



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, February 26, 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 6:00 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

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [24-591](#) Women's History Month Proclamation

Councilmember Rafanan read the Proclamation recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month.

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

(1) Anne Marie Weibel, Cassandra Graham, Sheila Von Tracy, Jay Rosenquist
(2) Abraham Cohen, Sharon Fee, Laurel Kraus, Jasmin Diaz, Lemon Asser, Megan Caron, Muhamed Abhed, Vicky Walspring, Wes Lacount, Don Larsen, Sheila Don Tracy, Anne Marie Weibel, Matt Zarconie, Jennifer Norris, Peter Baker, Daphne Martin, Cassandra Graham, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Giza, Anna Marie Stenberg, Shelley Green, Jay Rosenquist

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy has announced the temporary closure of the weight room at CV Starr Center from February 28th to Friday, March 1st, 2024, for the installation of new equipment.

In preparation for the upcoming election, polling places will be set up at CV Starr Center (300 Lincoln Street) and the Veteran's Memorial Building (360 N. Harrison Street). These locations will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day. Additionally, the official ballot drop-off location will be City Hall (416 N. Franklin Street), accessible 24/7 until 8 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

The Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Survey is currently available on the noyocollection.org website until the end of the month, allowing community members to contribute their input for the future of the Noyo Harbor Economy.

Police Chief Neil Cervenka has announced the formation of the Fort Bragg Community Task Force on Fentanyl, with its inaugural meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Vice-Mayor Godeke has declared that a housing workshop will take place tomorrow, February 27, 2024, at 5:30 PM at Town Hall. Please note that this event will be held in person only.

Councilmember Albin-Smith has reminded everyone to vote on March 5, 2024. Furthermore, the MTA committee is set to hold a meeting at 190 Spruce Street in Fort Bragg on February 28, 2024, commencing at 1:30 PM. Albin-Smith has proposed that the City Council engage in collaboration with local businesses to address the discussion on Single Use Plastics, considering recent legislative changes. She also articulated her viewpoint that priority for public comment should be granted to in-person attendees over those participating via Zoom, noting that Zoom is for convenience and not mandatory.

Councilmember Peters clarified the functioning of the Consent Calendar, explaining that it comprises items previously agreed upon by the City Council. He emphasized that individuals should have confidence that their agenda item will be approved when included on this agenda.

Councilmember Rafanan did not provide any comments or updates.

Mayor Norvell did not provide any comments or updates.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

5A. [24-610](#)

Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Supporting a Sustained Ceasefire in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, a Release of all Hostages; and Immediate Humanitarian Aid for the Civilians of Gaza

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B. [24-599](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg Police Association and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute same for Purposes of Defining Benefits Eligibility for Part-Time Employees and Revising the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 22.3
This Resolution was approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5C. [24-618](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Contract Amendment with Marie Jones Consulting for Professional Planning Services and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$165,000) Subject to City Attorney Approval as to Form
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5D. [24-597](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Allowing Full-Time Lateral Employment Transfers from CV Starr Center to the City of Fort Bragg to Grant up to 40 Hours of Sick Leave Effective February 25, 2024
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5E. [24-611](#)** Approve Scope of Work for 2025 Streets Rehabilitation Project
This Scope of Work was accepted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5F. [24-605](#)** Accept Certificate of Completion for UV Disinfection Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion
This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5G. [24-616](#)** Appoint Linda J. Thornquist Stumpf to the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board
This Appointment was approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5H. [24-594](#)** Approve Minutes of Special Closed Session of February 12, 2024
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5I. [24-601](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting for November 9, 2023
These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.
- 5J. [24-603](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting for December 7, 2023
These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5K. [24-604](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting for January 11, 2024

These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 7:03 PM; the meeting reconvened at 7:13 PM.

- 7A. [24-577](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the 2023 and/or 2024 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program Subject to City Attorney Review and Approval as to Form

Mayor Norvell opened the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Grants Coordinator, Lacy Peterson presented on this item indicating that despite the Council's prior directive to pursue the Broadband Project, it was found not to be "shovel ready."

Consequently, the focus has shifted towards applying for the Streets Rehabilitation Project.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Shelley Green, Jay McMartin Rosenquist

Mayor Norvell closed the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding the criteria used to determine which streets are included in the rehabilitation list.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that this 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

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [24-563](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Awarding the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, City Project No. WTR-00017, to Wahlund Construction, Inc. as the Lowest Responsible Bidder, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Not To Exceed \$10,550,380.00) Subject to City Attorney Approval as to Form

Public Works Director John Smith presented this item and provided a brief overview of the three bidders.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Jay McMartin Rosenquist, Maryanne

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that this 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

8B. [24-564](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. to Provide Construction Management Services for the Water Treatment Plant Overhaul Project, City Project WTR-00017, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$757,000.00)

Public Works Director John Smith presented this item and elaborated on the scope and details of Construction Management Services.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this 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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)