



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes Special 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, March 30, 2026

5:30 PM

Town Hall, 363 N Main Street
and Via Video Conference

MID-YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP

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 Scott Hockett and Councilmember Lindy Peters

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

None.

2. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

2A. [26-161](#) Mid-Year Budget FY 2025/26 Workshop

1. MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

City Manager Isaac Whippy gave a brief introduction and reported General Fund Overview and Police Chief Eric Swift clarified Small Tools and Equipment Fund. Government Accountant III Marilyn Tiriboyi reported on Water and Wastewater Enterprise Funds. City Manager Isaac Whippy and CV Starr Manager Moneque Wooden reported on CV Starr Enterprise Fund. Director of Broadband Sage Statham reported on Broadband Enterprise Fund and shared presentation. Public Works Director John Smith shared Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presentation. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

2. MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FY 2025/26

City Manager Isaac Whippy reported the budget adjustment requests. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

3. HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY

City Manager Isaac Whippy reported on the budget priority survey (156), early themes, and feedback. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: None.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES DISCUSSION & EMERGING NEEDS

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance along with Street Maintenance In-House Crew and Operations Manager Heath Daniels and Public Works

Director John Smith also contributed updated information. Director of Broadband Sage Statham shared Broadband Utility Update. CV Starr Manager Moneque Wooden shared Parks & Recreation Update and Fund Requests.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 7:45 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 7:56 PM.

City Manager Isaac Whippy shared budget development. Councilmembers had no objections to direction regarding ARPA funding. Tourism Budget Realignment was shared by City Manager Isaac Whippy with more discussion to be at upcoming Visit Fort Bragg Committee meeting April 14, 2026. City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced and requested Councilmembers determine priorities on \$25,000 Council Funding. Councilmembers directed priority this year to be Humane Society \$10,000 and CV Starr under served students \$1,500 and Friday pool party \$1,800 along with offsetting CV Starr summer camp \$11,520. To be determined: Asset forfeiture funding if possible \$10,000 to Flockworks.

Public Comment: None.

5. BREAK

6. SET FUTURE POLICY DIRECTION ON FY 2026/27 BUDGET GOALS

City Manager Isaac Whippy asked for direction and received no objection from Councilmembers regarding goals and priority setting presented. City Manager Isaac Whippy reported Fire Chief to determine equipment needs and council had no objection to investigate new revenue/parcel tax for needed equipment. Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal shared presentation and requested consideration of Storm Drain Enterprise to address aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance along with MS4 mandates. City Manager Isaac Whippy also shared additional background. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Direction: Stay on current track, proceed with consultant work and public outreach plans for potential adoption and implementation in Fall of 2027.

Public Comments: None.

7. NEXT STEPS

June 1, 2026, Budget Workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:11 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)