



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, February 11, 2019

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

CALL TO ORDER

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

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. [19-055](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing February 2019 as Veterans Suicide Awareness Month

Mayor Lee read a proclamation declaring the month of February 2019 to be Veterans Suicide Awareness Month. Several members of Fort Bragg's veterans community were present to accept the proclamation.

- 1B. [19-066](#)** Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing the 130th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church

Mayor Lee read a proclamation regarding the 130-year anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church. Members of the Lutheran Church were present, along with Pastor Randy Knutson.

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Rebecca McLean spoke in opposition to an off-road vehicle park being planned by the Mendocino Coast Park and Recreation District due to the noise factor.
- Joe Christie spoke about the Emergency Weather Shelter (EWS).
- Ann Rennacker spoke against an off-road vehicle park. She also commented on the EWS.
- Scott Chapman spoke about the Hospitality House and homeless issues.
- Barbara Moeller commented on off-road vehicles.
- Chelsea Herbel spoke about mental health issues and suicide awareness.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Public Works Director Varga said the Town Hall heating system is broken and the City is getting quotes and developing a budget to replace the heater, which may take two to three months to fix. City Clerk Lemos announced that the City's website now has a tutorial on the home page to show people how to view agendas and web pages in Spanish. Community Development Director Jones announced that a 68-unit affordable housing project will be considered by the Planning Commission tomorrow night, and that the Commission will make a code determination on 225 N. Main Street.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Morsell-Haye reported on a popup meeting for local businesses. Councilmember Albin-Smith said she attended the Mendocino County economic summit, Mendocino Transit Authority meeting and Mendocino Council of Governments meeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Norvell, seconded by Councilmember Peters, 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. [19-057](#)** Adopt by Title Only and Waive the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 944-2019 Adding Section 9.40.030 to Chapter 9.40 Public Drunkenness of Title 9 (Public Peace, Safety and Morals) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to Prohibit Possession of Open Containers in Public Places

This Ordinance was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Enactment No: ORD 944-2019

- 5B. [19-069](#)** Approve City Council Letter in Support of Councilmember Peters' Nomination to the California Coastal Commission

This Council Letter was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C. [19-064](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the October 23, 2018 Community Development Committee Meeting

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

- 5D. [19-056](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

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

- 5E. [19-077](#)** Approve Minutes of January 28, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5F. [19-078](#) Approve Minutes of Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting of January 31, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- 7A. [19-019](#) Receive Recommendation from Public Safety Committee, Conduct Public Hearing, and Consider Re-Adopting the Master Traffic Resolution Amending Section H Restricted Parking on Private Property to Remove Residential Properties, Businesses No Longer in Existence, and Properties Not Displaying Signage

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing at 6:40 PM.

Engineering Technician O'Neal presented the staff report on this item and responded to brief questions from Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Lee closed the public hearing at 6:47 PM.

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 1271-2019A

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 8A. [19-014](#) Receive Report and Provide Direction on Future Adoption of 2018 Street Safety Plan

Assistant Planner McCormick gave the staff report on this item. Steve Weinberger of W-Trans presented the results of the study and their recommendations.

Public Comment was received from:

- Ann Rennacker voiced concerns about Maple near Lincoln.
- Nancy Urwood recommended lights around stop signs to make them easier to see.
- Simon Smith spoke in support of the study's recommendations and requested an all-way stop at Harrison and Laurel.

Discussion:

After much discussion regarding traffic calming measures, all-way stops, pedestrian safety and bike lanes, the Council directed staff to summarize the comments from tonight's meeting, prioritize them, blend them into the report, and bring it back to Council in March.

Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 8:01 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 8:08 PM.

This Staff Report was referred to staff.

- 8B. [19-065](#) Receive Presentation from the Greater Fort Bragg Field Improvement Association for Use of Measure AA/AB Funds Designated for School

Playing Fields Improvements and Provide Direction to Staff

City Manager Miller presented the staff report on this item and introduced Jerry Murphy of the Greater Fort Bragg Field Improvement Association. Mr. Murray gave the background of the association and summarized the ways they are helping to improve the playing fields in Fort Bragg. He requested funds to help them with planning costs, engineers and architect fees.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: After deliberating, the Council consensus was that when money from Measure AA/AB was available, the funds being requested by the Field Improvement Association would be granted, subject to being brought back to Council for approval along with a budget amendment and Memorandum of Understanding signed by the parties.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that the money being requested by the Greater Fort Bragg Field Improvement Association from Measure AA/AB funds be granted, but not issued until funds become available. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8C. [19-068](#)

Receive Presentation from the Fort Bragg Unified School District for Use of Measure AA/AB Funds Designated for School Playing Field Improvements and Provide Direction to Staff

Fort Bragg Unified School District Superintendent Becky Walker and Maintenance Director Barry Silva gave a presentation on their request for funds to purchase equipment to improve the school playing fields.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Much discussion was held on the various pieces of equipment presented, whether to purchase used or new equipment, and how the school district can get the "biggest bang for the buck." Councilmembers agreed that they were in favor of purchasing new equipment, both the aerator and the mower, at a cost of roughly \$95,000. Council consensus was to grant the school district request and asked staff to return with a budget amendment.

This Staff Report was referred to staff for preparation of a budget amendment allowing the School District to purchase two new pieces of field maintenance equipment from Measure AA/AB funds in the approximate sum of \$95,000.

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)