

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/85126364284>

June 4, 2025
5:15 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on June 4, 2025, having been legally noticed on May 30, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85126364284>. 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 Araceli Sandoval, Deputy 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. Presentation on the Annual Ukiah Airport Day, June 7, 2025.

Presenter: Greg Owen, Airport Manager.

No public comment was received.

Presentation was received.

b. Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month.

Presenter: Councilmember Orozco.

No public comment was received.

Proclamation was received by Jackeline Orozco, Al Punto Newspaper and Ukiah Vecinos en Acción.

c. Proclamation Recognizing June as LGBTQIA2S+ and Pride Month in the City of Ukiah.

Presenter: Councilmember Criss.

Public Comment: Charlie Seltzer.

Proclamation was received by Jayden Musselman-Charmers and Elizabeth Kirsch.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk, Araceli Sandoval, stated that no communications had been received.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the Minutes for the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Criss to approve Minutes of May 21, 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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Report of Disbursements for the Month of April 2025 – *Finance*.

b. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Ukiah City Code to Update the City's Sign Regulations, Modifying Standards for Signage Type, Placement, Illumination, and Design Consistency Across Zoning Districts – *Community Development*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1255

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

c. Approval of Amendments to the City's Recruitment and Retention Incentive Program (*Admin Policy No. 2019-001*) – Risk Management/Human Resources.

d. Approval of a Five (5) Year Agreement (2425-221) with RingCentral for the Purchase of a New Phone System for a Total of \$156,625.20 Plus Additional Taxes That Apply – *Information Services*.

e. Approve Plans and Specifications for the Fairgrounds Storm Drain Replacement Project Specification 25-02 and Authorize Staff to Issue Bids – *Public Works*.

Sheri Mannion, Human Resources and Risk Management Director responded to questions regarding agenda item 8c.

Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director responded to questions regarding agenda item 8e.

Motion/Second: Criss/Sher to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a-8e, 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: Katrina Kessen – Greater Ukiah Events.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Presenter: Councilmembers Rodin and Sher.

11. CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK REPORTS

Presenters:

- **Construction Update** – Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director / City Engineer.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 PM)

a. Introduction of an Ordinance by Title Only Adopting the Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the City of Ukiah Local Responsibility Area, as Released by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Under the Direction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

Presenters: Craig Schlatter, Community Development Director.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:32 P.M.

Public Comment: John Rogers.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:41 P.M.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to introduce the ordinance by title only with the removal of Section Four and for the City of Ukiah to continue lobbying and advocating to ensure that related regulations do not adversely impact the City. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Deputy City Clerk, Araceli Sandoval, read the following ordinance title into the record:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF UKIAH LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Sher to introduce the ordinance adopting the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the City of Ukiah Local Responsibility Area, with the removal of Section Four. 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. 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, Sr. Management Analyst.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to adopt Resolution (2025-26) 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: Criss/Sher 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: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Presentation of the Draft 2025-26 Fiscal Year City Budget and Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (Continued from June 2 & 3, 2025, if needed).

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

No public comment was received.

City Manager, Sage Sangiacomo, stated that the City budget presentations had concluded and the budget adoption will occur at the June 18, 2025, City Council Regular meeting

b. 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: Vice Mayor Sher and Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

Motion/Second: Sher/Criss to disband the Climate Action Plan Ad Hoc. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

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. 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 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 Closed Session was held.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Araceli Sandoval, Deputy City Clerk

