



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, June 10, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norvell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. National Pollinator Week Proclamation

Councilmember Norvell read the Proclamation recognizing June 17- June 23, 2024 as National Pollinator Week. Cordelia Reynolds thanked the Council for continuing to recognize National Pollinator Week for the past 9 years.

1B. Juneteenth Freedom Day Proclamation

Councilmember Albin-Smith read the Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2024 as Juneteenth Day.

1C. Mendocino Coast Humane Society Presentation

Humane Society Director Judy gave a detailed presentation on the Humane Society's achievements, goals and needs. Due to the loss of County funding, she requested additional funding from the Council. She was informed that this discussion would be continued during item 8C, which is the Continuation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop and Direction to Staff.

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

- (1) Unknown citizen, Shelley Green, Jacob Patterson.
(2) Shelley Green.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Captain O'Neal announced that the Police Explorer Program is officially open and being reintroduced through Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts). The program is available for 14-20 year-olds and is free of charge. For more information, contact Captain O'Neal at coneal@fortbragg.com.

Special Projects Manager Sarah McCormick announced that the North Coast Kelp Festival will conclude this weekend with a walking tour of the Noyo Harbor. The tour will depart from the South Side of Noyo Harbor at 10 AM on Sunday.

City Clerk Diana Sanchez announced that there will be two four-year term seats available for City Council for the November 5, 2024 election. Interested citizens are encouraged to pick up more information at City Hall or contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@fortbragg.com

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters clarified that for the upcoming Fort Bragg election for the City Council seats, interested parties must live within the City limits.

Councilmember Albin-Smith was pleased to hear that electric buses are coming to Fort Bragg and hopes they will operate on weekends.

Vice Mayor Godeke announced that the Community Development Committee will host another housing workshop on July 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM at Town Hall.

Councilmember Rafanan shared her experience riding in a logging truck and noted how relevant and important logging is in our community for keeping our forests clean, mitigating the risk of wildfires, and maintaining habitats for wild animals.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that the Consent Calendar be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5A.** Accept Bainbridge Park Playground Replacement Project as Complete and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

This Certificate of Completion was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B.** Approve Release of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Reservoir Design and the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report Supporting Reservoir Construction and Community Forest Development for the Reservoir Project

This Scope of Work was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C.** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Professional Services Agreement with Dudek for On-call, As-needed Expertise to Assist City with LCP 22-07 Grant Project, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000; Account 337-5080-0630)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5D.** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2013/24-17 for the Raw Water Line Replacement Project and Amend Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget (Amount Not to Exceed \$6,518,087)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5E.** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Accepting the Qualified Consultant List for As-Needed, On-Call Professional Services (Active Through December 2026) to Assist with LCP-22-07 Grant Project (Account No. 337-5080-0630)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F.** Adopt Resolution of Fort Bragg City Council Authorizing an Application for Grant Funding by the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Planning and Project Design FY 2024 for the Water Storage Resilience Project (Reservoir Project, Project WTR-00024)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5G.** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving Parcel Map for Minor Subdivision 1-23 (DIV 1-23); Carlos and Heather Franco (Owner/Applicant); Minor Subdivision of a 0.7 Acre Parcel Into Three Parcels of 10,664, 12,119, and 7,998 Square Feet and Accepting the 5 Foot Wide Public Utility Easement and Parcel "A" as Shown on the Parcel Map

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5H.** Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment 2023/24-18 for the Fort Bragg Special Election Held on November 7, 2023 (Amount not to Exceed \$33,988.00, Account No.110-4110-0315)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5I.** Approve Minutes of May 28, 2024

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A.** Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Contract with Syserco Energy Solutions Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Solar Power at Multiple City Facilities; Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Public Resource Code 21080.35

Public Works Director John Smith and Gabe Johnson of Syserco Solutions presented on this

item.

Mayor Norvell opened the public hearing at 6:58 PM.

Public Comment: George Reinhardt, Unknown citizen.

Mayor Norvell closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM.

Discussion: There was a discussion about how timelines would work concerning the grant expenditure deadline. Johnson assured that they have accounted for the grant deadlines in the timeline and that there is some flexibility.

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Vice Mayor Godeke, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A.** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving the Contract with GOC Construction, for the Replacement of the Fire Station Roof, City Project PWP-00138; Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$177,430.00); Authorizing Budget Amendment 2023/24-16; and Finding the Project Exempt from CEQA under 14 CCR 15301

Assistant Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal presented this item, providing detailed information on how the department reached the conclusion on awarding the contract.

Public Comment: Unknown citizen.

Discussion: Councilmember Peters voiced his concerns about the possibility that Measure P funds allocated for the Fire Station roof could be withdrawn if Measure P funds are requested to be refunded.

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

- 8B.** Approve Purchase Agreement with Oneka Technologies for the Oneka Desalination Buoy Project, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Agreement

Public Works Director John Smith and Dragan Tutic, CEO of Oneka, presented on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Vice Mayor Godeke expressed his excitement about this project going forward.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Rafanan, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8C. Continuation of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop and Provide Direction to Staff

Mayor Norvell recessed the meeting at 7:27 PM.
Mayor Norvell reconvened the meeting at 7:37 PM.

City Manager Isaac Whippy presented on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: After extensive discussion, the council directed staff to open a position for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer/Planning Assistant within the Community Development Department. Regarding the Humane Society, the Council approved the request for increased funds and instructed staff to allocate funds from Measure AB: Special Funds for the fiscal year 2024-25, with it designated as a line item for the fiscal year 2025-26 budget.

9. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

JASON GODEKE, VICE MAYOR

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)