



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 12, 2026

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 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith and Councilmember Lindy Peters
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Scott Hockett

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Godeke reported that no reportable action was take on the Closed Session Items.

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [25-556](#) National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation of National Law Enforcement Day to Chief Eric Swift.

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

- (1) Monica Mankinen, Sabine Brunner, Jay McMartin by Jacob Patterson, Jenny Shattuck and David Skarr.
- (2) Jenny Shattuck, Jacob Patterson, and Paul Clark.
- (3) N/A

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager, Isaac Whippy shared new Park and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee meeting date of January 23, 2026, and CV Starr pool will be opened at the end of the month. Police Chief, Eric Swift shared Flock Camera presentation will be presented at the next Safety Committee Meeting on January 21, 2026. The Police Department reported more Family Roundtable meetings are planned with Fort Bragg Unified School District and Department is also working on Citizen Academy.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared upcoming meetings, Visit Fort Bragg, Public Safety Meeting, and new Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc Committee. Also shared was the League of Cities Coastal Leadership Group discussed federal proposal for oil drilling and requested comment letters. Sonoma Clean Power Board announced PG&E rates are going down next year. Other meetings attended were Gang Awareness Family Roundtable at Fort Bragg High School and next meeting will be March 19, 2026 regarding Social Media. It was also reported that the Public Works Committee discussed Street Projects with timelines and funding to prioritize and be more responsive to streets. The equipment to be invested for city staff to pilot street repairs is planned to occur this summer. Food Truck infrastructure was also discussed to find solutions to reduce or eliminate generator noise and parking considerations. Meet with Mayor at Farmer's Market will be January 21, 2026, at 3:00 PM Rain or Shine.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Albin-Smith pulled Item 5C and Vice Mayor Rafanan pulled Item 5D.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 5C and 5D. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Hockett

5A. 25-543 Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1021-2026 Amending Section 2.04.060 (Salary Designated) of Chapter 2.04 (City Council) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1021-2026

5B. 26-586 Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Successor Agency Approving Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 26-27 (FY 26/27; July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l)

This RS Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES RS 41-2026

5E. 26-588 Accept and File Development Impact Fee Report, Utility Capacity Fee Reports and General Plan Maintenance Fee Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

These Reports were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5F. 25-571 Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving First Amendment to

Professional Services Agreement with Lumos & Associates for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the Bainbridge Park Enhancements Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment (Amount Not To Exceed \$60,873.00); CEQA Exemptions 15301(d), 15303, 15304, and 15332

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4993-2026

5G. 25-572

Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving the Escrow Agreement for the Raw Water Line Project to Form and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Sign the Agreement in the amount \$150,000 with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to Ensure Performance of Mitigation Requirements

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4994-2026

5H. 25-564

Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of November 13, 2025

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

5I. 26-577

Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of November 18, 2025

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

5J. 26-578

Receive and File Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee of November 18, 2025

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

5K. 25-557

Approve Minutes of June 9, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5L. 25-558

Approve Minutes of June 23, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5M. 25-550

Approve Minutes of December 8, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

5N. 25-549

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of December 8, 2025

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5C. 25-569 Accept Certificate of Completion for the 2025 Street Rehab Project (PWP-00132) and Direct City Clerk to File Notice of Completion

Councilmember Albin-Smith pulled Item 5C. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson and Jenny Shattuck.

There was no objection from Council to pull Item 5C and table until January 26, 2026.

5D. 25-570 Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Lumos & Associates for Construction Management Services for 2025 Streets and Stop Gap Projects and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$340,000) CEQA Exemption 15301 (c)

Vice Mayor Rafanan pulled Item 5D. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson and Paul Clark.

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 4995-2026

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7A. 25-562 Receive Report, Hold a Public Hearing, and Consider Adopting a Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the 2025 Funding Year of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 7A. Grant Coordinator Lacy Sallas presented the Staff Report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Mayor Godeke opened the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Mayor Godeke closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 4996-2026

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. 26-576 City Council Discussion and Provide Direction to LT Municipal Consultants on the Water and Sewer Rate Study

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager, Isaac Whippy and Consultant Alison Lechowicz of LT Municipal Consultants presented Water and Sewer Rate Study. Last water and sewer rate increase was in 2019. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions regarding Option A or Option B for water and sewer rates.

Public Comment: Jacob Patterson.

Direction: City Council gave direction to support Option B for both water and sewer rates.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 8:15 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:26 PM.

8B. 25-449 Receive Report and Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Contract Change Order No. 1 with WaterWorks Engineers for the Reservoir Project for Water Storage Resilience, Increasing the Total Contract Amount to \$909,641, and Approving Budget Amendment 2025/26-08 in the Amount of \$200,000

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

Public Comment: None.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 4997-2026

8C. 25-561 Receive Report and Consider Adopting Resolution Awarding the Dryer Building Reconstruction Project, City Project No. WWP-00027 to August-Jaye, Inc. as the Lowest Responsible Bidder, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Not To Exceed \$321,861)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. Assistant City Engineer, Alfredo Huerta presented staff report. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Dana Jess

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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Hockett

Enactment No: RES 4998-2026

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.