



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, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Item.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [26-220](#) Presentation of Mayor's Letter and Plaque Commending Jonathan McLaughlin for Twenty Years of Employment with the City of Fort Bragg

Mayor Godeke read and presented Mayor's Letter and Plaque Commending Twenty Years of Employment to Commander Jonathan McLaughlin.

1B. [26-209](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring National Police Week, May 10-16, 2026 and Peace Officers Memorial Day - May 15, 2026

Mayor Godeke read and presented the Proclamation Honoring National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day to Officer Gage Farris, Officer Logan James, Commander Jonathan McLaughlin and Police Chief Eric Swift.

1C. [26-207](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 17th-23rd as National Public Works Week

Mayor Godeke presented Proclamation Declaring National Public Works Week to Public Works Director John Smith who thanked public works staff for all their hard work.

1D. [26-208](#) Presentation of Proclamation for Water Safety Week

Councilmember Albin-Smith read and presented Proclamation for Water Safety Week to Recreation Supervisor Kimberly Ramey and CV Starr Manager Moneque Wooden.

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

- (1) Dennis Miller, Jenny Shattuck, and Simon Smith.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Diana Paoli informed the public the City Hall Ballot Box is accepting ballots until June 2, 2026, closing at 8:00 PM sharp. Other options to return ballots are via U.S. Mail and on day of Election June 2, 2026 at two Fort Bragg polling places: Grace Community Church, 1450 East Oak Street and Veterans Memorial Building, 360 N. Harrison Street from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared Fort Bragg Blues Festival success including Free Concert utilizing the new stage at the Bainbridge Park enjoyed by many community members; attended Fort Bragg Fire Protection budget meeting and shared Fire Chief Steve Orsi is retiring at end of 2026 or early 2027, Sonoma Clean Power meeting announced rates will be reduced; future meetings are Public Works Committee Thursday at 4 PM, Visit Fort Bragg Tuesday at 3:30 PM and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be 4th Wednesday at 4 PM.

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

- 5A. [26-159](#)** Accept Certificate of Completion for the Town Hall Retrofit and Bathroom Remodel Project and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B. [26-201](#)** Adopt a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Awarding the Pudding Creek Water Main Paint Project to Dunn Right Painting, Inc. as the Lowest Responsible Bidder, Approving Budget Amendment 2025/26-12, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Not To Exceed \$121,550); Categorical Exemption 15301

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 5026-2026

- 5C. [26-206](#)** Approve Minutes of April 27, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A.** [26-222](#) Initiation of Community Engagement and Public Scoping for Potential Downtown Park/Town Square and Grant Funding Opportunities

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager Isaac Whippy presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Dennis Miller, Jenny Shattuck, Rayon Ghazal, Mary Rose Kaczorowski, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, and Jacob Patterson.

Direction: Councilmembers supported 300 N. Franklin Civic Plaza Concept and 435 N. Franklin Street Community Green Space, initiation of community engagement and public scoping for grant funding opportunities.

- 8B.** [26-225](#) Presentation of Mill-Site Community Engagement Findings and Economic Development Priorities

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8B. City Manager Isaac Whippy presented staff report and community survey. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Chris Hart, Mary Rose Kaczorowski, and Jacob Patterson.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 7:53 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:02 PM.

- 8C.** [26-223](#) Discussion and Provide Direction on Code Enforcement Policy

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 8C. Assistant Planner and Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer Valerie Stump introduced 4Leaf National Director of Code Enforcement Pete Roque and other staff from 4Leaf Alejandra Molina and Gill Quijada to provide responses to Councilmembers' clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Simon Smith, Jacob Patterson, and Gabriel Quinn Maroney.

Direction: Councilmembers supported Hybrid Model of Code Enforcement focusing on the Central Business District and Vacant Property Registry including staff preparing Priority Policies and Standard Operating Procedures.

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)