



# 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, September 25, 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:** 4 - Vice Mayor Jason Godeke, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan  
**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bernie Norvell

### AGENDA REVIEW

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

- 1A. [23-304](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing the Week of October 1st, 2023 as Banned Books Week

Councilmember Albin-Smith read the Proclamation recognizing the Week of October 1st, 2023 as Banned Books Week. Carolyn Schnyder and Dan Hess the Fort Bragg Branch Librarian accepted the Proclamation and spoke briefly about Banned Books and gave an update on the Fort Bragg Library expansion.

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

- (1) Jacob Patterson, Laura Bianchi-Limbird, Alan Limbird, Patrick Hickey, Dennis Miller, Jay Rosenquist.  
(2) None.  
(3) None.

#### 3. STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Peters commented on the ongoing situation with Jacob Patterson and how to potentially deal with him. Councilmember Albin-Smith agrees with Councilmember Peters in regards to Jacob Patterson. Councilmember Albin-Smith also commented that she spent part of last week at the California League of Cities Meeting where in one of the sessions she was able to get insight on how to deal with Jacob Patterson and his continued harassment of city councilmembers and staff. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Godeke thanked everyone who showed up for

the Coastal Clean-up event. He also mentioned that at the last meeting with Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority also known as Mendo Recycle they spoke about the Haz Mobile Event that they had was very successful, they were able to serve over 400 customers. They are planning future Haz Mobile Events in the near future.

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

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#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Norvell

**5A. [23-280](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

**5B. [23-308](#)** Approve Minutes of September 11, 2023

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

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

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

**8A. [23-293](#)** Authorize City Manager to Execute Memorandum of Agreement with Mendocino Coast Adventist Hospital to Allow Participation in 340B Program, a Charitable Drug Discount Program

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

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Memorandum of Agreement with Adventist Health Hospital be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Norvell

- 8B. [23-303](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Whitchurch Engineering, Inc. to Provide Design and Engineering Services for the Fire Station Reconstruction Project, City Project No. PWP-00124, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$130,000)

Assistant City Engineer, Alfredo Huerta presented the report on this agenda item.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson.

Discussion: Councilmember Albin-Smith requested clarification on some of the dollar amount figures in the resolution. Mr. Huerta gave clarification. Councilmember Rafanan requested clarification about the renovation for the Fire Department. Mr. Huerta clarified that they chose to renovate the north wing first because this is the oldest wing and this will allow the fire department to remain operational out of the north and center wings, rather than having to find a new location. Councilmember Peters commented that the Fire Protection Board that he currently sits on is well aware that the current Fire Department is in an area that is possibly susceptible if the biggest possible tsunami were to strike, he also mentioned that other properties have been looked at for a new fire department, unfortunately the funding is not there and talks about a new location are on hold until November 2024 when state legislation is voted on.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Norvell

- 8C. [23-307](#)**

Receive Report from Ad Hoc Culture and Education Committee Regarding the Fort Building and Consider Resolution Approving Use for the Development of a Tribal Learning and Resource Center and approving up to \$8,000 for from the Council Professional Services budget (Account # 110-4110-0319) to Create a Digitized Version of the Pomo Signs Design.

Mayor Pro Tem Godeke presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment: Gabriel Quinn Maroney.

Discussion: Councilmember Albin-Smith commented that this is the first step toward a museum, she also asked for clarification about the future plans for the center. Councilmember Peters asked if this can be put together fast enough to have the official opening of the cultural center on Indigenous Peoples' Day this year. Mr. Godeke suggested a ceremony may be more attainable in the short time frame rather than the official opening.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Rafanan, seconded by Councilmember Peters that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan.

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Norvell

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Pro Tem Godeke Recessed the meeting at 7:01 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 7:11 PM.**

**9A. [23-310](#)**

Public Employment. Gov't Code Section 54957 (b). Title: City Manager

**Mayor Pro Tem Godeke reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 8:24 PM and reported that the Council voted 4-0 to accept the City Manager's resignation with an effective date up to six months.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Pro Tem Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.**

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BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

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June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

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