



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, March 9, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

AMENDED

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

Mayor Lee directed that the Broadband Ad Hoc Committee's termination date be extended six months to September 9, 2020 and the Visit Fort Bragg Committee's termination date be reviewed in one year, on or before March 9, 2021.

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Robin Epley, new editor of the Fort Bragg Advocate News and Mendocino Beacon, introduced herself to the Council.
- George Reinhardt spoke about the cutting of trees in the forested area known as the Starbucks Forest.
- David Gurney commented on the Coronavirus and the need for more critical care and emergency plans, beds and ventilators.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney said that there should be conversation about how historical sites can be protected.
- John Gallo suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to address Coronavirus protection.
- Jenny Shattuck noted that the City and Caltrans should restripe the lanes north of the Noyo Bridge because they cannot be seen at night.
- Ann Rennacker commented on homeless and mental health issues.
- Shar Flum spoke about how plastic impacts the health of seabirds and sea creatures.

(2) Consent Calendar Items:

- None.
- (3) Closed Session Items:
- None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Miller gave an update on the COVID-19 virus, noted that Restaurant Week starts today, and recapped the mid-year budget review meeting. City Clerk Lemos gave election updates. Chief Naulty spoke about officer training and the School Resource Officer. City Manager Miller also provided an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, the Guest House clock repair, and letters sent to 41 local businesses potentially impacted by the SB 205 storm drain permit requirements.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Albin-Smith spoke about a Symphony of the Redwoods children's concert, the need for more poll workers in Mendocino County, and an upcoming Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting. She requested that staff bring forward an ordinance banning the use of plastic straws. Council agreed to assign this issue to the Community Development Committee. Councilmember Peters announced that he had a conflict with sitting on both the Bee Garden committee and the Visit Fort Bragg committee, as they meet on the same date and time. Mayor Lee appointed Councilmember Albin-Smith to replace Councilmember Peters on the Visit Fort Bragg Committee. Mayor Lee gave an update on the response to the coronavirus from the Coast Hospital and reported on the affiliation of the hospital with Adventist Health. Councilmember Morsell-Haye proposed establishing an ad hoc committee to start work on Council Goal #2 (Partner with educational institutions) of Priority Area #1 (Jobs/Industry). Mayor Lee appointed Councilmember Morsell-Haye and himself to this committee for a six-month timeframe.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

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

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

- 5A. [20-643](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Funded by SB-1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4238-2020

- 5B. [20-644](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Modifying the City's Compensation Plan and Confirming the Pay/Rates/Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications - Assistant City Engineer and Part-time Police Services Transporter

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4239-2020

- 5C.** [20-648](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Accepting the Public Storm Drain and Public Sewer Easements from George A. Pyeatt and Lyndia J. Pyeatt, as Required by Use Permit UP 4-19, and Authorize City Manager to Execute the Certificate of Acceptance

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4240-2020

- 5D.** [20-649](#) Accept Certificate of Completion for 2019 Streets Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. PWP-00111, and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5E.** [20-636](#) Readopt Master Traffic Resolution

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 1271-2020/A

- 5F.** [20-651](#) Approve Minutes of February 24, 2020

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Norvell disclosed that he has had conversations regarding CDBG grants with some members of City staff and the Fire Protection District board.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A.** [20-645](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Competitive Applications

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing at 6:56 PM.

Special Projects Assistant McLaughlin presented the staff report on this agenda item and asked for direction from Council on which five projects to apply for.

Public Comment was received from:

- Ann Rennacker made comments on grants for the housing project located near the hospital.
- George Reinhardt stressed the importance of community engagement.
- Jenny Shattuck said Mill Site planning should be a top priority because housing development is critical.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney spoke in favor of Mill Site planning.
- Steve Orsi, Fire Chief, addressed the need for Fire Department seismic refit and replacement of the roof.

Mayor Lee closed the public hearing at 7:30 PM.

Discussion: After much discussion, the Council chose the following five activities to apply for CDBG grant funding: (1) Business Assistance Loan Program; (2) Fire Station Roof Rehabilitation Planning Grant, Alternative 2; (3) Mill Site Planning; (4) Bainbridge Park Rehabilitation Planning Grant; and (5) Code Enforcement Program.

Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 8:04 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:14 PM.

This Staff Report was referred to staff for preparation of the five CDBG grant applications as noted above.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**8A. [20-650](#)** Receive Report from Mill Site Land Use Map Ad Hoc Committee on Draft Mill Site Land Use Map

Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Planning Commission Chair Logan presented the Mill Site Land Use Map ad hoc committee's report on this agenda item.

Public Comment was received from:

- Mayor Lee read a comment from David Jensen in support of the land use map.
- Scott Deitz said rezoning the area encompassing Stewart Street is confusing since it is not part of the Mill Site and should not be included in this map.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney spoke about the coastal industrial zone and storage issues.
- George Reinhardt supports aggressive pursuit of creek daylighting.
- Jacob Patterson said this is not a zoning map, it is a land use designation map.

Discussion: The Council consensus was to move forward with Area A (northern portion of the Mill Site) at this time and approved of the map as presented except the non-Mill Site parcels should not be included with the Mill Site rezoning. Mayor Lee directed that this ad hoc committee continue until November 1, 2020 to work on land use tables, zoning map and development code.

This Report was accepted and the ad hoc committee was directed to continue work on land use tables and the map until November 1, 2020.

8B. [20-653](#) City Council Discussion on Being a Business Friendly City

Mayor Lee called for a special session of the City Council to brainstorm ideas on how to be a business friendly community. He suggested having a Council workday session with a facilitator, using City Council's goal setting funds.

Public Comment was received from: Jenny Shattuck, Ann Rennacker, Megan Caron, Gabriel Quinn Maroney and Scott Deitz.

Mayor Lee directed staff to set up a special City Council work session with a facilitator to discuss streamlining the process for new businesses to come to Fort Bragg.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)