



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, September 23, 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: 4 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jason Godeke, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [24-940](#) Proclamation Banned Books Week

Vice Mayor Godeke read the Proclamation recognizing September 22-28, 2024, as Banned Books Week.

1B. [24-952](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing September 23-27, 2024 as Stormwater Awareness Week

Councilmember Peters read the proclamation recognizing September 23-27, 2024, as Storm Water Awareness Week. Assistant Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal accepted the proclamation, thanking the City Council and emphasizing the importance of educating the public about everyday pollutants that end up in our stormwater drains.

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

- (1) Jacob Patterson, Jenny Shattuck, Tim Bosma.
- (2) Jacob Patterson.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Isaac Whippy congratulated Chief Cervenka on being sworn in as President of the California Peace Officers Association (CPOA).

Chief Cervenka announced that they have received a \$2.5 million grant from Prop 47, with \$1 million designated to fund a third member for the Care Response Unit (CRU) and \$1.5 million allocated to the Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center. This funding will help expand behavioral health services and provide temporary and transitional housing to assist clients in improving their situations and getting off the streets.

Assistant Director of Engineering Chantell O'Neal announced that there will be a free tire disposal event at the Caspar Transfer Station from September 24 to October 1, during normal operating hours.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Bernie Norvell asked Chief Cervenka how the expanded CRU program would operate.

Chief Cervenka explained that they have partnered with the County of Mendocino to provide support for their CRU member when assistance is needed outside of Fort Bragg city limits.

Vice Mayor Godeke provided an update on the previously mentioned cultural gathering, noting that it is still in progress and has been postponed to a later spring date, alongside the dedication of the Learning Center.

Councilmember Peters reported that Latino Heritage Day at Bainbridge Park was well attended and deemed a wonderful cultural event. They expressed hopes of making it an annual celebration. Additionally, Oktoberfest will take place on October 5, 2024, at the CV Starr Center as a fundraiser for CV Starr and Parents and Friends. The Fire Board is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Councilmember Rafanan thanked Grants Coordinator Lacy Sallas for her efforts on securing the T-Mobile Hometown Grant of \$50,000, which will be used for much-needed improvements to the Cultural Learning Center.

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: 4 - Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Albin-Smith

5A. [24-953](#)

Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the City of Fort Bragg Conflict of Interest Code

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B.** [24-954](#) Adopt Joint City Council/Improvement District/Redevelopment Successor Agency Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with JJACPA, Inc. for Auditing Services and Authorizing City/District Manager/Executive Director to Execute Same (Amount Not to Exceed \$51,200; Split Among the Agencies)
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5C.** [24-943](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Budget Amendment No. 2024/25-02 for Fiscal Year 2024/25
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5D.** [24-926](#) Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Confirming the Pay Rates and Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications Effective July 14, 2024
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5E.** [24-925](#) Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Confirming the Pay Rates and Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications Effective July 14, 2024 (Consent Calendar)
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5F.** [24-927](#) Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Confirming the Pay Rates and Ranges for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications Effective August 1, 2024
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5G.** [24-956](#) Receive and Approve Workplace Violence Prevention Program and Authorize City Manager to Update and Administer
This Report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.
- 5H.** [24-945](#) Approve Minutes of August 12, 2024
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5I.** [24-944](#) Approve Minutes of City Council Special Closed Session of September 9, 2024 (Consent Calendar)
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.
- 5J.** [24-946](#) Approve Minutes of September 9, 2024
These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [24-920](#)** Receive Presentation of Preliminary Conceptual Designs for the Noyo Center Ocean Science Center & Provide Direction on Proposed Property Swap

Noyo Center for Marine Science Executive Director, Sheila Semans presented on this item. The architectural conceptual design was presented by Steve Dangermond and Jessica Sano from the EHDD team, along with Hogan Edelberg from Scape Landscape Architects.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Jenny Shattuck, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Linda Ruffing, Paul Clark, Michelle Blackwell.

Discussion: After extensive discussion, the councilmembers agreed that the airstrip runway should remain unaffected by this project. They also expressed their support for the proposed property swap.

- 8B. [24-951](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Emergency Repair of a Stormdrain Line on North McPherson Street and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Contracts to Effect the Repairs and Finding the Project Exempt under CEQA 15301(b), 15301(d), and 15302(c)

Assistant City Engineer Chantell O'Neal presented on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Peters and Councilmember Rafanan

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Albin-Smith

- 8C. [24-959](#)** Receive Update on Municipal Broadband Project and Provide Staff Direction on the Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

City Manager Isaac Whippy and Economic Development Manager Sarah McCormick presented on this item.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson, Andrew Jordan.

Discussion: After extensive discussion, the councilmembers directed staff to reallocate the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Business Assistance Loans, Housing Initiatives, the Homeward Bound Program, and investment in technology upgrades.

9. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Norvell adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

Diana Sanchez, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)