



# City of Fort Bragg

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## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

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Wednesday, June 21, 2023

3:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and  
Via Video Conference

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:16 PM

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 2 - Lindy Peters and Jason Godeke

**Absent:** 1 - Bernie Norvell

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [23-151](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting December 21, 2022.

Moved by Chair Peters and seconded by Council Member Godeke that the minutes be approved as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

### 3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [23-152](#) Proposed Ordinance For Vacant Property Registration

Code Enforcement Officer Leinen presented the proposed ordinance that was put together based off his research from other cities in the State of California. Leinen stated the benefits of the proposed ordinance to the City. He mentioned that the fee schedule is being developed and in a near future he would supply that document.

Captain O'Neal supplies examples of how the proposed ordinance works and the benefits to the City.

Chair Peters reiterates the procedures Code Enforcement Officers go through with any complaints made and the issues regarding commercial properties.

The committee agreed to bring back the proposed ordinance once a fee schedule is completed and once the City Attorney reviews the proposed ordinance.

Public comment made by Jacob Patterson.

3B. [23-153](#) Discuss FBMC Chapter 15.06 Automatic Fire Sprinkler And Alarm Systems

Fire Chief Orsi explains that several years ago there was specific wording taken out the FBMC Chapter 15.06 that ended up causing confusion and conflicts. He plans on amending the wording on the on the current code to reflect explanatory information on the permit amounts so that there is equality among the community and all comply with the requirements.

Chairman Peters makes the recommendation to bring the topic forward to City Council as an agenda item.

**3C. [23-192](#)** Discuss Skunk Train Whistle During After Hours

Captain O'Neal began the discussing by providing background information on the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) mandates regarding the amount of sounding whistles that need to be made within any intersection. The local government does not have the ability to override the FRA mandates but do have the ability to enact a "Quiet Zone". Captain O'Neal goes into depth regarding the safety measures that need to be in place in order to enact a "Quiet Zone" and the application process.

Public comments where made by:

Malia Elsner

Roger Paul

Jacob Patterson

Lari Shea

Tammy Bray

Chairman Peters communicates to the public he is aware and understands their concerns regarding the after hour whistle sounding but he reminds the public that for now we have to respect the outdated law that the Federal Railroad Administration has in place.

Council Member Godeke agrees that this topic has become acute mainly due to the after hours the train whistle has been sounding. He would like more research done on the potential cost if the City is responsible for all the changes involved.

Chairman Peters recommends to have a member from the Skunk Train attend a committee meeting to have input on the discussion. He suggested to continue the discussion until the next committee meeting.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF**

**4A. [23-154](#)** Receive Oral Update from Staff on Departmental Activities

Chairman Peters recommended that in next committee meeting we discuss electrical bicycles going too fast on the coast trail. He has had numerous complaints from the community and would like to hold a discussion on speeders.

Chief Orsi gave his update on a new engine that is going to be delivered on sometime in July.

Captain O'Neal commented on numerous changes with in the Police Department and mentioned the Pudding Creek Bridge "hard shut down nights" and what is planned for those nights when no through traffic can access the bridge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:17 PM**