



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, February 23, 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 6:00 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 items.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [26-91](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 30th Anniversary of Los Gallitos

Vice Mayor Rafanan read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 30th Anniversary of Los Gallitos to family and staff.

1B. [26-94](#) Honoring Dan Platt for a Lifetime of Service to Noyo Harbor and the Commercial Fishing Community

Councilmember Peters read and presented Proclamation Honoring Dan Platt for a Lifetime of Service to Noyo Harbor and the Commercial Fishing Community accepted by Harbor Master Anna Neumann.

1C. [26-89](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing March, 2026, as Women's History Month

Councilmember Albin-Smith read and presented Women's History Month to Mary Rose Kaczorowski and Michele Karpov.

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

- (1) Maryanne Schmidt.
- (2) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Police Chief Eric Swift reported on status of recruitment for hiring Sergeant and an Administration Assistant. Sarah McCormick gave broadband status report.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared information regarding motorized vehicles on Coastal Trail and Tessie Branscomb turned 90 celebration; upcoming meetings reported: Mendocino Transit Authority, Meet with Police Chief and City Manager at Town Hall, and Meet with the Mayor Godeke at Farmer's Market, rain or shine, at 3:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Hockett, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Consent Calendar be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5A. [26-83](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Contract Amendment with Therma Inc, for the Controls Upgrade of Air Handler 1 to Include the Controls Upgrade of Air Handler 2 and Startup Assistance, Increasing the Amount of the Contract, (Amount not to Exceed \$24,145); CEQA Exemption 15301

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 5010-2026

- 5B. [26-75](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Designating a Responsible Person for Affordable Care Act Reporting

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 5011-2026

- 5C. [26-78](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of December 17, 2025

These Committee Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5D. [26-99](#)** Approve Minutes of February 9, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A. [26-74](#)** Receive a Report, Hold a Public Hearing, Consider Adoption of a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Adopting Program Guidelines for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Business Assistance Loan Program (BALP), and Consider Approving an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Community Development Services for Loan Underwriting Services: CEQA Exemption 15061(b)(3)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7A. Grant Coordinator Lacy Sallas presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 6:44 PM

Public Comment: None.

Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 6:45 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Resolution 5012-2026 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 5012-2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, that the Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for loan underwriting services be approved. 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 5012-2026

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [26-62](#)** Receive Report, Receive Public Works and Facilities Committee Recommendation, and Provide Direction on Street Rehabilitation Funding, Strategies, Location, and Scope

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager Isaac Whippy and Assistant Director Engineering Chantell O'Neal presented staff report. Maintenance Lead Ian Sanderson and Maintenance 3 Steve Baxman also answered clarifying questions from Councilmembers.

Public Comment: Paul Clark and Jacob Patterson

Direction: Councilmembers shared support to move forward with in-house crew and purchase of equipment in addition to hiring two additional staff. Oak Street Investigation with Consultant Lumos Engineering was also supported along with direction to staff to define 2028 Street Project Scope for grant application.

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)