

**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/83361434303>**

**May 21, 2025
5:15 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on May 21, 2025, having been legally noticed on May 16, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83361434303>. Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Heather Criss, Juan V. Orozco, Susan Sher, and Douglas, F. Crane. **Councilmember Absent by Prearrangement:** Mari Rodin. **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 City Manager Sangiacomo.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Crane read a statement and led a moment of silence to honor the recently departed Fred Schneider, who served as Councilmember and Mayor from 1986 to 1996.

3. AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Clerk stated that there were no notifications.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation of the City of Ukiah Recognizing June as Mountain Bike Month.

Presenter: Mayor Crane and Councilmember Criss.

Public Comment: Jason Strnad.

Proclamation was received by Jason Strnad and Jake Barnes.

b. Proclamation of the City of Ukiah Recognizing May as Older Americans' Month.

Presenter: Mayor Crane and Vice Mayor Sher.

Public Comment: Liz Dorsey.

Proclamation was received by Liz Dorsey, Ukiah Senior Center Executive Director.

c. Presentation of the PFM Group on an Update to the City Council on the City's Investment Portfolio.

Presenter: Allison Kaune, PFM Asset Management.

No public comment was given.

Presentation was received.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk, Kristine Lawler, confirmed that all communications had been circulated.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the May 7, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Criss/Orozco to approve Minutes of May 7, 2025, a regular meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: Rodin. ABSTAIN: Sher.

7. RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of Contract Amendment to the Existing Three-Year Contract (2122-246-A1) with Evergreen Job and Safety Training in the Amount of \$90,588.00 to Provide Job and Safety Training for Electric Utility Employees – *Electric Utility*.
- b. Approval for the Purchase (PO 48829) of the Schneider Electric UPS InRow Cooling System Replacement for the Civic Server Data Center from The REDESIGN Group in the Amount of \$76,014.57 – *Information Services*.
- c. Authorization for the City Manager to Terminate Existing Contract (1920-260) with Pioneer Law Group and Negotiate and Execute a Contract (2425-216) for Specialty Legal Services with Matarazzo Law, APC – *City Attorney*.
- d. Authorize City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract (2425-217) with West & Associates Engineering, Inc. in the Amount of \$39,440 to Prepare the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and 2025 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment, and Approve Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Water Resources*.
- e. Adoption of Resolution (2025-22) Approving Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (2021-121) of the Mendocino Council of Governments to Add Energy & Related Programs as Specific Powers – *Public Works*.

Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director and Nephele Barrett, Mendocino County of Governments (MCOG) Executive Director – responded to questions regarding agenda item 8e.

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

9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Jaime Rose Shoemaker, Natalie Hoytt, Devin Jackson, and Sarah Travis – City League Girls Youth Softball.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presenter: Councilmember Orozco.

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

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; and

- **Construction Update** – Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director / City Engineer.
- **Upcoming Special Meetings** – Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

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

- a. **Public Hearing and Consideration of the 2025 Ukiah Climate Action Plan that Includes: 1) Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ISND) Prepared for the Ukiah Climate Action Plan; and 2) Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the Ukiah Climate Action Plan (CAP).**

Presenters: Blake Adams, Chief Resilience Officer and Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:57 P.M.

Public Comment: Eileen Mitro

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:02 P.M.

Motion/Second: Criss/Sher to adopt a resolution (2025-23) adopting the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ISND) prepared for the Ukiah Climate Action Plan. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: Crane. ABSENT: Rodin. ABSTAIN: None.

Motion/Second: Criss/Sher to adopt a resolution (2025-24) adopting the Ukiah Climate Action Plan (CAP). Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: Crane. ABSENT: Rodin. ABSTAIN: None.

RECESS: 7:12 – 7:29 P.M.

- b. **Review and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule of the Planning and Building Divisions of the Department of Community Development to Add Two Fees Associated with the Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration and Maintenance Ordinance, No. 2024-1250.**

Presenters: Craig Schlatter, Community Development Direct and Matt Keizer, Chief Building Official.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:51 P.M.

No public comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:51 P.M.

Motion/Second: Criss/Sher to adopt resolution (2025-25) amending the Fee Schedule of the Planning and Building Divisions of the Community Development Department to add an Annual Registration Fee and Vacant Building Monitoring Fee for the Department's administration of the Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration and Maintenance Ordinance. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: Rodin. ABSTAIN: None.

c. Introduction by Title Only of an Ordinance Modifying Ukiah City Code to Update the City's Sign Regulations, Modifying Standards for Signage Type, Placement, Illumination, and Design Consistency Across Zoning Districts.

Presenters: Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager and Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 8:36 P.M.

No public comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:36 P.M.

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

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

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ADDING AND AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE UKIAH CITY CODE REGULATING SIGNAGE.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Sher to introduce the ordinance modifying Ukiah City Code to update the City's sign regulations, modifying standards for signage type, placement, illumination, and design consistency across zoning districts, inclusive of a minor modification* as discussed. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: Rodin. ABSTAIN: None.

**Note – The minor modification is to Section 3225(l), to which the following is deleted, "Size shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet and".*

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. 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 PZ1-N. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: Rodin. 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.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:44 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. SCUK-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. SCUK-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 9:10 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC/CPMC
City Clerk

