



# 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, February 9, 2026

6:00 PM

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

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### AMENDED

### 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

None.

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Godeke moved Item 8B to be heard before Item 7A.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A. [26-54](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Declaring February Teen Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Albin-Smith read and presented Proclamation Declaring February Teen Violence Awareness Month to Project Sanctuary Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator Chelsea Lorenz.

**1B. [26-53](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Declaring February as Black History Month

Councilmember Peters read and presented Proclamation Declaring February as Black History Month to Police Chief Eric Swift.

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

(1) George Reinhardt

### 3. STAFF COMMENTS

Police Chief, Eric Swift commended Officers Pacheco and Martinez for life saving response to citizen in distress. Economic Development Manager, Sarah McCormick gave an update on

projected work schedules related to broadband. City Manager, Isaac Whippy discussed City Business and future City events including Meet the City Manager and Police Chief.

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

Councilmembers reported on Oneka Desalination Buoy and future surveys on Economic Development and Mill Site topics.

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, 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.** [25-439](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Side Letter Amending Article 1 - Preamble and Article 11 - Cost of Living Adjustments and One-Time Payments of the Fort Bragg Employee Organization/Service Employees International Local 1021 2025-2029 Memorandum of Understanding to Include non-exempt, full-time Broadband Classifications and Update Cost-of-Living Provisions

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

Enactment No: RES 5003-2026

- 5B.** [26-36](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Declaring its Intent to Vacate Certain Right-of-Ways and Set Public Hearing for Same

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

Enactment No: RES 5004-2026

- 5C.** [26-58](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE) to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$82,566.00); Categorical Exemption §15262

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

Enactment No: RES 5005-2026

- 5D.** [26-47](#) Accept Certificate of Completion for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

**This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5E.** [26-48](#) Accept Certificate of Completion for the Bio Solids Material Storage Building Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

**This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5F.** [26-60](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of December 09, 2025  
**These Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5G.** [26-66](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting of December 1, 2025  
**These Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5H.** [26-51](#) Approve Minutes of January 26, 2026  
**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5I.** [26-52](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of January 26, 2026  
**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

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

None.

- 8B.** [26-61](#) Receive Recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee and Provide Direction on Recreational Features for inclusion in the Reservoir and Community Forest Project (WTR-00024) Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8B. Assistant Director of Engineering, Chantell O'Neal presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Will Harris, Ross Koski, Kathy Westfall, Don Bainbridge, Aaron Vargas, Justin Kay, Dave Larkin, Jenny Shattuck, Doug Kurtis, Mary Pardini, Tam Vadan, Amy Hansen, Deegan Hansen, Brian Early, Monty Bradley, Kylie Felicich, Jacob Patterson, and Jay Rosenquist.

Direction: Councilmembers advised staff to include on the Environmental Impact Report specific high impact features including dirt bike track.

**Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 7:31 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:41 PM.**

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 7A.** [26-59](#) Receive a Report, Hold a Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Revising the City's Fee Schedule for Various City Fees and Services for Calendar Year 2026-27

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7A. City Manager, Isaac Whippy presented two staff reports and reported on Administration, Finance, and Economic Development proposed fee changes. Associate Planner, Sarah Peters reported on proposed Community Development fee changes. Assistant Director of Engineering, Chantell O'Neal reported on proposed Public Works fee changes. CV Starr Manager, Moneque Wooden reported on proposed CV Starr and Parks & Recreation fee changes. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

**Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 8:49 PM**

Public Comment: David Jensen, Jacob Patterson, Paul Clark, Sarah Bodnar, Jay Rosenquist, and Michelle Blackwell.

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 9:03 PM**

**A motion was made by Mayor Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Peters, that the Fee Schedule Resolution 5006-2026 be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Hockett

**No:** 1 - Vice Mayor Rafanan

Enactment No:

**A motion was made by Mayor Godeke, seconded by Councilmember Peters, that the Fee Waiver Resolution 5007-2026 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:

**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS****8A. [26-65](#)** Presentation of Fort Bragg Blues Festival 2026

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. Events Coordinator Pam Bell gave presentation on Blue Festival 2026 events. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jay Rosenquist.

**8C. [26-50](#)** Presentation from Hoch Consulting: Community Survey Results and Draft Recycled Water Feasibility Study

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8C. Engineering Technician, Kevin McDannold introduced panelists from Hoch Consulting. Presentation was given on Water Feasibility Study.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions

Public Comment: Jay Rosenquist and Andrew Jordan

**8D. [26-55](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Approving Contract Amendment with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Water Treatment Plan Rehabilitation Project for Bid and Construction Services, Project No. WTR-00017, Increasing the Amount of the Design Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Same (Not To Exceed \$600,288; Account 615-6006-0731); CEQA Exemption 15301, 15304

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8D. Assistant City Engineer, Alfredo Huerta reported on HDR close out and recommended apotion of contract amendment Resolution.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Enactment No: RES 5008-2026

**8E. [26-69](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54221, Declaring Remnant Right-of-Way Property as Not Necessary for City Use and Determining Such Property as Exempt Surplus, Finding Such Declaration Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act and Taking Related Actions

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8E. Assistant City Engineer, Alfredo Huerta reported on the disposal of Exempt Surplus property and recommended Council adopt the Resolution.

Public Comment: None.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, 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 5009-2026

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 10:32 PM.**

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Stephanie Remington, Administrative Assistant

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