



City Council

Special Meeting

AGENDA

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April 6, 2021 - 5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The City Council welcomes input from the audience. If there is a matter of business on the agenda that you are interested in, you may address the Council when this matter is considered. If you wish to speak on a matter that is not on this agenda, you may do so at this time. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes per subject. The Brown Act regulations do not allow action to be taken on audience comments in which the subject is not listed on the agenda.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.a. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case concerning incident and arrest by Ukiah Police Department occurring on April 1, 2021.)

Recommended Action: Confer in Closed Session

Attachments: None

4. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Ukiah City Hall, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California, not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda.

Kristine Lawler
Dated: 4/5/21

Kristine Lawler

Subject: Correspondence Received - Adam Goldberg

From: Adam Goldberg <mendoendo@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:40 PM

To: Meeting <meeting@cityofukiah.com>

Subject: Item 3.a I Training Suggestion

Dear City Council Members,

Like many in our community I am in shock by the contents of the video footage from last week's arrest. Clearly there is a lot of work to do in regards to policing in our community. I urge you to reach out to Train 4 Transformation. This organization has vast experience helping communities heal and create action towards healing through training in community conscious policing.

The issues with police, power, and their role in community run deep (beyond a few bad apples or lack of training). Let's really think about the type of training that they should be receiving. In these times I urge you to think proactively and work with our police department to give them the tools to be trusted allies within our community.

More info about Train 4 Transformation can be found @
www.train4transformation.com/

Thank you,
Adam Goldberg

Kristine Lawler

Subject: Correspondence Received - Gloria Campise

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From: Gloria Campise <gloriousa@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 7:58 AM

To: Meeting <meeting@cityofukiah.com>

Subject: UPD Beating of Mentally Ill Man

Dear City Council,

I am deeply disturbed by the violent actions of the UPD against a mentally ill man, Gerardo Magdaleno, in Ukiah. I actually no longer feel safe in our town, and that fear is of the violence of UPD. This is unacceptable behavior coming from those who are sworn to serve and protect. The City of Ukiah has this incredible opportunity to make things right. Being mentally ill is not a crime, and even criminals deserve due process! When is beating a person ever acceptable action?

Please, do everything in your power to bring justice for this man, and all mentally ill people in Ukiah.

Thank you,
Gloria

Kristine Lawler

Subject: FW: Correspondence Received - Max Hare - Public comment intended for special session 4/6 at 5:30pm

From: Max Hare <maxwhare@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:04 PM

To: Kristine Lawler <klawler@cityofukiah.com>

Subject: Public comment intended for special session 4/6 at 5:30pm

Dear City Council,

I attempted to make a public comment orally this evening, but it seems something was wrong with my mic, or my mics connection to the event.

My name is Max Hare. I'm relatively new to Ukiah. I just moved here in late January for work, and so far I like it very much. I moved here to work as a public defender, but my comments are made in my individual capacity as a resident of Ukiah and don't represent those of my office.

In addition to a law degree, I received a master's in public policy from UC Berkeley, and during that time I worked closely with public organizations, including the UC Regents, to consider police accountability and reimagine what public safety can look like with a less police-centric lens.

Like the journalist who left the first comment, I too have heard there will be an independent investigation regarding this UPD incident. I would like to know more about the details: who will be leading it, how will it be conducted, and how much will it cost. Right when I arrived, my office was dealing with fallout from the UPD Officer Murray debacle. In light of that, I think an independent investigation not limited to the Magdalena incident, but one that includes a department-wide audit, would be appropriate.

In my experience, law enforcement agencies are typically hesitant to give up authority, power, and responsibility. Yet we ask them to do too much, in the name of "public safety," that too often leads to violence and fear, especially for poor people, people of color, people with disabilities, and gender nonconforming people. In fact, often in response to moments of backlash to police policies and tactics, law enforcement agencies ask for more investment from the public, for trainings, new tools, and community interventions. Over and over this has been shown to fail.

Instead, in addition to an independent investigation, the City Council should consider devoting resources to researching with the goal of implementing non policing-centric models of public safety, for instance non law enforcement first response teams for mental health crises.

I want Ukiah to thrive. So when I say that I'm glad the city faces a risk of a costly civil settlement, it's only in this capacity: I think lawsuits are one of the only ways that a government agency can objectively acknowledge the value of investing in alternatives to police.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

