



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, July 10, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:01 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

Councilmember Lindy Peters, appearing via Zoom, announced that he could not attend the meeting in person at Town Hall due to contracting a contagious disease. He requested Council approval to attend the meeting remotely for "just cause" pursuant to AB 2449. Mayor Norvell called for a voice vote to approve the Councilmembers Peters attendance via Zoom, which was unanimously approved.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- (1) None.
- (2) Marcy Snyder.
- (3) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Administrative Analyst Cristal Munoz shared that the next Quarterly Downtown Merchant meeting will be at Town Hall on Saturday, July 15 from 9-11am. Chief Cervenka shared that he and Mayor Norvell attended the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People roundtable event. Where they discussed the new Father Alert, which is similar to the Amber Alert.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters expressed his thanks to the Acting City Clerk for helping him attend tonight's City Council meeting via Zoom. He also mentioned that the current temperatures on Earth are the highest they have ever been, and he hopes for his constituents to always being mindful of climate change when council make decisions. Vice Mayor Godeke announced that the next meeting for the Ad Hoc Culture and

Education meeting will be tomorrow at Town Hall at 4:30 pm and via Zoom.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that the Consent Calendar be approved on 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. [23-209](#) Adopt by Title Only and Waive the Second Reading of Ordinance 984-2023 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 3.10 (Special Purpose Transactions and Use Tax) of Title 3 (Revenue and Finance) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

This Ordinance was adopted on Consent Calendar.

5B. [23-215](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Confirming the Pay Rates/Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

5C. [23-219](#) Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Grant Funding and Contracting with the Pacific Gas and Electric for Participation in the EV Fleet Electrification Program and Authorizing Budget Amendment 2023/2024-01 Accepting \$32,000 Incentive for the City's Make Ready Infrastructure (Account No. 522-0000-3998)

This Resolution was adopted on Consent Calendar.

5D. [23-220](#) Receive and File Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting

This Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

5E. [23-225](#) Approve Minutes of June 12, 2023

This Minutes was approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [23-213](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Letter of Intent (LOI) with Syserco Energy Solutions (SES) for the Facilities Solar Project and Authorizing City Manager to Execute the Same

Public Works Director John Smith presented the report on this item. He introduced Gabe Johnson from Syserco Energy Solutions who had a presentation via PowerPoint.

Public Comments: Marcy Synder and Jenny Shattuck.

Discussion: There was some discussion on about the warranty issues, malfunctions or damaged equipment. This project will help save money in the long term. There was unanimous support for this project.

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

- 8B. [23-218](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement for Assistant City Manager/Police Chief with Neil Cervenka

City Manager Peggy Ducey presented on this item. There is the need to secure continuing processes and cover key aspects of the City. This about making sure there is coverage when the City Manager is out of the office. The Police Chiefs contract was also never finalized before he started his started his position.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Jessica Morsell-Haye, Jay Rosenquist, and Jenny Shattuck.

Discussion: There was much discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of approving the item.

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

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

No: 1 - Councilmember Rafanan

- 8C. [23-210](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Accepting the Bid of Argonaut Constructors as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding the 2022 Street Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. PWP-00120 to Argonaut Constructors and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$3,611,831.45; Account No. 421-4870-0731)

Assistant Director of Engineering O'Neal presented this staff report.

Public Comment: None

Discussion: All Councilmembers were in agreement to support this project.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Godeke, 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

- 8D. [23-214](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving

Grant Funding and Contracting with the Department of California Highway Patrol to Conduct Preventative and Proactive Driving Under the Influence Enforcement

Police Chief Cervenka gave the staff report on this agenda item .

Public Comment: Jessica Morsell-Haye, Jenny Shattuck and Jay Rosenquist.

Discussion: All Councilmembers were in agreement to support this project.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)