

**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/84273040775>
February 19, 2025
5:15 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on February 19, 2025, having been legally noticed on February 14, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84273040775>. Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Mari Rodin, Heather Criss, Juan V. Orozco, Susan Sher, and Douglas, F. Crane. **Staff Present:** Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; David Rapport, City Attorney; and Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

MAYOR CRANE PRESIDING.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Criss.

URGENCY ITEM

Presenter: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to accept the urgency items due to timelines and place on the agenda as Agenda Items 14b and 14c. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

3. AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

No notifications were received.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing March as Women's History Month.

Presenter: Vice Mayor Sher.

Public Comment: Linda McClure.

Proclamation was received by Janice Lombardi, Jackie Orozco, and Linda McClure, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk, Kristine Lawler, stated that no communications had been received.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the February 5, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Criss/Sher to approve Minutes of February 5, 2025, a regular meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

7. RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION

Mayor Crane read the rights to appeal a decision.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Report of Disbursements for the Month of December 2024 - *Finance*.
- b. Report of Disbursements for the Month of January 2025 - *Finance*.
- c. Approval of a Budget Amendment for a Contract (2425-178) with Hildebrand Consulting LLC in the Amount of \$20,750 for the City's Sewer Financial Plan - *Finance*.
- d. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 1001 of the Ukiah City Code, Pertaining to Membership and Appointment of the Public Spaces Commission – *City Clerk*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1252

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH AMENDING SECTION 1001 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION.

- e. Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract (2425-185) with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for the Purpose of Providing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Professional Consulting Services Pertaining to the City's 2025 Annexation Application; and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Community Development*.
- f. Approval of Notice of Completion for Ghilotti Construction Company for the Downtown Streetscape Project - Phase II, and Direct the City Clerk to File the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder – *Public Works*.
- g. Approval of Contract Amendment (2021-167-A2) with JM Integration in the Amount of \$119,394 for SCADA System Upgrade at the Water Treatment Plant, and Approve Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Water Resources*.
- h. Report to City Council Regarding Paramedic Training at Pelham Paramedic School and the Associated Expenses of \$42,600 - *Fire*.
- i. ~~Consider Approval to Recruit for a Parks and Streets Operations Superintendent Position – Community Services. – Pulled by Councilmember Sher and places as Agenda Item 14d.~~
- j. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution (2025-05) to Remove Approximately 80 Lineal Feet of On-Street Parking on the East Side of Hospital Drive to Facilitate the Installation of a Public Transportation Bus Stop – *Public Works*.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a-8h, and 8j, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Rick Johnson (*speaking as a private citizen*) – recreational vehicles-public nuisance; and Bill (surname inaudible)– crosswalk safety and concerns.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Presenter: Councilmember Rodin.

11. CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK REPORTS

Presenters:

- **Construction Update** – Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director / City Engineer.
- **Public Records** – Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.
- **Fire Hazard Zones** – Sage Sangiacomo.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 PM)

a. Adoption of Resolution Adopting Fire Impact Fees on Behalf of the Ukiah Valley Fire District.

Presenter: Douglas Hutchison, Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:15 P.M.

No public comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:16 P.M.

Motion/Second: Sher/Criss to adopt resolution (2025-06) adopting Fire Impact Fees on behalf of the Ukiah Valley Fire District. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

b. Introduction by Title Only of an Ordinance Modifying Ukiah City Code to Preserve and Strengthen Agricultural Uses In and Around Ukiah Consistent with the Ukiah 2040 General Plan.

Presenters: Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager and Jesse Davis, Chief Planning Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:32 P.M.

No public comment received.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:33 P.M.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Orozco to introduce the ordinance by title only. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

City Clerk, Kristine Lawler, read the following ordinance title into the record:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF DIVISIONS 7 AND 9 OF THE CITY CODE TO REGULATE AGRICULTURAL USES AND CERTAIN CANNABIS BUSINESS STANDARDS

Motion/Second: Rodin/Orozco to introduce the ordinance modifying Ukiah City Code to preserve and strengthen agricultural uses in and around Ukiah consistent with the Ukiah 2040 General Plan. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Receive 2024 Annual Report on Code Enforcement Activities.

Presenters: Sean Connell, Code Enforcement Inspector II and Matt Keizer, Chief Code Enforcement Officer.

No public comment was received.

Report was received and direction given to Staff.

Council Consensus to agendaized an item to discuss the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance issues, and to continue to provide the report in the current format [consolidating the Cannabis, Tobacco, Nitrous Oxide, Shopping Carts, and Code Enforcement].

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.

b. Adoption and Ratification of a Resolution Proclaiming a Local Emergency Due to Ongoing Atmospheric Rivers Causing Damage to Public Infrastructure.

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager and Traci Boyl, Emergency Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to adopt and ratify a resolution proclaiming a local emergency related to ongoing atmospheric rivers which caused damage to public infrastructure, and authorize the City Manager to sign any associated documents that may arise. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

c. Adopt Resolution Approving Award of Contract to Diamond D Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$30,042.00 for the Emergency Repair of the Western Hills Mudslide at the City Water Tank (Pressure Zone 1-North, or PZ1-N), and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment, if Necessary.

Presenter: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

No public comment was received.

RECESS: 7:16 - 7:22 P.M.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Orozco to adopt Resolution approving award of contract to Diamond D Construction in the amount of \$30,042 for the emergency repair of the Western Hills mudslide at the City water tank PZ1-N, and approval of corresponding budget amendment, if necessary. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

d. Consider Approval to Recruit for a Parks and Streets Operations Superintendent Position – Community Services – From Consent Calendar item 8i.

Presenters: Neil Davis, Community Services Director and Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Sher/Rodin to approve a new job classification for a combined Parks and Streets Operations Superintendent, and for Staff to initiate a recruitment for the new Parks and Streets Operations Superintendent position. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:36 P.M.

15. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

Initiation of litigation (4 cases)

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Vichy Springs Resort v. City of Ukiah, Et Al; Case No. SCUК-CVPT-2018-70200

c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Vichy Springs Resort, Inc v. City of Ukiah, et al.; Case No. 24-cv-07106-JSC

d. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Russian River Keepers et al. v. City of Ukiah, Case No. SCUК-CVPT-20-74612

e. Conference Involving a Joint Powers Agency (Inland Water and Power Commission)

City representative on IWPC Board (Mari Rodin)

Discussion will concern: (Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov't Code §54956.8)

Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project;

Agency Negotiators: Scott Shapiro, Janet Pauli.

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and PG&E

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms)

f. Conference with Labor Negotiator (54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Employee Organizations: All bargaining units

Unrepresented Employee: Police Chief

No action reported; direction provided to Staff.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, City Clerk