



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, August 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street
Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Godeke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A. [25-315](#)** Presentation of Mayor's Letter for Retirement of Merle Larson and Commending 21 Years of Service with the City of Fort Bragg

Mayor Godeke presented Letter of Retirement to Merle Larson who shared his positive work and relationships built at the City.

- 1B. [25-325](#)** Presentation of California State University Long Beach Master of Science in Geographic Information Science (GIS) Students Thesis Project: "Fort Bragg Unlocked" Addressing Project and GIS Web Application

Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal introduced students, July Voong and Angelica Cruz who presented Geographic Information Science (GIS) Thesis Project.

- 1C. [25-300](#)** Presentation of Mendocino Coast Clinics

Executive Director Lucresha Renteria shared presentation of Mendocino Coast Clinic.

- 1D. [25-301](#)** Proclamation - Women's Equality Day

Councilmember Albin-Smith read and presented Proclamation of Women's Equity Day to Michele Karpov of Mendocino Women's Political Coalition.

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

(1) Tim Bosma, David Gurney, Richard Neils, unidentified man, Konstantin Karpov and grandson, Evan Dick, Gabriel Quinn Maroney; Teresa Skarr, Gayle Launer, Earl Landes, Christopher Crisper, Ms. Rojas, Jen Bosma, Jenny Shattuck, Marcy Snyder, Jay Rosenquist, and Annemarie Weibel.

(2) None.

(3) Marcy Snyder, Jacob Patterson, and Andrew Jordan.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager, Isaac Whippy reported CV Starr Center increased membership by 4,000, City Hall is now open during lunch excluding Wednesday and OktoberFest is upcoming event at CV Starr Center. Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal reported Bainbridge Park will be closed for one month and projects have commenced including ADA Curbs, 2025 Streets Project, and Stop Gap Project.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters reported status of Grocery Outlet. Councilmember Hockett attended Fire Board meeting and shared new vehicles for Fire and Police have arrived. Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith attended Sonoma Clean Power Meeting. Mayor Godeke reported on National Night Out and appreciated proactive work from Police Chief. He further reported Fort Building - Tribal Learning Center now has interpretive panel, signage, and native plants installed. First Friday in September Ad Hoc Culture and Education Committee is requesting community input on additional interpretive panels. Councilmembers gave condolences to Terry Vaughn's family and shared in the early days of video support provided by Mr. Vaughn to the 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

5A. [25-302](#)

Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Side Letter for the Fort Bragg Employee Organization/Service Employees International Union Local 1021 (FBEO/SEIU) Revising Article 16 - Longevity Pay of the 2025-2029 Memorandum of Understanding of the Fort Bragg Employee Organization/Service Employees International Union Local 1021

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RESO 4963-2025

5B. [25-331](#)

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg Approving Budget Amendment 2025/26-04 to Provide One-Time \$40,000 Allocation to the Humane Society to Maintain Animal Care and Shelter Services for the City of Fort Bragg

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RESO 4964-2025

5C. [25-303](#)

Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1016-2025 Amending Division 17 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code (CLUDC 5-25) To Amend Chapter 17.71.050 - Design Review to Make Design Review for Multifamily Projects a Ministerial Process Subject to Objective Requirements per the Housing Accountability Act

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1016-2025

5D. [25-304](#)

Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1017-2025 Amending Division 18 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code (ILUDC 5-25) To Amend Chapter 18.71.050 - Design Review to Make Design Review for Multifamily Projects a Ministerial Process Subject to Objective Requirements per the Housing Accountability Act

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1017-2025

5E. [25-323](#)

Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment BA 2025/26-3 and Contract Amendment for Five Additional Licenses with Accela Civic Applications for a Building, Planning and Engineering Permits (Amount Not to Exceed \$109,208)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4965-2025

5F. [25-318](#)

Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Creative Thinking, Inc., DBA The Idea Cooperative for Strategic and Creative Marketing Services for Visit Fort Bragg and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$175,000.00; Account No. 110-4321-0319)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RESO 4966-2025

5G. [25-310](#)

Receive and File Minutes of the February 14, 2025 Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

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

5H. [25-313](#)

Receive and File Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

- 5I. [25-324](#) Approve Minutes of March 24, 2025
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5J. [25-326](#) Approve Minutes of April 14, 2025
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5K. [25-327](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of June 26, 2025
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:10 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 8:23 PM. Mayor Godeke reported on the advice of City Attorney there will be no Closed Session this evening and 9A Item may be continued to a future date.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [25-330](#) Building Connection and Community: Hosting Fort Bragg's First Longest Table Event on October 5, 2025

City Manager, Isaac Whippy introduced item and shared a video. Pam Bell Events shared further details of upcoming event: Fort Bragg's Longest Table Event on October 5, 2025 from 1-4 PM. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding chairs, tables, staffing, parking, and trash.

Public Comment: Jay Rosenquist, Jacob Patterson, and Andrew Jordan.

Direction: There was no objection from Councilmembers to move forward with event.

This item was for direction only.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- 9A. [25-338](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of [Section 54956.9](#) (One case)

Mayor Godeke reported on the advice of City Attorney there will be no Closed Session this evening and 9A Item may be continued to a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)