



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, March 25, 2024

6:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N.Main Street and Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Norvell pulled item 5D from the Consent Calendar to be brought back at a future meeting.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [24-650](#) Presentation from the Economic Development & Financing Corporation
Robert Gernert presented on this item.

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

(1) Scott Taubold, Jacob Patterson, Shelley Green, Peter McNamee, Diane Sorensen.
(2) Jacob Patterson, Peter McNamee.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy announced that there will be a Business Assistance Workshop at Town Hall on April 4, 2024 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Albin-Smith participated in a League of Cities Conference, where they were briefed on the State of the State, including details about the budget deficit and its causes. Councilmember Peters disclosed that he recently hand-delivered a letter to the Coastal Commission in Sacramento regarding our water safety measures. Furthermore, he emphasized that the letter was prompted by concerns about safeguarding our water resources. In addition, he reported that the Public Works Committee convened and made progress towards installing the "The Last Whistle" sculpture.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Norvell pulled item 5D from the Consent Calendar to be brought back at a future meeting. The Vice Mayor pointed out that items 5A and 5B need a clerical adjustment, as the ordinance incorrectly states that the Community Development Committee held a "Public Hearing," when it was, in fact, a "Public Meeting." He also pulled item 5E for discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Consent Calendar be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5A. [24-574](#)** Adopt by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of, Ordinance No. 985-2024 "An Ordinance Amending Division 18 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code (ILUDC 1023) to Amend Chapter 18.21.030(B), (C), & 18.21.050 "Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses", to Repeal and Replace 18.42.170 "Accessory Dwelling Units", to Amend Chapter 18.71.050 "Design Review" and to Amend Chapter 18.100 "Definitions" to Establish Regulations and Standards for Accessory Dwelling Units Pursuant to State Law; Statutory Exemption.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B. [24-575](#)** Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 986-2024 Amending Division 18 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to Comply with Recent Changes in State of California Housing Law Related to Urban Lot Splits and Two Unit Development.

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C. [24-649](#)** Approve Scope of Work for a Request for Proposals for Professional Services for a Fireworks Provider

This Scope of Work was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F. [24-668](#)** Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Amending the FY 2023/24 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

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

5G. [24-660](#) Approve Minutes of February 12, 2024

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5H. [24-658](#) Approve Minutes of February 26, 2024

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

5I. [24-641](#) Approve Minutes of Special Closed Session of March 7, 2024

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5J. [24-655](#) Approve Minutes of March 11, 2024

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5K. [24-642](#) Approve Minutes of Special Closed Session of March 11, 2024

This Minutes was approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5D. [24-659](#) Approve Scope of Work for a Request for Proposals Seeking Professional Services for Sea Level Rise, Tsunami Hazards, and Erosion Resilience Strategy for Noyo Harbor

Mayor Norvell pulled item 5D from the Consent Calendar to be brought back at a future meeting.

5E. [24-593](#) Receive General Plan Annual Progress Report 2023 and Housing Element Annual Progress Report to HCD and provide comments prior to submittal to HCD

The Vice Mayor expressed a desire to delve deeper into the General Plan Report, particularly highlighting the progress on Wiggly Giggly and the fruitful collaboration with the School District to establish pickleball courts. Noting the absence of safety-related items, he emphasized the importance of acknowledging the ongoing update to the Emergency Operating Center training exercise. Additionally, he made a comment regarding the Grant for Project Right Now.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Godeke, seconded by Mayor Norvell that the Progress Report be amended to include the additional items discussed by Vice Mayor Godeke.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A.** [24-662](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding 2022-2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant Application

Grants Coordinator Lacy Peterson presented the staff report on this item.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Shelley Green.

Discussion: After extensive discussion, the decision was made to instruct Ms. Peterson to concentrate her grant application efforts on securing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.

- 8B.** [24-652](#) Receive presentation of recommended update to the City of Fort Bragg's Emergency Operations Plan and consider adopting Resolution xx-2024 - Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Updated City of Fort Bragg Emergency Operations Plan

Captain Thomas O'Neal presented the staff report on this item.

Public Comment: Jenn Shattuck, Jacob Patterson.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, 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

- 8C.** [24-654](#) Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Contract Change Order with with Akeff Construction, Inc. for the Bainbridge Park Playground Replacement Project, City Project No. PWP-00096 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$88,624.00)

Public Works Director John Smith presented on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rafanan, 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

9. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)