

CITY OF UKIAH
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482
Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97199426600>

Ukiah, CA 95482
March 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on March 20, 2024, having been legally noticed on March 15, 2024. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97199426600>. Mayor Dueñas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Mari Rodin, Juan V. Orozco, Susan Sher, Douglas, F. Crane, and Josefina Dueñas. **Staff Present:** Shannon Riley, Deputy City Manager; David Rapport, City Attorney; and Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

MAYOR DUEÑAS PRESIDING.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sher.

3. **AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

4. **PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Proclamation Recognizing Monday, April 22nd as Earth Day and the City of Ukiah's Commitment to Protecting and Promoting Biodiversity in the City.

Presenter: Councilmember Rodin.

Proclamation was received by Erich Sommers.

b. Proclamation Recognizing March 2024 as "Red Cross Month" in the City of Ukiah.

Presenter: Vice Mayor Crane.

Proclamation was received by Duell Parks, Laura Baynham, Amanda Collins, Dawn Kennedy, and Drea Braverman with American Red Cross.

a. Receive Presentation of Exceptional Employee Recognition Awards.

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; Dan Buffalo, Finance Director; Neil Davis, Community Services; Cindy Sauers, Electric Utility; and Mayor Dueñas.

James Brown, IT Network Specialist, IT Department: James Brown is being nominated for his dedication to teamwork, innovation, and service. He has gone out of his way to help the Museum get new internet service. James worked for months to make it happen, and after Starlink dish was installed, he spent hours over the course of several days getting it up and going, even staying late into the night, so the Museum would not be without internet the next day. He even did a lot of physical labor with cords to make it happen.

Daniel Davis, IT Network Specialist, IT Department: Daniel Davis is being nominated for his service, teamwork, professionalism, and innovation. Since Daniel started with the IT Department, he has been observed going out of his way to help the Museum with all of its IT needs, including advocating to get a new internet service to improve productivity. Additionally, Daniel seems to be pushing for changes within his own department, such as encouraging new security measures. Daniel is always kind and professional, and answers questions quickly.

Robert Ricetti, Park Service Worker, Parks Department: During the Holiday Season, Bobby took on the task of decorating the city's downtown holiday tree. Bobby secured permission from his supervisor to spend extra time on the project and devised a plan that was affordable and efficient. He secured all the necessary materials and supplies, including gaining access to a bucket truck that provided access to the top of the tree. Thanks to his creativity, hard work, and willingness to go the extra mile, the city's downtown holiday tree looked better than ever, spreading joy to all who passed for over a month.

Scott Bozzoli, Electrical Engineering Tech III, Electric Utility Department: During any construction project, there are often unexpected events that impact our customers. There were two such events that negatively impacted our customers during the Wildfire Mitigation Undergrounding Project. Scott, not wanting anyone to be inconvenienced, went above and beyond to mitigate negative impacts to our customers. A road closure impacted garbage service to several customers. Scott, who did not want these customers to have to wait an additional week to receive service, emptied every customer's garbage into his vehicle and took the garbage to the transfer station. He paid for it himself. In another instance, Scott became aware that a customer was in need of some wood. He delivered a load of wood to her from his own personal woodpile. These acts of kindness build community and give our customers a picture of how much we value them.

5. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

City Clerk, Kristine Lawler, stated that all communications received after those distributed would be added to the record.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Approval of the Minutes for the March 6, 2024, Regular Meeting.**

Motion/Second: Crane/Sher to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Orozco, Sher, Crane, and Dueñas. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

7. **RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Report of Disbursements for the Month of February 2024 - Finance.
- b. Consider Adoption of Resolution (2024-07) Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; and if Selected, the Execution of a Standard Agreement (2324-176), Any Amendments Thereto, and of Any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, as well as Authorization of the Corresponding Budget Amendments – Community Development.
- c. Receive Annual Report from the Community Development Department Regarding Tobacco Retailer and Nitrous Oxide Inspections – Community Development.

- d. Approval of Proposal (2324-178) from SMB Environmental, Inc. for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance for Development of an Additional Municipal Well – *Water Resources*.
- e. Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$18,000, for FAA Grant 20 Runway 15-33 Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 2: Obstruction Survey for PAPI Certification - *Airport*.
- f. Approval of Additional Dues to the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the Amount of \$30,000, and Approve Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Water Resources*.

Greg Owen, Airport Manager addressed questions regarding Agenda Item 8e.

Public Comment: Trudy Ramos – Agenda Item 8b.

Motion/Second: Crane/Rodin to approve Consent Calendar Items 7a-f, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Orozco, Sher, Crane, and Dueñas. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: [zoom caller #1*] – Diversity, Inclusion, Equity (Clerk inadvertently muted mic due to technical difficulties); [zoom caller #2*] – European Heritage Month (Clerk inadvertently muted mic due to continued technical difficulties); (unidentified individual - removed for disruptive behavior); (unidentified individual – removed for disturbing and disrespectful behavior); (unidentified individual – removed for disturbing and disrespectful behavior); (unidentified individual – removed for disturbing and disrespectful behavior).

RECESS: 6:50 – 7:07 P.M. to address technical difficulties.

Continued Public Comment: Daphne McNeil – utility billing; [zoom caller #3*] – free speech (removed for disruptive and disrespectful behavior); [zoom caller #4*] – U.S.S. Liberty; [zoom caller #5*] – free speech (removed for disrespectful behavior); [zoom caller #6*] – ceasefire resolution (deferred to the agenda item and removed for disrespectful behavior); [zoom caller #7*] – Holocaust deprogramming course; Rayna Matthews – Zoom call process; [zoom caller #8*] – free speech (removed for threatening and disrespectful behavior).

*Note – The names used by the zoom callers were incorrect aliases; as the real names are unknown, they are being assigned numbers.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Presenters: Councilmember Sher and Councilmember Orozco.

Council Consensus to schedule a presentation for the Library Advisory Board on the next meeting.

11. CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK REPORTS

City Manager Sangiacomo stated that the construction report would be deferred to the regular construction updates emailed out by the Deputy City Manager.

(unidentified speaker online – removed for disruptive behavior)

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (6:15 PM)

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Adoption of a Resolution Regarding an Israeli-Palestinian Ceasefire.

Presenters: Mayor and Councilmembers.

Public Comment: (*unidentified individual*), Jordan Uggle, Megan Wolf, Larry (*surname inaudible*), Shai Schnall, Alyson Sagala, James Coonley, Lucille Shakman, Jeffrey Blankfort, Linda Gray, Annie Esposito, Mariah Gilardin, Helen Duffy, Pinky Kushner, Kathleen Coonley, Katherine Flink, Eleanor Trouette, James Scherf, Rayna Matthews, Kendal Blum, Wilder Herbertson, James Connerton, Kate Marionchild, Norm Rosen, Robert Gitlin, Ross Lake, Robert Joseph, Brenda Stacy, Debbie Beck, Ruth Van Antwerp, Linda Helland, Randy Patterson, Andy Coren, Fred Leuchter, Rabbi Yeshowitz, and Dennis.

Motion/Second: Crane/Rodin to table the item. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Crane, and Dueñas. NOES: Orozco, Sher. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

RECESS 9:52 – 10:03 P.M.

b. Receive 2023 Annual Report on General Code Enforcement Activities and Provide Direction to Staff as Necessary.

Presenters: Sean Connell, Code Enforcement Inspector; Matt Keizer, Chief Building Official/Code Enforcement Official.

Report was received.

c. Receive Presentation of 2022 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report; and Possibly Approve the Reported Greenhouse Gas Emissions within the Report as the Baseline for Preparation of the City's Municipal Climate Action Plan.

Presenter: Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director.

City Manager Sangiacomo noted that Ellen Sizemore (public member) expressed support for this item, but had to leave early.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Crane to approve that the greenhouse gas emissions within the 2022 report be used as the baseline for preparation of the City's municipal climate action plan. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Orozco, Sher, Crane, and Dueñas. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

d. Consideration of Approval of Scope of Work for Advance Planning Environmental Subconsultant Rincon to Prepare the City of Ukiah Climate Action Plan; and Approval of a Contract Amendment with Mintier Harnish and Corresponding Budget Amendment.

Presenters: Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director; Traci Boyl, Senior Management Analyst.

Motion/Second: Crane/Rodin to approve a scope of work for advance planning environmental subconsultant Rincon to prepare the City of Ukiah Action Plan; and approve a contract amendment (1819-190-A6) with Mintier Harnish and corresponding budget amendment for completion of this work. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Orozco, Sher, Crane, and Dueñas. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Receive Updates on City Council Committee and Ad Hoc Assignments and, if Necessary, Consider Modifications to Assignments and/or the Creation/Elimination of Ad hoc(s).**

No reports were received.

15. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))

Initiation of litigation (2 cases)

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

(Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Ukiah v. Questex, Mendocino County Superior Court Case No. 15-66036

- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos: 180-110-07

Negotiator: Shannon Riley, Deputy City Manager

Negotiating Parties: GMB Realty Partners, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos: 003-230-03-00

Negotiator: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Jann Lanz

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Mendocino County Document Number 1999-05298

Negotiator: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Wardway Enterprises, LLC

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

- f. Public Employee Appointment**

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: (City Appointment to City Civil Service Commission)

- g. Conference with Labor Negotiator (54957.6)**

Agency Representative: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Employee Organizations: All Bargaining Units

Closed Session was continued to a Special Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC

