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Meeting Minutes Special 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*

Friday, April 12, 2019

2:30 PM

City Hall Downstairs Conference Room
416 N. Franklin Street, Fort Bragg

Special City Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Terry Vaughn commented on zoning and where cell towers are located in the City.
- Sage Statham gave clarification of the terms "5G Wireless" and "LTE Wireless."
- Jacob Patterson spoke on the urgency of this ordinance and commented on the lateness of the item being brought before Council.
- Paul Clark also commented on the lateness of the item being presented for Council action.

2. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

2A. [19-205](#) Introduction and Adoption of Urgency Ordinance to Adopt Aesthetic Guidelines for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the City of Fort Bragg

City Manager Miller gave the history of this item and an overview of the urgency ordinance. She noted that the ability for an administrative review was added to the ordinance. This urgency ordinance requires four out of the five Councilmembers to approve it in order for it to become effective.

Public Comment was received from:

- Terry Vaughn commented on city rights of way for towers and proposed possible rent charges for placing towers in a right of way.
- Heather Gurewitz of the Economic Development & Financing Corporation spoke about having a uniform policy and said that coordinating entities will make the process easier.
- Shay Wachtel requested more education on 5G to inform the public and mentioned that Fort Bragg weather corrodes cell tower equipment.
- Paul Clark spoke about the wording for the definition of "small scale facility."

Discussion: City Manager Miller explained that this placeholder urgency ordinance will come back to

Council as a regular ordinance after adoption, the urgency being a requirement to have an ordinance in place prior to April 15. The following items were also discussed:

- Recommendation that the Planning Commission be added to future discussions of this ordinance.
- What other cities are doing regarding these guidelines.
- A penalty was suggested to be added to the ordinance for removal of cell tower placements.
- Provide education to the public regarding wireless and provide sources where people can obtain more information.
- Work with other agencies to make the process easier.
- Consider the distance to residential and school locations and the effects of wireless on humans.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this Urgency Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Lee, Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Albin-Smith

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Norvell

Enactment No: ORD 947-2019 URGENCY

2B. [19-206](#) Receive Oral Report and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Aesthetic Guidelines for Development of Wireless Communication Facilities

City Manager Miller gave an overview of the resolution and explained that it will be brought back for revision in the future.

Public Comment was received from:

- Heather Gurewitz spoke about a timeline and recommended a year.
- Shay Wachtel talked about integrating cell towers into art pieces.

Discussion: The Council discussed the ability to revise the resolution; the City Manager explained that changes can be set up on an annual basis. A six-month timeline was discussed for reviewing changes to the resolution. A sunset clause was also discussed. It was agreed to add the following language to the resolution: "**The City Council will review and confirm, or review and revise, the guidelines within a year of adoption. If no such action is taken to the guidelines, it will expire one year from adoption.**"

A motion was made by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, that this Resolution be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Lee, Councilmember Peters, Councilmember Morsell-Haye and Councilmember Albin-Smith

Absent: 1 - Vice Mayor Norvell

Enactment No: RES 4158-2019

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 3:24 PM.

WILLIAM V. LEE, MAYOR

June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

IMAGED (_____)