



# 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*

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Monday, June 8, 2026

6:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett

### CLOSED SESSION REPORT

N/A

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Godeke removed 5E from the Agenda.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A.** [26-253](#) National Pollinator Week Proclamation

Councilmember Lindy Peters read and presented the Proclamation Honoring National Pollinator Week to be delivered to Garden Club.

**1B.** [26-254](#) Juneteenth Freedom Day Proclamation

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Recognizing Juneteenth Freedom Day Proclamation.

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

- (1) Marc Tager, Evan Dick, and Jacob Patterson.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A.

### 3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared Accellus is online, new utility rates effective July 1, extended

offer to new Community Development Director starting in July. City Clerk Diana Paoli announced there are 3 councilmember seats to be filled in General Election on November 3, 2026. The incumbents are Jason Godeke, Marcia Rafanan and Tess Albin-Smith. All seats are four year terms. Nomination period is July 13, 2026, closing on August 7, 2026. If any incumbent chooses not to file papers, then nomination period is extended to August 12, 2026. League of Woman's Voters, Grass Root Institute, and City of Fort Bragg are sponsoring in person only Candidate Education Night at Town Hall, Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

#### **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers shared upcoming Visit Fort Bragg Committee meeting, successful entertainment zone; committee meetings cancelled this month are Public Works and Finance and Administration; Sonoma Clean Power offering rebates up to \$2,500 for customers who install heat pump water heater through March, 2027.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Albin-Smith pulled Item 5D for discussion.

##### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Consent Calendar be adopted with exception of 5D. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

- 5A. [26-178](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the Election of City Councilmembers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5028-2026

- 5B. [26-179](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on November 3, 2026, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on that Date Pursuant to §10403 of the Elections Code and to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of Said Election

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5029-2026

- 5C. [26-250](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Establishing the Systems Technician - Transitional (Working Title: Broadband Systems Technician), Non-Exempt, At-Will, Transitional Classification and Confirming the Pay Rates and Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications Effective June 8, 2026

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5030-2026

- 5F.** [26-258](#) Adopt City of Fort Bragg and Municipal Improvement District Resolution Approving a Contract Change Order with August-Jaye, Inc. for the Dryer Building Reconstruction Project, City Project No. WWP-00027, Approving Budget Amendment 2025/26-13, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Not to Exceed \$350,741); Existing Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES ID 504-2026 / RESO 5031-2026

- 5G.** [26-259](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Lumos & Associates for Pump Station Redesign for the Raw Water Line Replacement Project, Project WTR-00016 (Amount Not To Exceed \$235,210.65) Subject to City Attorney Approval; No New MND or EIR is required pursuant to 15162 and Categorical Exemptions 15061(b)(3), 15304

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5032-2026

- 5H.** [26-260](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Contract Change Order No. 6 with A.B.S. Builders, Inc. for the Bainbridge Park Enhancement Project (City Project No. PWP-00096) and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Not to Exceed \$1,638,125.95); CEQA Exemptions 15301(d), 15303, 15304, and 15332

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5033-2026

- 5I.** [26-262](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving the Side Letter Agreements between the City of Fort Bragg and the Fort Bragg Police Association and Fort Bragg Employees Organization Authorizing the City Manager to Execute same for Purposes of Revising the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 18

**This Resolution was approved on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 5034-2026

- 5J.** [26-251](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of April 14, 2026

**These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5K.** [26-255](#) Approve Special Meeting of May 26, 2026

These Minutes was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5L. [26-256](#) Approve Minutes of May 26, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

#### **ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

- 5E. [26-228](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Lumos & Associates for Construction Management Services for 2025 Streets and Stop Gap Projects and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$364,150) CEQA Exemption 15301 (c)

Mayor Godeke removed this item from the Agenda.

#### **ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5D. [26-261](#) Adopt Memorandum of Understanding Granting a Non Exclusive License of South Lincoln Street Community Garden Property at C.V. Starr Center

Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith pulled to ask clarifying questions and the City Council requested Garden Club to provide a report at a future council meeting.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson

**A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hockett, that the MOU is approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

#### **6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Peters shared he spoke with Fire Chief Steve Orsi.

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 7A. [26-237](#) Receive a Report, Hold a Public Hearing to Present the City of Fort Bragg Vacancy Report 2026, a Comprehensive Overview of Job Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts, as Required by Assembly Bill 2561.

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7A. Human Resources Manager Juli Mortensen presented staff report including Vacancy Report and Overview of Job Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention efforts as required by Assembly Bill 2561.

Public Comment: None.

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [26-264](#) Receive Report on Historical Fort Bragg Fire Safety Protection Funding, Discuss Current Long-Term Local Fire Funding Needs, and Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreements with Lew Edwards and FM3 Research

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager Isaac Whippy presented staff report. Fire Chief Steve Orsi was present to answer clarifying questions by Councilmembers. Curtis Below of FM3 and Catherine Lew of Lew Edwards were available to answer clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson and Paul Clark.

Direction: Councilmembers directed not to proceed with FM3 or Lew Edwards professional services.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (\_\_\_\_\_)