

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/84964463874>

April 16, 2025
5:15 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on April 16, 2025, having been legally noticed on April 11, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84964463874>. Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:23 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 Mayor Crane.

3. **AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

4. **PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

a. Proclamation Recognizing April as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

Presenter: Councilmember Criss.

No public comment was received.

Proclamation was received Alyssum Wier.

b. Recognition of Eileen Mitro for her "Assembly District 2 Woman of the Year" Award Received from State Assemblyman Chris Rogers.

Presenters: Councilmember Rodin and Vice Mayor Sher.

No public comment was received.

Recognition was received by Eileen Mitro.

b. Introduction, Oath of Office, and Badge Pinning Ceremony for Incoming Police Chief, Thomas Corning.

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager and Cedric Crook, Police Chief.

Public Comment: Chief Jason Ferguson

Outgoing Chief Crook administered oath of office to incoming Chief Corning. Chief Corning's wife Brooke Corning and kids, pinned the police badge.

RECESS: 5:46 – 5:55 P.M.

5. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

City Clerk, Kristine Lawler, stated that all communications had been distributed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of the Minutes for the April 2, 2025, Special Meeting.

b. Approval of the Minutes for the April 2, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Rodin to approve the Special and Regular meeting minutes of April 2, 2025, 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**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

a. ~~Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Exception to the 180 Day Waiting Period, and Authorizing the City's Retired Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent to Work as Interim Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent in Accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 & 21221(h) – Human Resources/Risk Management – Pulled and placed as Agenda Item 14d.~~

b. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution (2025-14) Approving Record Destruction for Outdated Records from the City Clerk's Office – *City Clerk*.

c. Request for Budget Amendment in the Amount of up to \$100,000 to Cover the Cost of an Emergent Replacement of the Municipal Pool Filters – *Community Services*.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Sher to approve Consent Calendar Items 8b-8c, 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: Greg Hubbs (*gave handout*), Emma Goldman (*bomber*), and Charles Watt

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

No Council reports were received.

11. **CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK REPORTS**

City Manager Sangiacomo stated that in consideration of public members who were present for other items of business, that he would forego the City Manager reports; however, if Council or a member of the public have questions regarding City projects, they can contact the City Manager's office.

12. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 PM)**

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Adopt Resolution Affirming that the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Ongoing Atmospheric Rivers Causing Damaging to Public Infrastructure Remains in Effect.

Presenter: Traci Boyl, Senior Management Analyst.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Orozco to adopt Resolution (2025-15) amending Resolution 2025-07, "Ratifying the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Ongoing Atmospheric Rivers Causing Damaging to Public Infrastructure," and affirming that the local emergency remains in effect. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

b. Status Report on Emergency Contract with Diamond D Construction, LLC for the Emergency Repair of the Western Hills Mudslide at the City Water Tank (Pressure Zone 1-North, or PZ1-N) and Request for Authorization to Continue Work Under This Emergency Contract.

Presenter: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Criss to receive report and approve the continued work on the emergency contract (PO 48757) with Diamond D Construction for the emergency repair of the Western Hills mudslide at the City water tank PZI-N. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider Providing Staff Direction to Prepare Applications for Reorganization and Sphere of Influence Update, to Prezone Those Areas Subject to the Reorganization and Make Relevant Amendments to the 2040 General Plan, and to Conduct Any Required Analyses, Including Any Analyses Required by CEQA, in Support of the Applications, Prezoning, and General Plan Amendments, and to Bring These Documents to the Council for Consideration.

Presenters: Phillip Williams, Special Counsel; Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director; and Shannon Riley, Deputy City Manager.

Public Comment: Katrina Bartolomei; Kerri Vau; Steven Johnson; Ross Liberty; Dick Seltzer; John Strangio; Bode Gower; Natalie Vau; Candace Horsely, Ukiah Valley Sanitation District; Adam Gaska, Mendocino County Farm Bureau; Maureen Phillips; Pinky Kushner; Devon Boer; and Charles Vau.

Council Consensus to hear additional public comment.

Public Comment: Katrina Bartolomei, Charles Vaught, Kerri Vau, Maureen Phillips,

Motion/Second: Rodin/Sher to direct Staff to prepare applications for reorganization and sphere of influence update, to make relevant amendments to the 2040 General Plan, to prezone those areas subject to the reorganization and to conduct any required analyses, including any analyses required by CEQA, in support of the applications, General Plan Amendment, prezoning, and to bring these documents to the Council for consideration. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

RECESS: 8:42 – 8:50 P.M.

b. Consideration of Authorization for Mayor to Sign City of Ukiah Comment Letter Pertaining to 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps Released by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Presenter: Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to authorize the Mayor to sign the City of Ukiah comment letter pertaining to the 2025 Fire Hazard Severity Zones released by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and for ad hoc to meet again to discuss rules. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

c. 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).

Presenter: Councilmember Criss.

Report was received.

d. Consider Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Exception to the 180-Day Waiting Period, and Authorizing the City's Retired Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent to Work as Interim Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent in Accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 & 21221(h) – From Consent Calendar Item 8a.

Presenter: Sheri Mannion, Human Resources Director/Risk Manager and Eric Singleton, Battalion Chief.

Motion/Second: Sher/Criss to:

1. Approve the hiring of retired annuitant, David "Dave" Sentak, on April 21, 2025, as Interim Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent under Government Code 7522.58 & 21221(h) and approve the associated Resolution.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary employment agreement (Exhibit A of Resolution ((**2025-16**)) ensuring compliance with CalPERS requirements and the 960-hour annual limit for retired annuitants.
3. Direct Staff to open and conduct a recruitment for a permanent Fire-Fuels Crew Superintendent, making all reasonable efforts to fill the position with a qualified applicant during Dave's tenure.

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 9:16 P.M.

15. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

Initiation of litigation (5 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. SCU-K-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. SCUJ-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 Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN No: 167-280-15-00

Negotiator: Shannon Riley, Deputy City Manager

Negotiation Party: AE Carousel, LP

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

g. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos: 184-080-37; 184-080-36; 184-090-01; 184-090-07; 184-090-06; 184-100-04

Negotiator: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Henry's Original

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

h. 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 9:45 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

