



# 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, March 23, 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

### 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

Mayor Godeke reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

### AGENDA REVIEW

None.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A.** [26-149](#) Presentation of Proclamation Celebrating Government Finance Professionals Week During the Last Week of March

Mayor Godeke read and presented the Proclamation Celebrating Government Finance Professionals Week accepted by Finance Technician I Jessica Syres and Finance Lead Laura Bianchi Limbird.

**1B.** [26-90](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Mendocino Land Trust

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Mendocino Land Trust accepted by MLT staff and board members.

**1C.** [26-150](#) Presentation from Mendocino Coast Humane Society

Mayor Godeke introduced Director Judy Martin of Mendocino Humane Society who shared a presentation.

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

(1) Dennis Miller, Charlene McAllister, Chris Skyhawk, Laura Bianchi Limbird, Marcy Snyder, Ron

Smith, Jenny Shattuck, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Peter McNamee, Jay Rosenquist, and Paul Clark.  
(2) None.  
(3) N/A

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared three surveys on City website requesting public input: Food Trucks, Budget Priorities, and Mill Site Economic Development Strategy. Police Chief Eric Swift shared work by Officer Franco regarding THC investigation with DA and Willits Police Department along with completion of two panel Sergeant interview. Next Meet the Police Chief and City Manager will be at Town Hall - April 29, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

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

Councilmembers reported upcoming meetings to attend are Fort Bragg Fire Authority; Special Meeting of the Community Development Committee on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Food Truck Survey; Park and Recreation Ad Hoc has been formed to discuss topics such as CV Starr, Highway 20, Headlands, and Bainbridge Park. Councilmembers would like on a future Agenda under Conduct of Business two topics: AB 2494 and SAVE America Act. Councilmembers encouraged the community to spend the time to complete surveys regarding Food Trucks, Budget, and Mill Site Economic Development Strategy. It was reported the Whale Festival Weekend was a success with many activities including Rotary Beer Tasting, Chowder Tasting, Downtown Wine Walk, Whale Watching, Craft Fair, Live Music, Food Trucks, Soroptimist Run/Walk, and Noyo Center for Marine Science Activities.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the consent Calendar be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 5A. [26-148](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Accepting the Proposal from Lumos & Associates for 30% Design of LPP Candidate Surface Improvement Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement (Amount Not To Exceed \$117,000); Categorical Exemption §15301 (c)

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

Enactment No: RES 5014-2026

- 5B. [26-141](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of January 13, 2026

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

- 5C. [26-127](#)** Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 9, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5D. [26-128](#) Approve Minutes of March 9, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

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

### **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

7A. [26-151](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Amending the Water and Sewer Rates for the City of Fort Bragg

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 7A. Consultant Alison Lechowicz of LT Municipal Consultants shared presentation and reported 239 Written Protests were received.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding fixed rates, customers ability to reduce water bill by conservation, and Council can approve lower rates now or in the future.

**Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM.**

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Dawn Ferreira, Scott Schneider and Jay Rosenquist.

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:21 PM.**

Councilmembers asked further clarifying questions to Consultant Alison Lechowicz.

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

**Aye:** 3 - Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Peters

**No:** 2 - Vice Mayor Rafanan and Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 5015-2026

7B. [25-563](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of Fort Bragg City Council Resolution Vacating a Portion of the Alley on the South Side of Oak Street Between Franklin and Main Streets and Approval of Quitclaim Deed

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7B. Assistant Engineer Alfredo Huerta presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

**Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM.**

Public Comment: Paul Clark

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM.**

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

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

Enactment No: RES 5016-2026

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [26-137](#) Receive General Plan Annual Progress Report 2025 and Housing Element Annual Progress Report to Housing and Community Development and Provide Comments Prior to Submittal to Housing and Community Development

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. Assistant Planner Sarah Peters and Permit Tech Maria Flynn presented HCD APR Report Spreadsheet. Councilmembers had an opportunity to provide comments.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck.

**Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:00 PM; the meeting was reconvened to open session at 8:07 PM.**

- 8B. [26-152](#) Receive Presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2025 for the City of Fort Bragg and Consider Accepting the ACFR as Presented

Mayor Godeke and City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 8B. Engagement Manager Brett Jones of JJACPA, Inc. and City Manager Isaac Whippy summarized and shared Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2025. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was accepted.**

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.**

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

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