



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*

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

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

City Attorney Baron Bettenhausen reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Godeke reported 8A is pulled from Agenda to an unknown future date. Public Comment for this Item can be heard as Non-Agenda this evening.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [25-359](#) Receive N. Harbor Circulation Plan Presentation from Mendocino Council of Governments

Kelly Bond and Matthew Ridgway of Fehr & Peers presented draft Noyo Harbor Report.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Ron White, Christopher Crisper, David R. Gurney, Jenny Shattuck, Tim Chatty, Jacob Patterson, Elise Cox, Marcey Snider, Peter McNamee, Nephele Barrett, Jay Rosenquist, and Michelle Blackwell.

(2) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared upcoming events including Fiesta Latina, Kelp Fest, Longest Table and Mill Site Workshop mid-September. Economic Development Sarah McCormick shared update of Broadband Project.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared local events such as Fireman's Ball, Dispatch, September 20 event, and Women's Equality Day, Mendocino Transit Authority meeting, Ad Hoc Culture and Education meeting September 5, 2025, September 17 at Farmer's Market, and other meetings.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Peters requested Item 5A be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of 5A. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5B. [25-357](#)** Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council and the Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District Approving Budget Amendment 2025/26-05 to Provide Installment Purchase Agreement Loan Funds to the Municipal Broadband Utility Project

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4667-2025

- 5C. [25-358](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting for May 8, 2025

These Committee Minutes were received and filed.

- 5D. [25-350](#)** Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of May 12, 2025

These Minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

- 5E. [25-349](#)** Approve Minutes of May 12, 2025

These Minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

- 5F. [25-329](#)** Approve Minutes of Special City Council of July 14, 2025

These Minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

- 5G. [25-355](#)** Approve Minutes of August 11, 2025

These Minutes were approved on Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5A. [25-342](#)** Adopt a City Council Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Marie Jones Consulting, for On-Call As-Needed Professional Planning

Services (Total Project Amount Notice Not to Exceed \$85,000) and
Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract Subject to City Attorney
Approval as to Form

Councilmembers briefly discussed Item 5A.

Public Comment: Marcie Snider and Jacob Patterson.

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 4968-2025

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [25-368](#)

Notice: Mill Site Reuse Item Removed from the Agenda

Mill Site Reuse: The Draft Land Use Plan for Feedback and Council Direction
*Due to changes in the Coastal Commission's September agenda in Fort
Bragg, this item has been removed and will be continued to a future date.*

8B. [25-362](#)

Receive Report and Recommendation from the Community Development
Committee Regarding the Establishment of an Entertainment Zone for
City-Approved Events Only; Introduce by Title Only and Waive Further
Reading of Ordinance 2025-XX Adding Chapter 5.06 to the Fort Bragg
Municipal Code Establishing Entertainment Zones; and Consider Adoption of a
Resolution Approving the Entertainment Zone Management Plan; CEQA
Exemptions 15061(b)(3), 15301(c), and 15305.

City Manager Isaac Whippy presented Report. Capt O'Neal, City Attorney Baron Bettenhausen
answered clarifying questions by Councilmembers including safety issues, Limited Term Permits,
and ABC License.

Public Comment: Ray Alarcon, Jenny Shattuck, Rhonda Stoker, Jacob Patterson, and Michelle
Blackwell.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor
Rafanan, that the Resolution be adopted and Ordinance 1018-2025 be Introduced.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 4 - Mayor Godeke, Vice Mayor Rafanan, Councilmember Albin-Smith and
Councilmember Hockett

No: 1 - Councilmember Peters

Enactment No: RES 4969-2025

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:17 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 8:26 PM.

- 8C. [25-351](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Initiating Project for Installation of Scenic Tower Viewer Binoculars Along Coastal Trail: Categorical Exemption 15061(b)(3).

Assistant Planner Sarah Peters shared report and requested direction regarding location, vendor/model, number of binoculars.

Public Comment: None.

Direction: Councilmembers gave direction on potential locations of binoculars being entrance of Noyo Harbor and Glass Beach, Hi-Spy Dual Viewer Model, and with no coins operation.

- 8D. [25-356](#) Receive Report and Consider Adopting City Council/Municipal Improvement District Resolution Awarding the Bio Solids Material Storage Building Project, City Project No. WWP-00025, to FRC, Inc. as the Lowest Responsible Bidder, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Not To Exceed \$973,099.60)

Assistant City Engineer Alfredo Huerta shared report and history of need for Bio Solids Material Storage Building and recommended lowest bidder, FRC, Inc. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, 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 4970-2025 / ID 497-2025

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)

