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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*

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Lee announced his intention to form an ad hoc committee on the COVID-19 coronavirus emergency, for a period of three months, with the option to extend the termination date for an additional three months, for a total six-month period. Councilmembers expressed an interest in attending Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings. City Manager Miller explained that Councilmembers are generally not invited to attend EOC meetings because it is a working staff operation. Councilmembers should refrain from direct involvement with Emergency Operations to avoid possible Brown Act violations and are responsible for duties such as policymaking, proclaiming and/or ratifying local emergencies, and approving emergency resolutions and orders. The City Manager offered to keep the ad hoc committee informed of EOC matters and report out regarding the communications that are being issued to the public.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Norvell, that Councilmember Morsell-Haye be appointed as Chair and Councilmember Albin-Smith be appointed as Committee Member of the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Mayor Lee allowed Public Comment on Non-Agenda items after being advised by the City Clerk that several public comments had been received. The Clerk read the comments into the record.

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Jeffrey Wright submitted comments regarding lack of hand sanitizers at Noyo Headlands

Park, suggested biohazard containers for the Coastal Trail, and other comments of a generally political nature.

- Rex Gressett submitted comments asking questions regarding COVID-19 testing kits and the testing of employees at Safeway.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney submitted comments concerning infringement of rights during this Shelter-in-Place order, how stress can kill, and urged the Council to support and guard the state and federal constitutions.
- Brittni Cook submitted comments on restaurants and take-out food, installing check points on the highways into Fort Bragg, and shutting down the Beachcomber Motel.
- Catherine Alleyas submitted comments regarding offering access to Council meetings for those who do not have televisions, computers, or phones.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

3. 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

- 3A.** [20-669](#) Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Amending the FY 2019/2020 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4241-2020

- 3B.** [20-656](#) Approve Minutes of Joint City Council/Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District Special Meeting of March 5, 2020

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 3C.** [20-657](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 5, 2020

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 3D.** [20-665](#) Approve Minutes of March 9, 2020

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

4. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 4A.** [20-672](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Ratifying City Manager's Proclamation No. CM-2020-01 Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency

City Manager Miller presented the staff report on this item and a list of resources on COVID-19.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: All Councilmembers thanked the City Manager and City staff for everything they have been doing in the last couple of weeks to deal with the COVID-19 emergency. Mayor Lee gave a summary of Mendocino Coast District Hospital activities and updates, including purchase of four new ventilators, installation of two tents on the property for respiratory assessment areas, and that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community. The Mayor said the Council and City administration is working hard along with the healthcare community to make sure that our people are safe. Councilmember Albin-Smith recommended that the resolution be amended to state that the statistics in the fourth recital paragraph are "as of the date this resolution was drafted."

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this Resolution be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 4242-2020

4B. [20-671](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 960-2020 Adding a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to COVID-19

City Manager Miller recommended that this agenda item be pulled and continued to a special meeting on March 30, 2020 because Governor Newsom may be expanding the protections for evictions through an executive order and the City would like that action to take place first before following suit. Miller also mentioned that the City is concerned about protections for small landlords, including people who have bought a single family home and the income from their accessory dwelling units allow them the ability to make mortgage payments.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Peters, that this Ordinance be continued to a special City Council meeting on March 30, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)