



# 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*

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Monday, January 14, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Will Lee, Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Jessica Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Lindy Peters

### AGENDA REVIEW

#### **1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1A. [19-026](#)** Recognition of Mark Hannon, Teresa Rodriguez, and Curtis Bruchler for their Service on the Fort Bragg Planning Commission

Mayor Lee presented plaques to outgoing Planning Commissioners Mark Hannon and Teresa Rodriguez, and read a proclamation recognizing Mr. Hannon for 13 years of service on the Fort Bragg Planning Commission. Curtis Bruchler was unable to attend the meeting but the Mayor also thanked him for his time on the Commission.

- 1B. [19-021](#)** Presentation on the Street Medicine Program by Linda Jo Stern and Lucresha Renteria

Linda Jo Stern and Lucresha Renteria presented a slide show update on the Coastal Street Medicine Program to City Council.

- 1C. [19-023](#)** Appointments to City Council Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and Interagency Assignments

Mayor Lee announced the new appointments to standing and ad hoc committees.

#### **2A. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes)**

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Annmarie Weibel spoke about future development on the Mill Site and public collaboration.
- Shay Wachtel asked the Council to invite Governor Newsom to Fort Bragg to make state government aware of rural Northern California problems.

- Rex Gressett stated that the Mill Site plan is rushing ahead out of control.
- Irene Malone invited the public to participate in Martin Luther King Memorial day on January 21, meeting at Lutheran Church at 11 AM.

(2) Consent Calendar Items:

- Rex Gressett wanted Item 5B, Procedure for Conduct of Council Business, to be amended to allow members of the public to applaud for any public comments.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Miller noted that a budget workshop is scheduled for March 7. She said the City Council will hold a retreat prior to the budget workshop. Community Development Administrative Assistant Gonzalez showed photos of recent cleanup efforts of several dumping/camping sites in Fort Bragg. Chief Lizarraga reported on an upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting, an incident involving a USPS postal van, and the recent structure fire at Chapel by the Sea. Community Development Director Jones gave an update on the continuum of care support for the homeless and noted that the City received a \$3M award for homeless, senior and workforce housing on South Street. Public Works Director Varga reported on the road repair of Summers Lane by the Humane Society.

### **4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS**

Vice Mayor Norvell reported on the recent Fire Protection District meeting. Councilmember Albin-Smith said she recently toured the Hospitality House and the Mill Site. Mayor Lee said the Fire Department did an excellent job on the Chapel by the Sea fire. He reported that the two new Councilmembers and he will attend the New Mayor and Councilmember Academy in Sacramento next week. Councilmember Peters reported on the recent Sonoma Clean Power meeting and fundraising efforts for animals displaced by the Camp Fire.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Approval of the Consent Calendar**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

- 5A. [19-009](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Appointing Representatives to Represent and Vote on Behalf of the City at the League of California Cities Redwood Empire Division Business Meeting and Legislative Committee Meetings

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 4142-2019

- 5B. [19-028](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Amending City Council Rules of Procedure for Conduct of City Council Business

**This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES 4143-2019

- 5C.** [19-006](#) Adopt Resolution of the Fort Bragg Redevelopment Successor Agency Approving Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 19-20 (FY 19/20; July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020) Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177(l)

**This RS Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.**

Enactment No: RES RS 20-2019

- 5D.** [19-017](#) Receive and File Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Public Safety Committee Meeting

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

- 5E.** [18-495](#) Receive and File Minutes of the November 7, 2018 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

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

- 5F.** [19-029](#) Approve Minutes of December 10, 2018

**These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.**

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 7A.** [19-025](#) Interview Applicants for Noyo Harbor Commission Appointment

**Councilmember Albin-Smith and Vice Mayor Norvell recused themselves from this matter, as their spouses are applicants. They left the Council chamber at 7:04 PM.**

The three applicants for Noyo Harbor Commissioner gave brief speeches to the Council, outlining their experience and qualifications to serve on the Harbor District board. Each responded to questions from Council.

Public Comment:

- The following persons spoke in support of Stacey Bradley: Steve Bradley, Bill Forkner, Scott Hockett, Sarah Bradley, and Carol White.
- The following persons spoke in support of Michelle Norvell: Michelle Norvell, Rex Gressett.
- Jacob Patterson stated that he is appalled by the lack of compliance with the Brown Act at Noyo Harbor Commission meetings.

Discussion: The three Councilmembers all acknowledged how difficult a decision this is, as all three applicants are well qualified.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Lee, that Michelle Norvell be appointed as the City of Fort Bragg's representative on the Noyo Harbor Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Mayor Lee, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

**Recuse:** 2 - Vice Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Albin-Smith

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 7:59 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:05 PM. Vice Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Albin-Smith rejoined the meeting at 8:05 PM.**

- 7B. [19-012](#)** Approval of Councilmember Albin-Smith's Nomination of Michelle Roberts, Approval of Councilmember Morsell-Haye's Nomination of Jeremy Logan, Approval of Mayor Lee's Nomination of Jay Andreis and Confirmation of Councilmember Peters' Nomination and Continued Appointment of Stan Miklose to Serve on the Fort Bragg Planning Commission

City Manager Miller gave the staff report on this agenda item. Each Councilmember introduced their nominee for Planning Commissioner. The nominees made brief remarks regarding their qualifications and desire to be on the Planning Commission.

Public Comment was received from:

- Rex Gressett said he strongly supports all nominees.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Norvell, that the appointment of Jay Andreis, Jeremy Logan, and Michelle Roberts and the reappointment of Stan Miklose to the Fort Bragg Planning Commission be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

- 7C. [19-027](#)** Appointment of Up to Two City Councilmembers and at Least Three Community Members to the Elections System Review Committee

City Manager Miller gave a brief report on this agenda item, noting that this ad hoc committee should be appointed for a one-year length of time.

Public Comment was received from:

- Shay Wachtel recommended that people who do not live within the City limits be on the committee.
- Rick Riley said he sent in an application on Saturday that wasn't in the agenda packet.

Discussion: After deliberation, Council consensus was to seat all six applicants on the committee, in addition to City Clerk Lemos, Councilmember Peters, and Councilmember Albin-Smith.

**The City Council appointed the following persons to serve on the Elections System Review Committee: Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Albin-Smith, City Clerk Lemos, Ruben Alcala, Jim Britt, Sharon Davis, Rex Gressett, Scott Menzies and Rick Riley. The ad hoc committee will serve for one year (until January 14, 2020). The committee will make a report to Council prior to the one-year termination date.**

- 7D. [19-022](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding 2018 and 2019 Community Development Block Grant Applications

Special Projects Assistant McLaughlin presented the staff report on this agenda item and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Public Comment was received from:

- Ann Rennacker suggested that the Library expansion be considered for future CDBG funds.

Discussion/Direction: It was agreed not to apply for CDBG grants this cycle and to wait until the 2019 CDBG application period. Suggestions for items to be included in future grant considerations were infrastructure, housing, and sprinkler systems for downtown buildings.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff.**

- 7E. [18-493](#)** Receive Report and Recommendation of Public Works and Facilities Committee and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Coleman Engineering for the Raw Water Line Replacement Project Design Engineering, City Project 2018-02, and Authorize City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$680,000; from Water Enterprise Capital Reserve Fund 615)

Public Works Director Varga presented the staff report on this matter.

Public Comment was received from Rex Gressett.

Discussion: Council agrees that staff selected the right company for the job, recognizing the complexity of the project and evaluating the various responses to the request for proposals.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

Enactment No: RES 4144-2019

- 7F. [18-494](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Green Valley Consulting Engineers to Provide Design and Engineering Services for the 2019 Streets Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 2018-04, and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not To Exceed \$149,270; Account No.405-4870-0731)

Public Works Director Varga gave the staff report on this item.

Public Comment: None.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

Enactment No: RES 4145-2019

- 7G. [19-011](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Accepting the 2019 Fort Bragg Police Department Salary Survey Results as Required by Ordinance 672 and Adopting Changes to the City of Fort Bragg Salary Rate Compensation Plan

City Manager Miller summarized the staff report for this item.

Public Comment was received from Rex Gressett.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Peters

Enactment No: RES 4146-2019

**7H. 19-020 Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding Mill Site Reuse Plan Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment Schedule of Joint City Council and Planning Commission Meetings**

Community Development Director Jones briefed the Council on this item and noted that the staff report indicates that 13 meetings need to be scheduled but it is likely there will be more. She said she will put together a binder regarding the Mill Site Reuse Plan for the new Planning Commissioners and Councilmembers to review and will ask if they wish to revisit any items previously decided upon or to move forward.

Public Comment: Was received from Gabriel Quinn Maroney and Rex Gressett.

Discussion: The Council asked staff to check with the new Planning Commissioners and try to move the Planning Commission meetings from Wednesdays to a different night of the week so the City Council and Planning Commission can hold joint meetings to discuss the Mill Site Reuse Plan, as one Councilmember has a scheduling conflict with Wednesday evenings. Council agreed to hold one joint meeting a month to discuss this matter.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff**

**2B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA, (2) CONSENT CALENDAR & (3) CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (30 Minutes, If Necessary)**

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 10:01 PM. The meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 10:06 PM.**

**8A. 19-030 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9: One (1) Potential Case**

**Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 10:26 PM and reported that a motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Vice Mayor Norvell, to authorize the City Manager to sign a Settlement Agreement with River Watch for \$40,000. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:26 PM.**

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WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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