



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 8, 2023

6:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- (1) Jay McMartin Rosenquist and Marcy Snyder.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Peggy Ducey reported that the new Community Development Director is a local and will be starting at the City on June 6th.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters announced that council has no way of know who is on Zoom and that the upcoming Public Works and Facilities meeting is cancelled. He also stated that he would be attending the Redwood Empire Cal Cities meeting on Friday. Councilmember Albin-Smith announced she is be attending the Visit Fort Bragg Committee meeting tomorrow. Vice Mayor Godeke wanted to thank everyone that came out for First Friday and that he enjoyed all of the live music and art happening downtown. Mayor Norvell reported that after three years the new Crisis Respite on Cypress St. is now open.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5A. [23-136](#) Approve Minutes of April 24, 2023

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. [23-135](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Second Contract Amendment with SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc. for Construction Support Services for the Parents and Friends Cypress Street Residential Care Facility for the Elderly Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment (Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$55,460)

Grants Coordinator Lacy Peterson presented this item. She requested a budget amendment to the contract in order to complete project by May 2023. She cited that weather delays and the removal and remediation of an underground tank have delayed construction.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson

Discussion: Mayor Norvell clarified that the funding of this project came from CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Staff Report be approved . The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Peters

Recuse: 2 - Vice Mayor Godeke and Councilmember Rafanan

8B. [23-132](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2022/23-19 for the Pudding Creek Sewer Force Main Relocation Project (Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000.00, Account No. 716-7005-0731)

Public Works Director John Smith reported on the Pudding Creek Sewer Force Main relocation project. Caltrans is working on widening the Pudding Creek Bridge and will force the City to relocate its sewer force main. Caltrans contractors will do the work on this project and will require a budget amendment.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: There was some discussion about the closure of traffic lanes and how that will affect residents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rafanan, seconded by Vice Mayor Godeke, that the Staff Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8C. [23-137](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding Replacement of Decorative Signal Poles at North Main Street and Laurel Street

Public Works Director John Smith reported on this item.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson

Discussion: There was some discussion about the various options. Direction was given to work with Caltrans to replace current poles and have them painted.

This Report was accepted.

8D. [23-140](#) Receive Report and Consider Adopting the City Council Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") Accommodation Request Policy for Meetings Subject to the Brown Act.

City Manager Ducey presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment was received from Gabriel Quinn Maroney and Jenny Shattuck

Discussion: Councilmember Albin-Smith requested some changes to the wording of the policy.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, that the Staff Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Norvell Recessed the meeting at 6:52 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 6:55 PM.

9A. [23-142](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9: 9 (two cases).

9B. [23-141](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9: Claim of Jacob Patterson (#2023-08).

Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:27 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)