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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, April 8, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [19-150](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

Mayor Lee read a proclamation declaring April 2019 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month and presented same to Lia Holbrook, project director at Project Sanctuary. She gave a presentation to the Council outlining the direct services provided by Project Sanctuary.

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Donovan Spencer said the climate presentation made by Doug Nunn on March 5 was very disturbing and contained inaccurate information.
- Alana Zipp of the Coast Cat Project spoke about reducing the overpopulation of stray and feral cats on the coast. She requested that her nonprofit organization be allowed to make a presentation to the City Council and asked them to support and endorse her group's efforts.
- Ann Rennacker said that the Navy will be at Dana Gray auditorium on May 8 to discuss using sonar in the ocean and expanding their ocean training area.
- Rex Gressett said cats kill songbirds and if the City artificially subsidizes a predator, there won't be any birds left.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Miller spoke about Council priority areas and goals. Community Director Jones said

the joint Planning Commission/City Council meetings on the Mill Site will be split into two meetings. Chief Lizarraga gave a reminder about an upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting and said that parking enforcement will begin again next Wednesday. He noted that a Coalition for Gang Awareness Program forum will be on April 25 at Town Hall. Public Works Director Varga talked about replacement of LED flashers on signs in town and the potential for development of solar power on some City properties.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters requested that the Coast Cat Project matter be agendaized for a future meeting; Mayor Lee authorized it to be on a future agenda. Peters spoke about housing criteria and bills having to do with housing. Councilmember Morsell-Haye announced a local food forum on April 9 at Caspar Community Center. Councilmember Albin-Smith noted that she attended a Mendocino Council of Governments tour last Monday of Point Arena and Gualala.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Morsell-Haye asked that Item 5A be removed from the Consent Calendar so she could recuse herself and that Item 5B be removed for further discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 5A and 5B. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

5C. [19-160](#) Approve Minutes of March 25, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5D. [19-173](#) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Goal Setting Retreat of March 27, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5E. [19-171](#) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of March 27, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

5A. [19-159](#) Adopt by Title Only and Waive the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 945-2019 Repealing and Replacing Section 10.20.150 (Mobile Vending - Permit - Required) and Section 10.20.155 (Parking of Mobile Vending Vehicles - Permit - Liability Insurance Requirements) of Chapter 10.20 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

Councilmember Morsell-Haye recused herself from this item, citing a business conflict of interest.

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

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

Recuse: 1 - Councilmember Morsell-Haye

5B. [19-153](#) Approve Minutes of Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of March 21, 2019

Councilmember Morsell-Haye said the minutes did not reflect that the Planning Commission and City Council agreed that the issue of wildlife corridors would be brought back for further discussion at a future meeting. The City Clerk was directed to amend the minutes and bring it back for approval on the next Consent Calendar.

This item was referred to staff.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Item 8A: Councilmember Peters disclosed that he looked at the location of the property of the proposed bike track.
- Item 8D: Vice Mayor Norvell disclosed that he had a text exchange with Fort Bragg Electric.
- Item 8D: Mayor Lee disclosed that he had a phone message from Mark Mertle at Fort Bragg Electric.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [19-163](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding a Request from Mendocino Coast Police Activities League to Expand the Area Requested for a Bike Park Pump Track

Community Development Director Jones presented the staff report on this item.

Public Comment was received from:

- Mayor Lee read a comment submitted by Annmarie Weibel.
- Ann Rennacker spoke in favor of no expansion of the project right now.
- Don Bainbridge on behalf of PAL noted that the reason for extra space is that the current width does not allow for proper drainage. He answered questions from Councilmembers.
- Rex Gressett said that this is the most precious land in Northern California and it is disturbing that the Council thinks this is a vacant lot. He opposes extra land for the bike track.

Discussion: After discussion of this item, Director Jones noted that this agenda item does not request approval of the project, which must go through the permit process with the Planning Commission. Results of the botanical study will determine whether PAL can move forward with the project over the entire area. The general consensus of the Council was to grant the land to PAL for their use if allowed.

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

8B. [19-157](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving a Forgivable Loan Agreement and Sub-recipient Agreement with Parents and Friends, Inc. for the Cypress Street Residential Care

Facility for the Elderly Project with Funds Through Community Development Block Grant #17-CDBG-12020 and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed \$2,802,880 ; Account No. 333-5041-0632)

Special Projects Assistant McLaughlin presented the staff report on this item.

Public Comment was received from:

- Rex Gressett said this is an outrageous scandal and gigantic boondoggle.
- Ann Rennacker spoke in favor of adopting the resolution.

Discussion: The Council discussed consistency of the project with City policies and amount received for administration costs.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

8C. [19-167](#) Receive Report and Presentation from Aspen Logan and Cubic Inc. on New Visit Fort Bragg Website Rollout

Aspen Logan, project manager for Visit Fort Bragg, gave the presentation to Council. Billy Culkin and Rachel Moseley of Cubic Inc. provided an update on efforts to promote Fort Bragg and previewed Phase 1 of the new Visit Fort Bragg website, www.fortbragg.com. They stressed the importance of continuing to update the campaign.

Public Comment was received from:

- Jenny Shattuck requested that the Visit Fort Bragg website include the Pomo history from this area.
- Rex Gressett said that this matter cannot be discussed in three-minute public comment, as it is shallow, non-interactive, and a complete waste of time.
- Simon Smith acknowledged the amount of work that went into planning the website, but said that accessibility is not in the scoping because the contrast is poor and the color choices are horrendous. It does not appeal to those without 20/20 vision.
- Jacob Patterson said that it was apparent this item included discussion of legal concerns related to the project. He stated he does not want to talk about it, but he might relate his concerns to the City Manager and she could discuss it with the Council. His concerns are about the City directly running this program the way it is being run, and unintended consequences related to that. He warned the Council to just be careful what they decide to do, particularly related to those competitions.

Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 8:16 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

This Report was accepted.

8D. [19-152](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Fort Bragg Electric, Inc. as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding Contract for the Sewer Lift Station Project, City Project No. 2019-01 to Fort Bragg Electric, Inc. and Authorizing District Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$1,411,534; Account 716-7003-0731)

Assistant Director of Public Works Smith gave the staff report on this item and responded to questions regarding the lift stations, safety challenges, and cost.

Public Comment was received from:

- Rex Gresset said it makes the public nervous when there is only one bid.
- Mark Mertle of Fort Bragg Electric said that they have replaced lift stations elsewhere and have done many large projects in Fort Bragg and want to continue to work for the City.

Discussion: Council discussed the interfund loan, which will need to come back to Council for approval at the time when specific amounts are needed.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

8E. [19-170](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving a Multi-Year Contract with City of Ukiah for Dispatch Services (FY 2019-20 Amount Not to Exceed \$350,123.78; Account No. 110-4200-0386)

Police Chief Lizarraga summarized the staff report. He noted that the City Manager and Finance Director had reviewed the cost reports provided by the City of Ukiah and saw no problems.

Public Comment: None.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)