



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, March 13, 2023

6:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Bernie Norvell, Vice Mayor Jason Godeke, Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith, Councilmember Lindy Peters and Councilmember Marcia Rafanan

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Norvell asked Vice Mayor Godeke to be the Acting Mayor this meeting to get some experience in running meetings.

1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1A. [23-069](#) Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing March 2023 as "Women's History Month"

Councilmember Albin-Smith read the proclamation recognizing March 2023 as Women's History Month.

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

(1) Dr. Richard Miller spoke about decriminalizing certain plants and fungi that are psychedelic in nature. Shelley Green asked the City to look into closures of the Skunk Train routes. Jacob Patterson spoke about misuse of asset forfeiture funds.

(2) Shelley Green and Jacob Patterson spoke about Consent Calendar Item 5B.

(3) N/A.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Collins gave an update on the current status of the receivership case on Whipple Street. City Manager Ducey said the mid-year budget review will be on March 22 at 1:30 (CV Starr) and 2:30 (City). Administrative Analyst Munoz spoke about Restaurant Week and Fort Bragg Whale Festival next week.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Rafanan spoke briefly about the local cultural and education ad hoc committee's progress on the recommendations from the Citizens Commission. Councilmember Albin-Smith reported on the Women's History Gala in Ukiah. Vice Mayor Godeke gave an update on the cultural ad hoc committee, and reported on meetings with local tribal members and the school district. Councilmember Peters said that a ceremony was held on March 11, the anniversary of the tsunami that devastated Fort Bragg's Sister City, Otsuchi. Student and adult exchanges with Japan will occur next year.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Albin-Smith asked that Item 5B be removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Mayor Norvell, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 5B. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 5A.** [23-060](#) Adopt City Council Resolution Approving the Establishment of the Police Sergeant - Intermediate P.O.S.T. - Acting Classification; and Confirming Master Salary Rate Compensation Plan for All City of Fort Bragg Established Classifications

This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- 5C.** [23-064](#) Approve Minutes of February 27, 2023

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 5D.** [23-073](#) Approve Minutes of March 1, 2023 City Council Goal Setting Retreat

These Minutes were approved on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5B.** [23-063](#) Receive and Accept the City of Fort Bragg's 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report and the 2022 Housing Element Annual Report as Required by State Law

Councilmember Albin-Smith asked for an explanation of how the reports relate to the General Plan and Local Coastal Plan. Special Projects Manager McCormick said the Housing Element Report is completed and submitted to the State so that the City can remain eligible for grants. It summarizes how policies and programs are progressing.

Public Comment: Richard Miller.

A motion was made by Councilmember Albin-Smith, seconded by Mayor Norvell, that the Reports be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Norvell, Vice Mayor Godeke, Councilmember Albin-Smith and Councilmember Rafanan

Abstain: 1 - Councilmember Peters

6. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

8A. [23-042](#) Presentation from Housing Mendocino Coast, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Community Land Trust Housing Program

Special Projects Manager McCormick gave a summary of the community land trust and introduced three board members of Housing Mendocino Coast. Public Comment was received from Shelley Green, Jacob Patterson and Ray Rosenquist. This item was informational only; no action was taken.

9. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Mayor Godeke adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

BERNIE NORVELL, MAYOR

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)