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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*

Monday, March 30, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, all Councilmembers appearing by teleconference.

ROLL CALL

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

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

The City Clerk read public comments into the record as follows:

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Gabriel Quinn Maroney submitted comments regarding the political response to the coronavirus threat.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Miller read a statement from the Mendocino Coast Clinics regarding screening for COVID-19 at the clinics. She noted that people can take walks from their homes, but all parks are closed in town. State Parks have closed all parks throughout the state to vehicular traffic and all 20 State Parks in Mendocino County are completely closed. The Danco Project on South Street has received the tax credit financing for which it applied, and that housing project may get underway soon. All City restrooms in town are closed, but there is an ADA compliant restroom with a handwashing station in the parking lot to the north of City Hall. A second portable restroom may soon be installed near Town Hall. Miller reported that Assistant Planner Sarah McCormick has been promoted to Housing & Economic Development Coordinator. She recommended that those who are not sick view You Tube videos on how to make simple face masks from cotton t-shirts.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Lee gave a brief update on how the hospital is coping with the coronavirus emergency. Councilmembers Albin-Smith and Morsell-Haye summarized the recent activities of the COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee. The committee members will work with the City Manager to establish a list of tasks to be undertaken to help the community in the face of the pandemic. The City Manager will distribute the list to Councilmembers and City staff and ask for volunteers to work on the various assignments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5A. [20-677](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Designating the City of Fort Bragg's Agents for Non-State Agencies in Compliance with California Office of Emergency Services Regulations

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4243-2020

- 5B. [20-659](#)** Receive General Plan Annual Progress Report (2019), including the Housing Element Annual Progress Report (2019)

This Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C. [20-676](#)** Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 24, 2020

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 6A. [20-675](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 960-2020 Adding a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to COVID-19

City Manager Miller presented the staff report on this agenda item, explaining that the urgency ordinance requires four-fifths of the Council to adopt and would go into effect immediately if passed and adopted. She reviewed the new Order No. N-37-20 from Governor Newsom regarding evictions, noting that it only applies to residential tenants, not commercial, as the City's proposed ordinance does. The City Manager recommended making the urgency ordinance effective through May 31, 2020.

Public Comment: The City Clerk read public comments from the following persons into the record:

- Jamie Peters wrote in support of the urgency ordinance for both residential and commercial tenants.
- Ona Rynerson urged the Council to adopt the resolution as written.

- Hilary White also favored passage of the urgency ordinance.
- Paul Clark wrote in opposition to the ordinance, stating that it hurts landlords and that tenants who should be evicted won't be.

Discussion: After deliberation, the Council decided to amend the urgency ordinance as follows:

- The tenant must notify the landlord seven days before the rent is due, except for rent due April 1, 2020.
- Section 2 is amended to state that the landlord's authority to evict tenants is suspended through May 31, 2020.
- Section 4 is amended to delete the reference to the Governor's Executive Order and insert the expiration date of May 31, 2020.

Direction: Council directed City Manager Miller to bring an item forward at the next special City Council meeting regarding a zero-interest loan program for local landlords who can demonstrate that they have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

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

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

Enactment No: ORD 960-2020

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)