



# 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, February 27, 2017

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peters called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Lindy Peters, Vice Mayor Will Lee, Councilmember Michael Cimolino and Councilmember Bernie Norvell

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Dave Turner

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Peters announced that Agenda Item 7E would be continued to the next meeting, March 13, 2017, due to the absence of Councilmember Turner.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Ann Rennacker wants the mill site thoroughly cleaned up, including the mill pond.
- Danielle Bradley introduced herself as the new district representative for Senator Mike McGuire.
- Christy Cox made remarks regarding the Emergency Weather Shelter.

### 3. STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Ruffing reported on the progress being made on homeless issues and stated that the Mayor's Fund that supports the Emergency Weather Shelter received a sizable donation from an anonymous donor. She made announcements about upcoming committee meetings and a City Dialogue forum. Chief Lizarraga gave an update on the activities of the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the cleanup efforts for a property on East Pine Street.

### 4. MATTERS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS

### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Approval of the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilmember Cimolino, seconded by Vice Mayor Lee,

to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Peters, Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Turner

- 5A. [17-104](#)** Adopt by Title Only and Waive Second Reading of Ordinance 928-2017 Amending Fort Bragg Municipal Code Sections 18.24.030, 18.42.055 and 18.100.020 to Provide Regulations for Cannabis Manufacturing Within Non-Coastal Zone Portions of the City of Fort Bragg

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

Enactment No: ORD 928-2017

- 5B. [17-107](#)** Accept Municipal Improvement District No. 1 Basic Financial Statements for FY15-16

**This Report were accepted on the Consent Calendar.**

- 5C. [17-120](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the August 15, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting

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

- 5D. [17-121](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting

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

- 5E. [17-108](#)** Approve Minutes of February 13, 2017

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

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 7A. [17-106](#)** Receive Presentation on Roundabouts as a Traffic Control Device

Public Works Director Varga gave a presentation on the use of roundabouts as a traffic control device, setting forth the pros and cons of using roundabouts.

Public Comment was received from:

- Gabriel Quinn Maroney spoke in support of roundabouts, but thinks the one on Fir Street is a bit dangerous.
- Doug Hammerstrom supports roundabouts, stating they are safer, more efficient, and better for the environment.
- John Skinner, a local driving instructor, said they are good for beginning drivers to practice on and Fort Bragg is lucky to have them.
- Ann Rennacker is in support of using roundabouts on the mill site.
- Eric Dwyer does not generally like roundabouts, except for the one at Simpson Lane, and says the one at Fir Street should be removed.

- Simon Smith noted that having stop signs at roundabouts is confusing and frustrating and stop signs should be removed.

**This Staff Report was not acted on; it was informational only.**

**7B. [17-093](#)** Receive Annual Report from Noyo Center for Marine Science

Sheila Semans, Executive Director of the Noyo Center for Marine Science, presented the Noyo Center's first year accomplishments and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Public Comment was received from:

- George Reinhardt, Ann Rennacker, and Gabriel Quinn Maroney spoke in support of the Noyo Center and its work.

**This Annual Report was accepted.**

**Mayor Peters recessed the meeting at 7:44 PM; the meeting was reconvened at 7:52 PM.**

**7C. [17-110](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Accepting the Bid of Fort Bragg Electric, Inc. as the Lowest Responsive Bid, Awarding the Contract for the CV Starr Floor Drain Improvement Project, City Project 2017-01, to Fort Bragg Electric, Inc., and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$163,795; Account No. 810-4812-0751) and Approving Budget Adjustment No. 2017-21 Amending the FY 2016/17 Budget to Appropriate \$53,795 From CV Starr Enterprise Fund Capital Reserves, Fund 810 to Account No. 810-4812-0751

Public Works Director Varga summarized the staff report on the CV Starr Floor Drain Project and answered questions from Councilmembers. Dan Keyes, district administrator of Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District and the general manager of CV Starr Community Center spoke briefly and answered further questions about whether the project should be put off until further funds are available in the CV Starr Enterprise Capital Reserves Fund, or taken care of now because of the liability issues presented by the inadequate floor drainage.

Public Comment on this item was received from:

- Gabriel Quinn Maroney recommended moving forward with the job because of liability.
- Eric Dwyer asked if a low-tech solution like rubber mats had been used to alleviate the problem.

Discussion: After much discussion, the majority of the Council agreed that the liability issues presented by this drain problem made it necessary to proceed with the project at this time.

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

**Aye:** 3 - Vice Mayor Lee, Councilmember Cimolino and Councilmember Norvell

**No:** 1 - Mayor Peters

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Turner

Enactment No: RES 3980-2017

**7D. [17-109](#)** Receive Recommendation from Public Works & Facilities Committee and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding a Policy for Special Events in Coastal Parks

City Manager Ruffing presented the staff report for this item, fielding questions about the central portion of the Coastal Trail, parking issues, encroachment permit costs, and cost recovery for cleanup.

Public Comment on this item was received from:

- Gabriel Quinn Maroney recommended a three-tiered cost system for event deposits and refunds, giving priority to those in the city limits first, then within the 95437 ZIP code, and then to all those outside of the area.
- John Skinner, Paul Bunyan Days president, said that their event spans seven days so daily fees would rapidly mount up. He recommends giving the entire deposit back if the place is left as clean as it was before the event.
- Ann Rennacker commented on the fees and thinks people should get the full deposit back if area is left clean.
- Eric Dwyer spoke on the proposed fees and thinks personal folding chairs are okay.
- Simon Smith recommended a glass ban and requested clarity for when permits are needed for groups of 25 or less.

Discussion: After much discussion, Ruffing was directed to write a policy and bring it back to the Council for further discussion and approval. Their direction included:

- No special events at the northern section of Noyo Headlands Park;
- The size thresholds in the staff report are approved;
- Encroachment permit fee to be waived for non-profit organizations;
- Regarding cost recovery, whatever is unexpended from the deposit for cleanup will be fully refunded to everyone;
- The \$250 per day for for-profit events only applies to when the event is actively operating, not during setup and tear down;
- Alcoholic beverages can be allowed with appropriate permits, but a larger deposit for police presence will be required;
- Reiterate glass ban in parks;
- Allow chairs and tables for smaller groups of 50 and less;
- Specify the account where proceeds will go.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff for preparation of a special event policy.**

**7E. [17-112](#)**

Receive Report and Provide Direction Regarding the Mill Site Planning Process and Modifications to the Local Coastal Program to Revise Policies Requiring Specific Plan(s) for Zoning Changes in the Timber Resource Industrial Zone

**This Staff Report was continued to the meeting of March 13, 2017.**

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

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Peters adjourned the meeting at 9:44 PM.**

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LINDY PETERS, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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