



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*

Tuesday, May 26, 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 6:09 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

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

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [26-229](#) Presentation of Proclamation Declaring Pride Month

Mayor Godeke read and presented the Proclamation Declaring Pride Month to Mendocino Safe Space and Spectrum Club members.

1B. [26-231](#) Presentation of Proclamation Honoring the 30th Anniversary of Pacific Textiles Arts

Mayor Godeke read and presented Proclamation Honoring the 30th Anniversary of Pacific Textiles Arts to members.

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

- (1) Jenny Shattuck, Steven Dewer, Evan Dick, Jacob Patterson, and Jay Rosenquist.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Diana Paoli reminded community ballot box at City Hall is opened for one week until June 2, 2026, at 8:00 PM.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmembers shared Binoculars are installed and ready for use on Coastal Trail; City of Fort Bragg sign South of town created by Rick Sacks will soon eliminate with LED lights; concerned citizen letter concerning speeding and RV Parking behind firehouse; inquiry to staff regarding Overtime Brewery; and Mendocino Transit Authority Board opening opportunity. Upcoming events: Parks and Recreation meeting and Mayor Godeke hosting "Meet the Mayor" at Farmer's Market.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Godeke pulled Item 5C for discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the Consent Calendar be approved with exception of 5C. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5A. [26-212](#) Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1022-2026 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 15.04 (Construction Codes - Adopted by Reference) and Chapter 15.05 (California Fire Code of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code; Adopting and Incorporating the California Administrative Code, California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Energy Code, California Historical Building Code, California Existing Building Code, California Green Building Standards Code, California Referenced Standards Code, California Fire Code, California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; and Adopting Local Findings; and Making Other Technical and Administrative Revisions to Title 15

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1022-2026

5B. [26-213](#) Adopt, by Title Only, and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 1023-2026 to Amend Chapter 15.06 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to Require Sprinkler Installation in Buildings with Building Permits with Cumulative Valuations of \$125,000 or more, over a three year period

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 1023-2026

5D. [26-241](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Visit Fort Bragg Committee Meeting of May 12, 2026

This Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5E. [26-234](#) Receive and File Minutes of the Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting of March 12, 2026

This Committee Minutes was received and filed on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F. [26-233](#) Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of May 11, 2026

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5G. [26-232](#) Approve Minutes of May 11, 2026

This Minutes was approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5C. [26-235](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg City Council Adopting Budget Amendment 2025/26-14 for the 4th of July Fireworks Display and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Not to Exceed \$50,000)

Mayor Godeke pulled Item 5C to discuss the background of increased cost and continuing with traditional fireworks display on the 4th of July.

Public Comment: Paul Clark and Jay Rosenquist

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 5027-2026

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

N/A.

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [26-210](#) Presentation of Community Retail Survey Results and Consideration of Retail Recruitment and Commercial Revitalization Strategies, Including Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving and Authorizing City Manager to Execute the Professional Services Agreement with The Retail Coach (Amount Not to Exceed \$27,500); CEQA Exemption 15061(b)(3)

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8A. City Manager Isaac Whippy presented staff report and retail survey results. Vice President Charles Parker of The Retail Coach was available online to reply to Councilmembers clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck, Jay Rosenberg, Paul Clark, and Jacob Patterson.

Direction: Council gave further direction to recommend Community Development Committee

review City's Formula Business Ordinance including exploration of marketing or recruiting as a strategy.

8B. [26-244](#) Presentation of the 2025 Annual Police Report

Police Chief Eric Swift shared 2025 FBPD Annual report presentation. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Jenny Shattuck and Jacob Patterson.

8C. [26-246](#) 2026 2nd Annual Blues Festival: Presentation, Recap, and Community Impact

Mayor Godeke introduced Item 8C. Pam Bell shared presentation of Fort Bragg Blues Festival. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Paul Clark, Jacob Patterson and Jay Rosenquist.

Direction: Council gave direction to staff to prepare a Resolution to secure Fort Bragg Blues Festival as an event to take place the first of May for five years to improve commitment of musicians and sponsors.

Mayor Godeke recessed the meeting at 7:52 PM; the meeting reconvened to open session at 8:00 PM.

8D. [26-248](#) Receive Presentation on the Tide & Timber Music Festival Concept and Provide Direction for FY 2026-27 Budget Planning

City Manager Isaac Whippy introduced Item 8D. Tom Kavanaugh of Idea Cooperative shared presentation. City Manager Isaac Whippy clarified budget limitations. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

Public Comment: Paul Clark, Jacob Patterson, and Jay Rosenquist.

Direction: Councilmembers directed to pause this year to allow time for more planning and to determine funding.

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 9:48 PM.

JASON GODEKE, MAYOR

Diana Paoli, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)