



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, March 10, 2025

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

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

(1) Gabriel Quinn Maroney.

(2) None.

(3) Kristy Wagner, Doug Hammerstrom, Jade Tippet, Shelley Green, Tim Perry, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Peter McNamee, Jacob Patterson, Marcy Snider, Joe Harris, and John Gallo.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Albin-Smith shared upcoming Whale Festival activities including live music, beer tasting, Whale Run, Symphony of the Redwoods Concerts, chowder tasting, and craft fair.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Albin-Smith disclosed ex parte communication with Robert Pinoli.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [25-75](#) Mill Site Master Development Agreement Phase 1 Report

Attachments: [Mill Site Phase 1 Development Strategy Report](#)
[Development Strategy Report Attachments](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT Mill Site](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT FW Please help Fort Bragg stop the Skunk Train](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT 8A MILLSITE](#)
[Public Comment -- 3.10.25 Continued Mill Site Workshop](#)

City Manager Isaac Whippy presents Vision of Phase 1 on Strategy Report, informs pause of lawsuit was intentional to invite public feedback and continue with collaborative communications and negotiations with Railroad and City. Phase 1 would occur in stages and also discussed Ad Hoc committee was formed with Councilmember Peters and Mayor Godeke. Walter Kieser from "EPS" of Oakland provided a presentation and history with negotiations with Georgia Pacific when Coastal Trail was built and his role back in 2003. City hired Consultant, Marie Jones shared history of developing Mill Site along with more details on the Development Strategy Report, development process, agencies involved and City's goal to continue negotiations and move toward a Master Development Agreement with Railroad. Chris Hart and Robert Pinoli on behalf of the Railroad shared history, vision, and perspective of development and agency oversight and regulations of Railroad.

Public Comment: Peter McNamee, Jenny Shattuck, Ron White, Terri Oakes, Doug Hammerstrom, Kendell Smith, Jade Tippet, Steve, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Jacob Patterson, Chris paloma, George Reinhardt, Laura Bianchi Limbird, John Gallo, Marcy Snider, Jessiah Mellot, Paul Clark, Alex Helperin, and Jay McMartin-Rosenquist.

Discussion: Councilmembers inquired if the Master Development Agreement is binding and enforceable in court. Councilmembers ask clarifying questions regarding planning, development and process of developing Mill Site.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 9:41 PM; the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 9:52 PM. Mayor Godeke asked for a motion to continue meeting past 10:00 PM. A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Hockett to continue meeting past 10:00 PM. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9A. [25-76](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9 City of Fort Bragg v. Mendocino Railroad

9B. [25-77](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Gov. Code Section 54956.9 SIERRA NORTHERN RAILWAY and MENDOCINO RAILWAY v. CITY OF FORT BRAGG, United States District Court Case No. 4:24-cv-04810-JST

Mayor Godeke reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 10:42 PM and reported that no reportable action was taken on the Closed Session items.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 10:42 PM.