



# City of Fort Bragg

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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*

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Thursday, May 28, 2020

5:00 PM

Via Video Conference

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### Special Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM, all Councilmembers appearing via video conference.

#### ROLL CALL

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

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public comment on a non-agenda item was read into the record by the City Clerk as follows:

- Nancy Bennett expressed gratitude for the community's support of the Fort Bragg High School graduating class.

#### 2. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

**2A.** [20-751](#) Receive Report and Consider Extension of Urgency Ordinance No. 960-2020 Providing a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to COVID-19

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

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Councilmembers discussed the potential risk associated with extending the urgency ordinance contrasted with the need to provide a safety net to local tenants, both residential and commercial. At the time of this special meeting, it was unknown whether the Governor would extend the statewide moratorium on tenant evictions or not. A majority of the Council expressed their belief that the extension of the moratorium for one additional month, through June 30, 2020, would present minimal risk.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Lee, Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Albin-Smith

**No:** 1 - Vice Mayor Norvell

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Enactment No: ORD 960-2020 AMENDMENT

**2B. [20-753](#)** City Council Discussion on Reopening City Hall and Public Meetings at Town Hall

City Manager Miller said the City Hall and Police Department lobbies will reopen to the public on June 1, 2020. She noted that on Wednesdays, the City Hall lobby sees a lot of traffic for the public restrooms due to Farmers Market and requested that City Hall be closed for an In-Service Day on Wednesdays until the social distancing orders are lifted. This would also allow staff whose hours have been reduced due to the COVID-19 emergency to complete assignments and projects. The target date for opening Council meetings to the public, with conditions such as masking and social distancing, is June 22, 2020.

Public Comment by Gabriel Maroney was read into the record by the City Clerk.

**Council directed that City Hall should remain closed on Wednesdays for an In-Service Day until further notice.**

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 5:55 PM; the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 6:00 PM.**

**3A. [20-752](#)** CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: City Negotiator: William V. Lee, Mayor. Employee Classification: City Manager

**Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:57 PM and reported that no reportable action had been taken on the Closed Session item.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.**

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WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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