



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, July 13, 2015

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Lindy Peters, Councilmember Michael Cimolino, Councilmember Scott Deitz, Councilmember Doug Hammerstrom and Mayor Dave Turner

AGENDA REVIEW

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing reported that the Board of Supervisors and City Council will hold a joint meeting regarding the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Central Coast Transfer Station project on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 1:30 PM at Town Hall. She announced that the City is advertising for a number of different job openings and interested people can fill out an application online through the City's website.

Police Chief Lizarraga reported that the Fourth of July celebration was a success, with a full turnout on the Noyo beach and bluffs. He thanked people for making this a family event again. The Chief reported that there were no accidents or issues on July 4.

Public Works Director Varga gave an update on the Green Alleys project, stating that one alley is complete and one is underway. He also reported on the current water supply and said that he expects a water emergency declaration will be necessary sometime in August.

3. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Turner toured the North Cliff Hotel and new Point Noyo restaurant with property owner John Tanti. He reported that the Noyo Center raised over \$11,000 at its June 28 gathering. The July 4 salmon barbecue fed 2,966 locals and visitors. The Mayor thanked Chief Lizarraga and his team for providing one of the nicest Fourth of July events in years. Mayor Turner stated that the City of Fort Bragg will not change its name despite a recent letter from Senator Steven Glazer urging the Council to rename the city because Braxton Bragg served in the Confederacy. The Mayor spoke with PG&E representatives about saving energy by installing LED street lights. He hopes the City can assist the Employment Development Department to try to find temporary office space until

they can be relocated with the MPIC offices to the college campus. The Noyo Center will host a sea lion articulation workshop at the Old Rec Center from July 20 to August 2.

Vice Mayor Peters offered to write an official letter from all Councilmembers to Senator Glazer. The Bicycle Master Plan will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting at City Hall on July 16 at 3:00 PM.

Councilmember Cimolino said it is not fiscally responsible for the Council to support a name change for the City. He attended the Economic Development and Financing Corporation (EDFC) meeting last week. The EDFC is looking for investors to invest in local businesses and entrepreneurs. He announced that EDFC is pushing forward with building a meat processing facility to process Mendocino County meats which would provide jobs for the county.

Councilmember Deitz thanked the Police Department and Fire Department personnel for their part in providing a great Fourth of July event. He also expressed thanks to the Public Works Department for keeping the new Coastal Trail clean, noting that last weekend there were large numbers of people using the trail.

Councilmember Hammerstrom reported that over \$3,500 was raised from the parking fees on July 4 to help fund the fireworks. He responded by email to Senator Glazer regarding the suggestion to change the name of Fort Bragg, saying that people identify with the place where they grew up and changing the name of the city would be disconcerting.

6A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Evan Dick has many concerns about a variety of things, including the City government's disregard for him and his neighbors, the City Council's own agenda, the Main Street Merge project, the Old Coast Hotel project, and the mayoral recall. Dick stated that City employees are overpaid and should get fired instead of getting raises.
2. Rex Gressett does not understand what is happening with the alleys in town and wants an explanation of the cost.
3. Charles Brandenburg suggested renaming the city "New Fort Bragg" to differentiate it from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.
4. Becky Parrish would like the City to install a four-way stop at Stewart and Elm Streets and a three-way stop at the entrance to the Noyo Headlands Park at Glass Beach Drive and Elm Street.
5. Marvin Parrish encouraged Councilmembers to visit the Coastal Trail area near Glass Beach on a Friday afternoon or Saturday to observe the traffic conditions there.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 5A. [15-264](#)** Receive Oral Update Regarding Petition for Ballot Initiative Entitled "Prohibiting Social Service Organizations in the Central Business District" and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Requesting Services of the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters to Verify Signatures in Connection with Petition

City Manager Ruffing gave a brief report about the ballot initiative to prohibit social service organizations in the Central Business District. The City has made a prima facie count of the

signatures and determined that there are enough to file the petition. The signatures have not yet been verified. Staff recommends that the Council adopt the resolution requesting the Mendocino County Registrar of Voters to verify how many of the petition's signatures are from valid registered voters within the City of Fort Bragg. If there are valid signatures for more than 15% of the registered voters in Fort Bragg, the measure would qualify for a special election. If verified signatures are more than 10% but less than 15%, then the measure would be put to a vote at the next general election in November 2016. At least 50 percent of voters would need to vote yes on the measure for an ordinance to take effect ten days after certification of the election results.

Discussion: Councilmember Hammerstrom asked if the Council has to certify the number of signers on the petition once the Registrar verifies the signatures. City Manager Ruffing responded that the election official will verify results.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from: Charles Brandenburg and Rex Gressett.

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

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz, Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Enactment No: RES 3823-2015

- 5B. [15-274](#)** Receive Update on Downtown WiFi Project and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$10,000 from Waste Management Community Benefit Fund for Implementation of Downtown WiFi Project (Budget Amendment #2016-01; Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000; Fund 220, Waste Management Community Benefit Fund)

City Manager Ruffing introduced this agenda item, crediting Lynda Bengsston-Davis of the City's IT Department for creating the report. This resolution authorizes the City to approve the use of \$10,000 from the Waste Management Community Benefit Fund to implement the Downtown WiFi Project which will enable residents and visitors to access the internet from the downtown core area on their laptops, tablets and smart phones. The City would purchase the equipment and MCN would install, configure and provide the service.

Discussion: Councilmember Deitz said the ad hoc Technology Committee has been working on this project for at least six months, with one goal being to establish Fort Bragg as a city that understands and welcomes technology. Providing free internet in the downtown may also attract good paying, quality tech jobs. MCN's Sage Statham answered questions from Councilmembers regarding the infrastructure, setup, and implementation of the project. Discussion was held concerning the impact to local restaurants if customers linger while using the internet.

Public Comment on this agenda item was received from: Becky Parrish, Marvin Parrish, Michael Grady, Kelly Pitak, and Eric Dwyer.

Mayor Turner recessed the meeting at 7:30 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 7:36 PM.

Further Discussion: Internet etiquette and Wi-Fi signage were discussed. It was generally agreed that providing free Wi-Fi in the downtown is a benefit for travelers and visitors.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by Councilmember Deitz, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz,
Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

Enactment No: RES 3824-2015

**6B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA, CONSENT CALENDAR & CLOSED
SESSION ITEMS (Continued, If Needed)**

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hammerstrom, seconded by
Councilmember Cimolino, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried
by the following vote:**

Aye: 5 - Vice Mayor Peters, Councilmember Cimolino, Councilmember Deitz,
Councilmember Hammerstrom and Mayor Turner

- 7A. [15-229](#)** Adopt by Title Only and Waive Further Reading of Ordinance 915-2015
Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.68 of Title 9 (Public Peace, Safety
and Morals) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 915-2015

- 7B. [15-170](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services
Agreement with Glass Architects for Preparation of Athletic Fields
Master Plan and a Master Plan for Phase 3 of the C.V. Starr Community
Center and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same (Amount Not to
Exceed: \$98,510; Account No. 328-5022-0630 & 328-5023-0630)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3825-2015

- 7C. [15-256](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services
Agreement with WRA for City Surrounded by a Trail Feasibility Study
and Conceptual Design and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same
(Amount Not to Exceed: \$65,500; MCOG Overall Work Program Grant;
Account No. 314-3017-0631)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3826-2015

- 7D. [15-263](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2014-15 Budget to
Appropriate \$90,000 Received From the Noyo Harbor District to Fund
Additional Work on the Coastal Restoration & Trail Project (Budget
Amendment #2015-30; Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000; Account No.
407-5028-0731)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3827-2015

- 7E. [15-273](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the FY 2015-16 Budget to Appropriate \$88,275 from the Fire Equipment Fund to Cover the City's Share of the Purchase Cost of a New Water Tender (Budget Amendment #2016-02; Amount Not to Exceed \$88,275; Fund 280)

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3828-2015

- 7F. [15-241](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending the Compensation and Benefits Plan for the City Manager

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3829-2015

- 7G. [15-240](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Modifying the CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions for the City Manager

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3830-2015

- 7H. [15-265](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Authorizing Acting City Clerk Classification and Reclassifying Housing & Economic Development Coordinator Position to Special Projects Manager

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3831-2015

- 7I. [15-266](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Establishing a Compensation Plan and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Exempt Mid-Management Classifications

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3832-2015

- 7J. [15-272](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Modifying the CalPERS Employer Paid Member Contributions for Exempt Mid-Management Classifications

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3833-2015

- 7K. [15-270](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Designating Councilmember Hammerstrom as the City's Voting Delegate and Vice Mayor Peters as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2015 League of California Cities Annual Conference

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: RES 3834-2015

- 7L. [15-267](#)** Approve Letter of Support for Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District's Application to National Park Service River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7M. [15-275](#)** Receive and File Minutes from March 11, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting

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

- 7N. [15-259](#)** Receive and File Minutes from April 28, 2015 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

- 7O. [15-261](#)** Receive and File Minutes from May 26, 2015 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

- 7P. [15-254](#)** Approve Minutes of June 22, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 7Q. [15-255](#)** Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of June 29, 2015

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

8. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

DAVE TURNER, MAYOR

June Lemos, Administrative Assistant

IMAGED (_____)