



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, January 26, 2026

6:00 PM

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

AMENDED

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 Lindy Peters and Councilmember Scott Hockett

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [26-40](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Art Explorer's Inc.

Attachments: [02- Art Explorer, Inc. 25th](#)

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Art Explorer's to Board Member Hilary White and artists from Art Explorers including Frank, Andrew, Amanda and Sandy.

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

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- (1) Monica, Sabine, Jenny Shattuck, Jean Arnold, David Skarr, Paul Clark, Andrew Jordan, and Jay Rosenquist.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk, Diana Paoli reminded community to review settings and email address on the City's

Legistar Agenda subscription, including community meetings which is location of Park and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Agendas. City Manager, Isaac Whippy shared Park and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee's first meeting, future Mill Site Survey on website and in water bills, along with upcoming in-house Street repair crew. Economic Development Manager, Sarah McCormick reported Middle Mile Construction (Between Redwood and Pine Streets) delay by one day due to USA Marking not ready.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers reported on Public Safety meeting regarding Flock Cameras and Fire Sprinkler Ordinance; League of Cities Coastal Leadership Group discussed federal proposal for oil drilling and requested comment letters; Ad Hoc Park and Recreation first Committee meeting occurred last week and upcoming meetings are Fire Protection Authority and Community Development Committee.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, 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.** [26-596](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of December 11, 2025

Attachments: [PWF 12112025](#)

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

- 5B.** [26-32](#) Approve Minutes of January 12, 2026

Attachments: [CCM01.12.2026](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C.** [26-34](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of January 12, 2026

Attachments: [SCCM1.12.2026](#)

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [26-45](#) Advancing Our Strategic Plan (2024-2028): Status and 2026 Goals

Attachments: [Strategic Planning and Goal 2026 Staff Report](#)
[Att 1 - 2025 Year End Review](#)
[Att 2 - Approved Strategic Plan 2024-2028](#)
[Att 3 - Strategic Plan Status Tracker Jan 2025](#)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager, Isaac Whippy presented Strategic Plan, Status and 2026 Goals to meet the needs for future growth.

Public Comment: Andrew Jordan.

Councilmembers made comments regarding the Strategic Plan.

8B. [26-43](#) Receive Report on City of Fort Bragg Municipal Broadband Utility Project, Provide Direction to Staff, and Consider Approving City Council Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract Change Order No. 2 with HP Communications, Inc (Amount Not to Exceed \$11,242,814; Account: 516-4875-0731)

Attachments: [01262026 Broadband Construction Updated](#)
[Att 1 - Resolution HP Change Order No. 1](#)
[Att 2 - Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Project \(2021\)](#)
[Att 3 - CA MMBI Map](#)
[Public Comment](#)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8B. Economic Development Manager, Sarah McCormick gave update regarding Broadband Project and Middle Mile Project. Staff report was also presented. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Broadband Director, Sage Statham and City Manager, Isaac Whippy replied to clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck, Jacob Patterson, David Jensen, Dave Skarr, Bill Mann, Paul Clark, Michelle Blackwell, Andrew Jordan, Jay Rosenquist, and Jade Tippett.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:18 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:27 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Rafanan, that the Resolution 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 4999-2026

8C. [26-46](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Resolution Approving Contract Change Order No. 5 with A.B.S. Builders, Inc. for the Bainbridge Park Enhancement Project (City Project No. PWP-00096) and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Not to Exceed \$1,632,801.11); CEQA Exemptions 15301(d), 15303, 15304, and 15332

Attachments: [01262026 Bainbridge Park Contract Change Order Report](#)
[Att 1 - RESO BBP Enhancements ABS CCO 5](#)
[Att 2 - Ex A Change Order No. 5 – A.B.S. Builders, Inc.](#)
[Att 3 - Project Cost Analysis Spreadsheet](#)
[Public Comment](#)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8C. Assistant Director-Engineering, Chantell O'Neal presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions to staff.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck, Andrew Jordan and Jacob Patterson.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Resolution 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 5000-2026

8D. [26-42](#) Results of the Fort Bragg City Council Accepting the Results of the Ordinance 672 Salary Survey and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Same and Adopt Changes to the City of Fort Bragg Salary Rate Compensation Plan

Attachments: [01262026 Staff Report ORD 672](#)
[RESO Ordinance 672 Survey Results eff. 1.1.2026](#)
[Att 1 - Exhibit A](#)
[Att 2 - Exhibit B](#)
[Att 3 - ORD 672](#)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8D. Human Resource Manager, Juli Mortensen presented staff report. Councilmember asked a clarifying question to staff.

Public Comment: None.

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

Enactment No: RES 5001-2026

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)