



# 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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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

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

### CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Norvell indicated that during the Closed Session, the order of agenda items would be changed, placing item 9B before item 9A.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A.** [24-1010](#) Proclamation for Veteran's Appreciation Day

Mayor Norvell read the Proclamation Recognizing November 11th as Veteran's Appreciation Day. The Proclamation was presented to Richard Neils from the American Legion.

**1B.** [24-982](#) Presentation on Local Students' Recent Visit to Otsuchi, Japan

Councilmember Albin-Smith discussed her experience traveling with the Fort Bragg Otsuchi Cultural Exchange Association. Students from Fort Bragg High School presented a slideshow about the group's recent visit to Otsuchi.

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

- (1) Richard Neils, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Judy Valadao, and Jenny Shattuck.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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

Vice Mayor Godeke expressed his gratitude to the volunteers and Conservation Works for their assistance in planting trees at the CV Starr Dog Park. He mentioned that they will continue seeking potential locations for future tree plantings. Additionally, he announced his intention to run for Mayor of Fort Bragg. Councilmember Albin-Smith shared her experience as a pole inspector in Mendocino, noting that her workload has been busier than usual. She emphasized the importance of the democratic process and encouraged anyone interested in helping with future elections to sign up with the Mendocino County Registrar. She also announced that the Symphony of the Redwoods will be holding a concert this weekend. Councilmember Peters reported that he attended the Veterans Memorial ceremony honoring all the men and women who have served the country. He took a moment to thank everyone who participated in the recent election, noting that it was a strong campaign. While the final results are still pending, he stated that he would refrain from celebrating any victories until the results are officially confirmed.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that the be approved on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 5A. [24-1000](#)** Adopt Resolution Declaring Property as Exempt Surplus Land and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute the Right-Of-Way Contract and Grant Deed for Temporary Construction Easements and Disposition of Real Property to the California Department of Transportation (Parcel 13259-1, -2)

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

Enactment No: RES 4866-2024

- 5B. [24-1001](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Establishing a Compensation Plan and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Exempt At-Will Executive Classifications

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

Enactment No: RES 4867-2024

- 5C. [24-1002](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Amending the Pay Rates and Ranges for Exempt, At-Will Classifications Reflecting Cost of Living Adjustment

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

Enactment No: RES 4868-2024

- 5D. [24-1003](#) Accept Fort Bragg Fire Station Roof Replacement Project as Complete and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion  
**This Consent Calendar was approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5E. [24-1005](#) Approve Purchase of Building from Thermo Bond Buildings to be used as Data Hut in Broadband Project (Amount Not to Exceed \$210,725.00)  
**This Consent Calendar was approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5F. [24-996](#) Receive and File Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Community Development Committee Meeting  
**This Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5G. [24-997](#) Receive and File Minutes of the October 22, 2024 Community Development Committee Meeting  
**This Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**

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

None.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 7A. [24-992](#) Receive a Report, Hold a Public Hearing, and Consider Adopting a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Providing Preliminary Preapproval of Inclusionary Housing Incentives for Proposed Fort Bragg Apartments Project at 1151 South Main Street

Consultant Marie Jones presented the staff report.

**Mayor Norvell opened the public hearing at 6:59 PM**

Public Comment:

Jacob Patterson, Richard Miller, Michelle Blackwell, Paul Clark, and Jenny Shattuck.

**Mayor Norvell closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM**

Discussion:

Mayor Norvell and Councilmembers asked clarification questions and applicant was able to respond to several questions. They had a brief discussion and approved these incentives.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Godeke, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Enactment No: RES 4869-2024

- 7B. Receive a Report, Hold a Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of a Proposed Resolution Adopting an Inclusionary Housing In Lieu Fee

Consultant Marie Jones presented the staff report.

**Mayor Norvell opened the public hearing at 7:28 PM**Public Comment:

None.

**Mayor Norvell closed the public hearing at 7:28 PM**Discussion:

There was extensive discussion regarding inclusionary housing fee's. They provided direction to update the fee schedule to be adopted with the resolution.

Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 7:30 PM and reconvened the meeting at 7:43 PM.

**Moved by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Godeke, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Enactment No: RES 4870-2024

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS****8A. [24-1004](#) Interview Applicants for Noyo Harbor Commission Appointments**

City Clerk Diana Sanchez presented the staff report regarding this agenda item. Ted Williams, a member of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors ad hoc committee, was present to assist in the joint appointment of the Noyo Harbor Commissioner Chair. Applicant Domenick Weaver provided an overview of his experience and qualifications for the position of Noyo Harbor Commissioner and answered questions from the Council.

Public Comment:

Jacob Patterson.

Discussion:

The council approved Jim Hurst to continue as Chair and appointed Domenick Weaver as the City of Fort Bragg's representative on the Noyo Harbor Commission.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that Jim Hurst continue as Chair and appointed Domenick Weaver as the City of Fort Bragg's representative on the Noyo Harbor Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**8B. [24-1016](#) Discussion and Approval of 2024/25 Business Support and Economic Development Initiatives for the City of Fort Bragg**

City Manager Isaac Whippy presented the staff report on this item and introduced Lia Morsell from Alley Way Art Project.

Public Comment:

Jenny Shattuck and Jacob Patterson.

Discussion:

There was some discussion and Council was supportive of these initiatives.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, that the Staff Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**8C. [24-1006](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding Priorities for Pro-Housing Zoning Amendment

Consultant Marie Jones presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

Jacob Patterson.

Discussion:

Council members sought clarification on this item, leading to extensive discussion. They also shared their priorities regarding Pro-Housing.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Norvell Recessed the meeting at 9:01 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 9:10 PM.**

**9B. [24-1022](#)** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**  
Title: City Manager  
Pursuant to California Government Code 54957(b)

**9A. [24-1021](#)** **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**  
Title: City Clerk  
Pursuant to California Government Code 54957(b)

**Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:50 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.**