



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, January 13, 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: 4 - Mayor Jason Godeke, Vice Mayor Marcia Rafanan, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith and Councilmember Lindy Peters

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Scott Hockett

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [24-1118](#) Proclamation for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor Godeke presented Proclamation for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and presented it to Chief Cervenka.

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

- (1) Tabetha Connell, Ross Koski, Jenny Shattuck, Bernadette Rafanan, Ron White, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Hanna, David Patterson, Judy Valadao.
- (2) Jacob Patterson, Jenny Shattuck, Paul Clark.
- (3) None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Cervenka announced Noyo Bridge Safety Measures including Suicide Deterrent Netting which will be discussed at the Public Safety Committee Meeting next Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Town Hall. City Attorney Baron Bettenhausen reported an item of housekeeping on Item 5A on Consent it has been identified as Adopt; it is the First Reading so that should be Introduction. When the Motion is made for Consent Calendar that Motion should include this is an Introduction of an Ordinance.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Peters echoed what Chief Cervenka reported and he requested this topic be placed on the Public Safety Committee Agenda to discuss further Safety Measures for Noyo Bridge; Next meeting for Fire Protection Board is January 23, 2025; Court Hearing for Grocery Outlet is January 18, 2025; City Planning Department has continued to work on permits while waiting for the court's decision; and requested a moment of Silence for well-known local Attorney Jim Larson. Councilmember Albin-Smith is committed to support all her fellow councilmembers; she requests that council consider going after a LCP Grant for the City not the County, and reports the Mendocino Transit Authority is low on drivers in Fort Bragg and in turn considering cut backs on routes if open positions cannot be filled. Vice Mayor Rafanan, reports Monday, January 20, 2025, immigration Lawyer Grady Gauthier will be at Town Hall at 6 p.m. for Q&A about ICE, Immigration, Deportation and your rights. It is open to everyone, kids, families, and is very important for community to understand their rights and reduce fear. Translation services will be provided. Mayor Godeke is returning "Meet with the Mayor" that Councilmember Peters adopted during his tenure as Mayor and will be present in the Lobby at CV Starr to be available to the public for discussion or answer any questions on January 22, 2025, at 4 p.m. and in the future when weather improves at the Farmer's Market. Mayor Godeke announces his Committee Appointments taking into consideration time commitments and work schedules of Councilmembers as follows:

Standing Committees:

Public Works: Godeke and Hockett

Public Safety: Peters and Hockett

Community Development: Rafanan and Godeke

Finance and Administration: Albin-Smith and Rafanan

Other Committees:

Visit Fort Bragg: Albin-Smith and Peters

2025 Ad Hoc Committees (12 month period, with option of renewal):

Ad Hoc Mill Site: Peters and Godeke

Ad Hoc Broadband: Albin-Smith and Rafanan

Ad Hoc Culture and Education: Rafanan and Godeke

Appointments to other boards and commissions:

Economic Development Financing Corporation (EDFC): Albin-Smith

Sonoma Clean Power: Peters

Fire Protection Board: Peters and Hockett (Public Safety Committee)

Mendocino Transit Authority: Albin-Smith

MSWMA(Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority): Godeke

League of California Cities Voting Delegates: Peters (primary), Albin-Smith (alternate)

Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG): Rafanan

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Godeke invites comments from Attorney Baron Bettenhausen regarding the Consent Calendar who proceeds to read Titles of the Ordinances for the record and Titles are in the Agenda to be clear and not technically required, since Public Comment was received, he will read into the record, "It is an Ordinance of the City of Fort Bragg Delegating Authority to Appoint the City Clerk to the City Manager." Councilmember Peters asks for clarification regarding Ordinance and City Attorney provides amended motion language and confirms everything else is accurate and substantial compliance has been achieved under the Brown Act so Notice has been provided to the public of what is being contemplated tonight and Title of the Ordinance is written in the Agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rafanan, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar with amendments. 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. [24-1084](#)** Adopt by Title Only and Waive the Second Reading of the Ordinance of the City of Fort Bragg Delegating Authority to Appoint the City Clerk to the City Manager

This Ordinance was Introduced on the Consent Calendar.

- 5B. [24-1106](#)** Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Successor Agency Approving Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 25-26 (FY 25/26; July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES RS40-2025

- 5C. [24-1094](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Maintenance Agreement with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Installation and Maintenance of Artwork on Trash Receptacles Located Within the Caltrans Right-of-Way as Part of the Fort Bragg Art and Recycling Beautification Project

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 4885-2025

- 5D. [24-1117](#)** Accept and File Development Impact Fee Report, Utility Capacity Fee Reports and General Plan Maintenance Fee Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

These Reports were accepted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5E. [24-1086](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Special Public Safety Committee Meeting.

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

- 5F. [24-1085](#) Receive and File Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting

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

- 5G. [24-1071](#) Approve Minutes of Special Closed Session of August 25, 2024

These Special Closed Session Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5H. [24-1110](#) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Meeting on December 16, 2024

These Special City Council Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5I. [24-1112](#) Approve Minutes Special Closed Session on October 28, 2024

These Special Closed Session Minutes were received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [24-1105](#) Receive Oral Report and Consider Adoption of Council Resolution Affirming Commitment to Non-Discrimination and Support for Immigrants in our Community

Councilmember Peters reported he was contacted by many community members after the Presidential election regarding mass deportations and this has created a lot of fear and concern with our local Hispanic community. He recommits and presents this Resolution to current council which was similarly done in 2017.

Public Comment: Hannah-Liegh Bull, Michelle Roberts, Gabriel Quinn Maroney, Jacob Patterson, Marcy Snider and Paul Clark.

Discussion: Councilmember Albin-Smith suggests signage if Resolution is passed and Councilmember Peters says there were some signs created in the past. Mayor Godeke and council supports Resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith that this 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 4886-2025

8B. [24-1115](#) Receive Report, Provide Direction on the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Appointments, Adopt New Resolution and Protocols to Formalize Changes

Administrative Analyst Cristal Muñoz presented Report and Requests formalizing changes to Protocols and Align Direction on Visit Fort Bragg Committee Appointments.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck and Jacob Patterson.

Discussion: After discussion Councilmembers clarified the current Committee Members would have input on appointments but ultimately the two Councilmembers on Committee would suggest and present appointments for City Council approval and removing Community Development involvement from Protocols. Mayor Godeke supports open application to allow community to apply to be on the Committee and understands it is ultimately the two Councilmembers on the committee who will decide on appointments. Option 3 is supported as depicted in Resolution and the process for establishing the appointment of Visit Fort Bragg Committee members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith that this 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 4887-2025

8C. [24-1093](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving the Contract With Sustainable Living Builders, Inc. for the C.V. Starr Skylight Repair Project, City Project PWP-00140; Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount not to Exceed \$273,591.09); Categorically Exemption 15301(d)

Public Works Director John Smith presented report regarding CV Starr Skylight Repair Project PWP-00140.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: None.

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Peters that this 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 4888-2025

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Amber Lenore Weaver, Acting City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)