



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

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Wednesday, February 19, 2020

10:00 AM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Bernie Norvell, Lindy Peters, John Naulty, Tom Varga and Laura Godinez

**Absent:** 2 - Steve Orsi and Tabatha Miller

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**1A** [20-630](#) Approve Minutes of November 20, 2019 Public Safety Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell, seconded by Chair Peters that the Minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting be approved. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jenny Shattuck commented that she receives multiple calls to her personal phone number while the other party is attempting to reach the Fort Bragg Fire Department non-emergency line. Her phone number is very similar to the Fort Bragg Fire Department non-emergency line therefore she is aware of the numerous calls from Spanish speaking callers. Her main concern was to determine if there is an option for the Fort Bragg Fire Department non-emergency line for a bilingual translator.

Jacob Patterson referenced the Pedestrian Safety Study that was done in 2019 and is concerned that there has not been sufficient change with adding new stop signs around the City. The intersections where he would like to see a new stop sign placed are: Lincoln Street with Maple Street and Laurel Street with Harrison Street.

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

**3A** [20-629](#) Review and Discuss Request for a Stop Sign at Chestnut Street and Dana Street

Tom Varga presented his report regarding the layout and traffic pattern of the intersection of East Chestnut and Dana Street. According to his findings and based off his engineering judgement the installation of a stop sign on East Chestnut is not an appropriate tool for improving the traffic control problem at that particular location.

Chief Naulty presented two diagrams of the intersection with measurements regarding pedestrian crosswalks and visibility effects. He stated that the view is obstructed to the Dana Street traffic due to the disabled crosswalk being set back 17 feet on East Chestnut. The East Chestnut traffic also has the solar panels affecting the visibility while driving onto Dana Street or going through the intersection of East Chestnut and Dana Street.

Superintendent Rebecca Walker requested that a stop sign be installed on East Chestnut Street for a variety of safety reasons. Not only will it benefit during the school year but all year round with many other events occurring on high school grounds.

Public comments were heard from Jenny Shattuck.

Committee Members commented on the report. Questions raised regarding the removal of the stop sign if it was later decided that the stop sign was not efficient. Tom Varga stated that the stop sign could be removed on a later date if it was decided that it was simply not working out. Chief Naulty commented that he agreed on the installation of the stop sign and a within a few months it should be analyzed to verify its efficiency. Chair Peters recommended that a stop sign being installed on East Chestnut as soon as possible. Tom Varga stated he would place the order for the stop sign.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**

**4A** [20-631](#) Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

Chair Peters read an update report from Fire Chief Orsi. Chief Orsi mentions in his update that the Fire Department should be receiving their new fire engine mid March.

Secondly that the Fire Department has placed an order for more sand bags.

Finally Chief Orsi states that he is very happy to see Chief Naulty back and he know that Chief Naulty will be doing good for the City.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Peters closed the meeting at 10:40 AM**