



# 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, April 13, 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 6:01 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

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

### AGENDA REVIEW

None.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A.** [26-182](#) Presentation of Caltrans Fort Bragg ADA Project

PE Alex Arevalo of Caltrans reported on Caltrans Fort Bragg ADA Project (Route 1, from the Junction of Route 20 to West Elm Street) scheduled completion 2027 and upcoming Public Information Meeting at Fort Bragg Town Hall on April 28, 2026 (5 p.m. - 7 p.m.) to join Caltrans project team for a drop-in session to discuss construction schedule and lane closures.

**1B.** [26-139](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring National Volunteer Month

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring National Volunteer Month to Volunteer Ron White.

**1C.** [26-138](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring Tessie Branscomb In Recognition of a Lifetime of Service and Dedication

Councilmember Albin-Smith read and presented Proclamation Honoring Tessie Branscomb in Recognition of a Lifetime of Service and Dedication.

**1D.** [26-129](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Home Style

## Cafe

Councilmember Peters read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Home Style Cafe to Owner Cordelia Fortier.

**1E. [26-176](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to Project Sanctuary Executive Director Michelle Roberts via Zoom.

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

- (1) Dennis Miller, Marc Jensen, Jenny Shattuck, Shelley Green, and Jay Rosenquist.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A

**3. STAFF COMMENTS**

Chief Swift reported Resignation and Promotions, and need to fill three positions. Director of Public Works John Smith reported upcoming Grand Re-opening Celebration of Bainbridge Park and Artistic Study - Redwood Casting near Guest House. Director of Broadband Sage Statham reported some fiber is in the ground and MCN is now accepting requests for Broadband services. Public Experience Liaison Adelaide La Torre reported upcoming events: Turning the Tides, Blues Fest Concert including Free Concert on May 2, EZ Zone First Friday, May 1 and highlighted Volunteer Central on City Website for City volunteering opportunities.

**4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmembers reported Upcoming Meetings: Cancellation of Public Safety Committee, Visit Fort Bragg Committee on April 15 at 3:30 p.m. and Special Community Development Committee on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Food Truck Survey.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Peters, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**5A. [26-174](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Assigning City Manager as the Representative-Signature-Certifier Security Role for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs

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

Enactment No: RES 5017-2026

- 5B.** [26-183](#) Adopt Joint City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Amending the FY 2025/26 Budget for Mid-Year Budget Adjustments  
**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**  
Enactment No: RES 5018-2026
- 5C.** [26-154](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of February 12, 2026  
**These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5D.** [26-162](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 23, 2026  
**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5E.** [26-163](#) Approve Minutes of March 23, 2026  
**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**
- 5F.** [26-171](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of March 30, 2026  
**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

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

None.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 7A.** [26-144](#) Receive Report, Conduct a Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council to Amend the Fort Bragg Inland General Plan by Adopting the 2019 Housing Element Amendment (GPA 1-26); CEQA Exemption 15061(b)(3)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7A. Consultant Marie Jones presented the report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

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

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson and Shelley Green.

**Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:17 PM.**

**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 5019-2026

## **8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A.** [26-157](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 2494, Modernizing Our Forest System

Councilmember Peters introduced Item 8A. Councilmembers. Councilmembers discussed possible action.

Public Comment: Carrie Durkee, Andy Wellspring, Jade Tippett, Adele Horne, Steve, Sonja, Abraham Cohen, Jessica Curl, Peter McNamee, Marc Jensen, Deanne "Bunny", Garrett Moore, Marie Jones, Laura Bianchi Limbird, Sarah Rosetto, Teresa Morales, Shelley Green, Leticia Ramirez, Risha, Jenny Shattuck, Matilda Hernandez-Miyares, Lynne Pascal, George Reinhardt, Cliff Kuhn-Lloyd, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Jacob Patterson, Chris Rogers, Marcy Snyder, Destiny Laird, Justine Lemos, Melodie Meyer, Paul Clark, Jay Rosenquist, Evan Mills and Alex Leumer.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Godeke, that the AB 2494 Support Letter be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 2 - Mayor Godeke and Councilmember Peters

**No:** 3 - Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Hockett

**8B. [26-158](#)** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding H.R. 22, Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8B. Councilmembers discussed possible action.

Public Comment: Peter McNamee, Jenny Shattuck, George Reinhardt, Jade Tippett, Marcy Snyder, Laura Bianchi Limbird, Jacob Patterson and Paul Clark.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, that the SAVE Act Opposition Letter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**8C. [26-186](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Establishing the "Leading the Next Wave of Leaders" Youth Internship and Youth Council Program

City Manager Isaac Whippy Introduced Item 8C. Public Experience Liaison Adelaide La Torre presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jay Rosenquist.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Hockett, that this 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 5020-2026

**8D. [26-173](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council Resolution Approving Waiver of Limited Term Permit Fees for Events in the Central Business District (CBD)

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced 8D and presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hockett, 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 5021-2026

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 10:27 PM.**

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JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

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Diana Paoli, City Clerk

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