



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, September 8, 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [25-360](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of Reynolds and Wren's Boutique

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 60th Anniversary of Reynolds and Wren's Boutique to Michele Braga and Mia Braga.

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

- (1) Paul Clark, Jenny Shattuck, Concerned American Citizen, Dave Skarr, David Gurney, Judy.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy reported on status and update of Grocery Outlet, Rite Aid property, and Recruitment of Chief of Police with Bob Hall & Associates.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared upcoming events California Coastal Commission meeting and Police Chief Recruitment process along with Councilmembers winning 3rd place in Paul Bunyan Parade in classic car category. Mayor Godeke will be at the Farmer's market on 9/17 to be available to speak with community.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Hockett, 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

- 2A.** [25-380](#) Adopt by Title Only and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1018-2025 Adding Chapter 5.06 to the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to Establish Entertainment Zones

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1018-2025

- 2B.** [25-370](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving the Contract with American Chiller Service, Inc, Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$118,907.00); and Finding the Project Exempt from CEQA under 14 CCR 15301(d)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4971-2025

- 2C.** [25-373](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Community Development Committee of June 2, 2025

These Committee Minutes were received and filed.

- 2D.** [25-382](#) Approve Minutes of April 28, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2E.** [25-385](#) Approve Minutes of July 14, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2F.** [25-381](#) Approve Minutes of August 25, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2G.** [25-376](#) Approve Minutes of Special City Council of August 25, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING**8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 8A. [25-363](#)** Receive a Report and Provide Direction on Economic Development Strategies to Support Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention (BEAR) Through Zoning Updates, Permit Reforms, Fire Sprinkler Evaluation, and Enhanced Opportunities for Small and Legacy Businesses

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced item and Consultant Marie Jones shared report on Economic Development through zoning updates, limited term permit, minor use permits, non-conforming use regulations and fire sprinkler evaluation. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comments: Monique Wooden by Jenny, Jenny Shattuck, Jacob Patterson, Dave Skarr, Andrew Jordan, Michelle Blackwell, Jacob Patterson and Jay Rosenquist.

Direction: No objections to zoning districts/use tables highway commercial not in commercial zones making that commercial general, changes to uses, minor use permit and by right, non-conforming use, parcel without frontage, to go before Planning Commission and then return to City Council. Items to go to CDD committee will be 500 square feet and streamline Limited Term Permit to go to CDD committee first. Items to return to city council will be fire sprinklers.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:02 p.m; the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 8:12 PM.

- 9A. [25-378](#)** CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 City of Fort Bragg and City of Fort Bragg Municipal Improvement District No. 1 v. USA Sludge, LLC, Bryan Bartel, Ryan Process, Inc. Case No. 24CV01328

Mayor Godeke reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 8:23 PM and City Attorney Baron Bettenhausen reported by unanimous vote Council approved a settlement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)