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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 22, 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

Mayor Lee announced that Item 8E will be removed from the agenda and considered at a future date.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1A.** [19-350](#) Presentation of Proclamation Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the C.V. Starr Community Center and Proclaiming the Month of August as Healthy Fun for Everyone in Fort Bragg

Mayor Lee read a proclamation recognizing the tenth anniversary of the CV Starr Community Center and presented it to representatives of the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District and CV Starr Center.

- 1B.** [19-355](#) Presentation by Matthew Drewno of Ecology Action Board Regarding Victory Gardens for Peace and Garden Friendly Communities

Matthew Drewno and Sydney Grange presented information on Garden Friendly Communities.

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Annemarie Weibel spoke about franchise and formula businesses, highway widening by Caltrans, and electromagnetic field issues.
- Cornelia Reynolds supports Mr. Drewno's proposal regarding Garden Friendly Communities and stated that the Council has ignored Fort Bragg's Bee City status since the

Committee was first formed.

Mayor Lee appointed Councilmember Peters to the Bee City Committee.

- Judy Mashhour-Azad requested City support to police the overnight camping issues near her property on Cliff Way.
- Linda Lightner spoke in support of community gardens and invited the Council to tour the garden at the Senior Center.
- Sakina Bush encouraged everyone to check out the many available models for community gardening.
- Richard Miller spoke in support of a garden friendly community, water as a source of electricity, and blue and white police cars instead of black and white.
- Susie deCastro supports local gardeners and asked for help in supplying apprenticeships for those interested in becoming gardeners.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Miller announced that a Housing Rights for Tenants meeting will be held at Redwood Elementary on July 25 at 5:30 PM. She invited the community to attend a block party sponsored by the Visit Fort Bragg Committee on August 2 on Franklin Street. Miller reported that three property owners on the Mill Site will present their ideas for the property they have purchased to the City Council on September 21 and invited any groups who also wish to present their ideas to contact her to schedule time on that day. Chief Lizarraga announced National Night Out at Bainbridge Park on August 6 at 5:00 PM. The Chief gave a report on recent gang activity. Public Works Director Varga gave an update on the Cure-in-Place Pipe Project.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Albin-Smith announced an event hosted by Senator Mike McGuire. Councilmember Morsell-Haye said she values the fact that people in the community are engaging in local issues and bringing their voices to the table. She hopes that the block party will build momentum around First Fridays. Councilmember Peters reported that the Welcome to Fort Bragg sign has been removed from its location at Redwood and Franklin. He also spoke about the disappearance of bees around the world. Mayor Lee reported that the Coastal Commission did not choose him for a position on the Commission.

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.** [19-347](#) Receive and File Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting

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

5B. [19-346](#) Approve Minutes of July 8, 2019

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [19-352](#) Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution for the Submittal of a Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Application for Phase II Bainbridge Park Improvements

Councilmember Morsell-Haye recused herself from hearing Item 8A because she lives in an area adjacent to Bainbridge Park, and Item 8B due to a conflict of interest as a local business owner. She left the chamber at 7:14 PM.

Public Works Manager Perkins presented the staff report on this agenda item and noted the recent addition of a new suggestion for installation of a poured-surface soccer field to be included in the plan for the second phase of the Bainbridge Park Improvement Plan, in place of the previously considered petanque court. He responded to questions from Councilmembers regarding the poured surface, maintenance requirements, graffiti removal, drainage issues and location of the pavilion.

Public Comment was received from:

- Kathy Silva asked the Council to visit the site with a tape measure to determine the size of the space where the pavilion will be placed. She would like the style of improvements to respect the architecture that is already there in the park.
- Juan Estrada and Richard Garcia presented their plan for how a new soccer field would look, noting that it will help bring soccer back to Fort Bragg and provide a place for local children to play and be involved in a positive activity which will help them stay out of trouble.
- Jacky Ayala spoke in support of a soccer field at the park, stating it will be an investment for the community to help with the gang situation. She said soccer has positive energy and is a family sport.
- Tammy Davis recommended that all decisions should consider the ecological landscape.
- Gabriel Quinn Maroney noted that wood chips are difficult for people in wheelchairs to navigate and having a poured-surface soccer field makes sense.

Discussion: After much discussion the Council consensus was in favor of installing a poured-surface soccer field instead of a petanque court. Staff was directed to submit the application and include a poured surface for both the playground and a soccer field.

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

Aye: 4 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Peters

Recuse: 1 - Councilmember Morsell-Haye

Enactment No: RES 4185-2019

- 8B. [19-336](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Alternative Proposals for Exemptions to Business License Taxes and Fees

Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 7:58 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:09 PM. Councilmember Norvell recused himself from Item 8B due to a conflict of interest as a local business owner. He left the Council chamber at 8:10 PM.

Finance Director Damiani presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: The Council agreed that no further action should be taken on this matter.

This Staff Report was not acted on.

- 8C. [19-354](#)** Receive Report and: 1) Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Submittal of a Grant Application for \$160,000 in Housing and Community Development (HCD) Grant Funds for Planning Activities in Support of Housing Development in Fort Bragg; and 2) Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Funds for SB 2 Planning Grants Program Funds

Councilmembers Morsell-Haye and Norvell returned to the Council chamber at 8:23 PM.

Community Development Director Jones gave the staff report on this item.

Public Comment: None.

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

Enactment No: RES 4186-2019

- 8D. [19-348](#)** Receive Report and Consider Introducing by Title Only and Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance No. 950-2019 Adding Chapter 10.60 (Nuisance Vehicles) to Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

City Manager Miller summarized the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion: Council comments were divided on this subject, with some members objecting to the wording of the ordinance and voicing concerns about how it would affect poor people, and other members stating that this would offer police personnel another tool for dealing with nuisance vehicles in town.

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

Aye: 3 - Mayor Lee, Vice Mayor Norvell and Councilmember Peters

No: 2 - Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Morsell-Haye

8E. [19-335](#) Receive Report and Consider Introducing by Title Only and Waiving the First Reading of Ordinance No. 949-2019 Repealing and Replacing Chapter 9.66 (Camping) with Chapter 9.66 (Camping, Sleeping in Public and Storage of Personal Property in Parks and Other Places) of Title 9 (Public Peace, Safety and Morals) of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

This item was removed from the agenda by Mayor Lee for further review and return to Council at a later date.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 9:05 PM; the meeting reconvened to Closed Session at 9:11 PM.

9A. [19-358](#) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS FOR POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, Pursuant to Government Code Section § 54956.8: Real Property: APN 018-430-22-00, 90 W Redwood Ave., Fort Bragg, CA 95437-3409; City Negotiator: Tabatha Miller, City Manager; Negotiating Party: Dave Massengill, Environmental Affairs, Georgia Pacific Corporation; Under Negotiation: Terms of Acquisition, Price

Mayor Lee reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 9:40 PM and reported that the Council directed staff to look into the possibilities of purchasing property on the Mill Site.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:40 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)