. A new special meeting agenda will be published tomorrow.

**Supervisors Gjerde and Williams left the video conference at 7:43 PM.**

These Appointments were continued to Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Miller reported that Police Officers will be issuing traffic citations for speeding vehicles. An emergency related to COVID has delayed the start of repairs to the sewer main on Highway 1; the repair project is expected to start on November 2. A drive-through Trick-or-Treat event will be held on Saturday from 1-4PM. The City will have a booth set up to distribute candy (from a safe distance) at CV Starr Community Center. The City is still in a Stage 1 water emergency; the flows in the Noyo River have dropped and are expected to decline into November. City Clerk Lemos reported that 3,501 ballots have been transported to the County Elections Office in Ukiah so far and that the number of registered voters in Fort Bragg has increased by 464 over the previous election year.

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

Councilmember Albin-Smith gave an update on Mendocino Transit Authority's electric buses. She asked people to vote yes on Proposition 15 to support the schools. Councilmember Peters commented on the political sign stealing situation. Councilmember Morsell-Haye reported on the Citizens Commission regarding the name change. Mayor Lee announced his resignation from the City Council effective December 31, 2020 and made comments about events during his term of office.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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

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

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

**5A. [20-891](#)**

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 4319-2020

- 5C.** [20-896](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving the Side Letter Agreement Between the City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg Employee Organization and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Same
- This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**
- Enactment No: RES 4320-2020
- 5D.** [20-898](#) Receive and File Minutes of the April 13, 2020 Community Development Committee Special Meeting
- These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5E.** [20-899](#) Receive and File Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Community Development Committee Special Meeting
- These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5F.** [20-892](#) Approve Minutes of October 13, 2020
- These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

## **5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5B.** [20-894](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Adopting the Recommendations of the Elections Review Committee

Councilmember Albin-Smith said that she removed this item from the Consent Calendar because of a public comment from Scott Menzies regarding Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). She noted that a municipality must be a charter city to use RCV in an election and that three California governors have vetoed RCV for non-charter cities. Councilmember Albin-Smith also mentioned that members of the public have the option to bring a citizen's initiative if they would like the voters to decide whether to have Fort Bragg become a charter city and institute RCV.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Enactment No: RES 4321-2020

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

None.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8B. [20-895](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff on Benefits and Costs of Approving Police Captain and Finance/Administrative Services Director Positions

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

Public Comments: A comment from Jenny Shattuck was read into the record by the City Clerk. Jacob Patterson made a public comment via Zoom.

Direction to Staff: After discussion, the Council directed staff to proceed with recruitment of the Police Captain and Finance/Administrative Services Director positions. A budget amendment including the funding for these positions will be brought back to the next City Council meeting. Council also discussed renewing the City's membership to the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to enhance the City Manager's support system.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.**

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WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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