



# 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 25, 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 PM.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Mayor Will Lee, Vice Mayor Bernie Norvell, Councilmember Jessica Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Lindy Peters  
**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Tess Albin-Smith

### AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Lee moved Item 8E before 8A to allow younger members of the audience to leave early.

### 1. MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1A. [19-102](#)** Establishment by Mayor Lee of the Separate Visit Fort Bragg Ad Hoc Committee and Councilmember Assignment to Committee

Mayor Lee announced the establishment of a separate ad hoc committee for Visit Fort Bragg (VFB) to handle promotional efforts for the City. He assigned Councilmembers Albin-Smith and Morsell-Haye to the committee. The VFB committee will be limited to a one-year term, from now to February 25, 2020.

**1B. [19-103](#)** Establishment by Mayor Lee of Broadband Ad Hoc Committee and Councilmember Assignment to Committee

Mayor Lee announced the formation of a Broadband ad hoc committee to research broadband options for the City and County. Mayor Lee and Councilmember Albin-Smith will comprise the committee. The Broadband committee will be limited to a one-year term, from now to February 25, 2020.

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

(1) Non-Agenda Items:

- Sheriff Tom Allman provided an update on Measure B, noting that mental health services will begin to improve once the spending of Measure B money begins. The funds will be maintained in an

independent account to be spent solely on mental health issues.

- Ann Rennacker commented on a proposed off-road vehicle park in the Summers Lane area.
- Shay Wachtel said the City needs to reevaluate the methods of transportation because the coast is a hard place to reach by car; he suggested developing an extensive rail system.

(2) Consent Calendar Items: None.

(3) Closed Session Items: None.

### **3. STAFF COMMENTS**

City Clerk Lemos reported that the new NextRequest public records portal on the City's website went live last week and City Resolutions are being added to the website for ease of public access. Finance Director Damiani noted that the mid-year budget review for the City and CV Starr Center is scheduled for March 7. Chief Lizarraga reported that Anthony Welter will be sworn in as a new police officer on March 4.

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

None.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Peters requested that Item 5A be removed from the Consent Calendar; Councilmember Morsell-Haye asked that it be placed after Item 8A on the Conduct of Business agenda. The Mayor agreed.

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Morsell-Haye, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5A. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Albin-Smith

- 5B. [19-101](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the November 14, 2018 Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting

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

- 5C. [19-100](#)** Receive and File Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Finance and Administration Committee Special Meeting

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

- 5D. [19-089](#)** Approve Minutes of February 11, 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**

- 8E. [19-090](#)** Receive Report and Community Development Committee Recommendation Regarding Reuse of Noyo Headlands Park Large Dog Park as a Bike Park Pump Track

Community Development Director Jones provided the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment in support of the project was received from Amy Wynn, Terry Vaughn, Ann Rennacker, Don Bainbridge, Devin Bainbridge, Julie Whipple, Lisa Norman, Tom Allman, Mark Jensen, Chad Whitmire, Kyle Whitmire, Gabriel Martin, John Mitchelson, and several younger members of the community.

Discussion: Mayor Lee pointed out that this project is consistent with the City's current goals and policies of providing recreational facilities to meet the needs of all members of the community. The Council commented on the trash situation, staffing and hours of the bike track, and the possibility of providing video monitoring to the Police Department. Council unanimously agreed that the project should go forward to the Coastal Development Plan stage.

**Staff was directed to work with MCPAL to develop the Pump Track.**

- 8A. [19-098](#)** Receive Informational Report from Waste Management Staff on Contamination and Overage Education and Outreach Efforts

Steve Shamblin of Empire Waste Management presented a report on contamination and overage education.

Public Comment was received from Ann Rennacker, Michael Katz, Gabriel Quinn Maroney and a community member named Steve.

Discussion: After discussing the issues surrounding waste management, it was generally agreed that the education component should go on for a few more months before the increase in fees is effective. A full list of recyclable and compostable items in both English and Spanish is available, according to Waste Management.

**This Report was received.**

- 5A. [19-092](#)** Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Amendment No. 6 to the Franchise Agreement with Waste Management

Councilmember Peters objected to the wording in the second finding and does not think that warnings and penalties are an effective education method. He requested that an education component be folded into the resolution. The Councilmembers agreed that education is key and that the Council should check the effectiveness of an educational program in six months.

Public Comment: None.

**Mayor Lee recessed the meeting at 7:54 PM; the meeting reconvened at 8:03 PM.**

**This Resolution was returned to staff without any action being taken by Council. Staff was directed to bring the matter back to Council in approximately six months.**

- 8B. [19-087](#)** Receive Report and Provide Direction on Possible Ordinance Amendments Regulating Cannabis Businesses

Special Projects Manager Perkins gave the staff report on this item.

Public Comment was received from Michael Katz, Simeon Evans, Jon McColley, and Drea Hypes. Discussion: After much discussion, Council directed staff to proceed with drafting an ordinance to present first to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council, to include the following:

- Allow dispensaries in the Central Business District with minor use permit.
- Allow combination licenses (distribution/manufacturing/testing) in the light and heavy industrial zones.
- Allow laboratory testing, manufacturing and distribution in light and heavy industrial zones, adding cannabis into the other definitions instead of creating a whole new use type.
- Allow dispensaries with accessory manufacturing and/or distribution uses as outlined on pages 4-5 of the staff report.
- Follow the State's lead regarding buffer requirements, deleting specific language regarding churches, parks, etc., and require 600-foot buffer from schools, day care centers and youth centers.
- Potentially allow sampling with further consideration.
- Stay with a limit of four dispensaries, but allow four additional delivery/retail uses.

**This Staff Report was referred to staff for preparation of a draft ordinance.**

**8C. [19-093](#)** Receive Presentation and Update from Noyo Center for Marine Science

Noyo Center for Marine Science Director Sheila Semans presented the report on the Noyo Center. Public Comment was received from Peter O'Donohue, Doug Hammerstrom, Sarah Grimes, Sue Coulter, Ginny Feth Michel, Dave Turner and Ann Rennacker.

**This Report was received.**

**8D. [19-083](#)** Receive Report and Consider Adoption of City Council Resolution Approving Property Transfer Agreement to Transfer 11.6-Acre Noyo Center Parcel to the Noyo Center for Marine Science Non-Profit and Authorizing City Manager to Execute Same

**A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to continue the meeting past 10:00 PM.**

City Manager Miller presented the staff report on this agenda item.

Public Comment was received from Sheila Semans, Peter O'Donohue, George Reinhardt, Doug Hammerstrom, Ginny Feth Michel and Dave Turner.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Albin-Smith

Enactment No: RES 4151-2019

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:11 PM.**

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WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

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June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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