

**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/88415730501>**

**July 16, 2025
5:15 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2025, having been legally noticed on July 11, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88415730501>. Mayor Crane called the meeting to order at 5:16 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 of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing July 26, 2025, as Disability Independence Day in the City of Ukiah.

Presenter: Vice Mayor Sher.

Proclamation was received by Julie Eby-McKenzie, State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Council Consensus to hear item 14a out of order.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adopt Resolution Initiating Proposition 218 Process to Adjust Sewer Service Rates and Receive Presentation of 2025 Sewer Utility Financial Plan (Anticipated to be Heard at the Start of the Meeting).

Presenters: Dan Buffalo, Finance Director and Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Sher/Rodin to adopt a resolution (2025-33) initiating the Proposition 218 process for proposed adjustments to sewer service rates, including authorizing the mailing of notice to affected property owners and customers, and setting a public hearing date for September 17, 2025. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

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 July 2, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Criss to approve Minutes of July 2, 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. Approval of Master Service Agreements in Substantial Form for Utility Operations and Billing Services with the Hopland Public Utility District (2526-085) and River Estates Mutual Water Company (2526-086), and for Billing and Administrative Services for the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District (2526-087) – *Finance*.
- b. Adoption of a Resolution (2025-34) Approving the Application for the Land And Water Conservation Fund Riverside Park Regeneration Project – *Community Services*.
- c. Approval of Notice of Completion for the City of Ukiah Electric Service Center Tenant Improvements and Fire Damage Repair, Specification No. 24-01 and Approve Final Payment of the 5% Retention to Kirby Construction Co. – *Electric Utility*.
- d. Consideration of Approval of an Amendment (2425-199-A1) to Contract No. 2425-199 with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for the Purpose of Providing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Professional Consulting and GIS Services to Assist with the Potential Development of a Draft Reorganization Application – *City Manager*.
- e. Approve Plans and Specifications for Remodel of Municipal Services Building Located at 501 South State Street, Specification 25-04, and Direct Staff to Advertise for Bids – *Community Development*.
- f. Adoption of a Resolution (2025-35) Authorizing an Application to the California Climate Investments and Proposition 4 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Program – *City Manager*.
- g. Adoption of Resolution (2025-36) Reappointing Gregory Andronaco to the Airport Commission – *City Clerk*.
- h. Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a One-Year Extension to the Cooperative Agreement (2021-217) for Dispatch Services with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – *Fire*.
- i. Authorize City Manager to Award Contract (2526-088) for the Fairgrounds Storm Drain Replacement Project, Specification 25-02, to Ghilotti Construction Company Inc, as the Apparent Low Bidder in the Amount of \$591,204, Upon the City Manager Completing Negotiation of a Satisfactory Agreement with the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds ("Fairgrounds") Sharing Costs of Construction and Other Matters Concerning the Ongoing Use and Maintenance of the Storm Drain and Related Facilities, and Approve All Necessary Budget Amendments – *Public Works*.

Traci Boyl, Emergency Management/City Manager's Office Sr. Management Analyst responded to questions regarding Agenda Item 8f.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a-8i, 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: Ais Murray – Appeal and business permit process.

City Manager Sangiacomo stated that he would follow up regarding the concerns expressed.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presenters: Vice Mayor Sher and Councilmember Orozco (presented during City Manager's reports).

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

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; and

- **Construction Update and Gas Line Incident** – Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director / City Engineer and Traci Boyl, *Emergency Management/City Manager's Office Sr. Management Analyst*.

Councilmember Orozco added a Council Report.

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

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Resolution Affirming that the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Conditions Caused by Atmospheric Rivers Causing Damage to Public Infrastructure Remains in Effect.**

Presenter: Traci Boyl, *Emergency Management/City Manager's Office Sr. Management Analyst*.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to adopt a resolution (2025-37) affirming that the declaration of a 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: Rodin/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

b. Review of Applications Received, and Possible Adoption of Resolution Making Appointments to Fill Vacancies on the City of Ukiah Planning Commission.

Presenter: Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

Applicant Comment: Jacob Brown.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to adopt resolution (2025-38) making appointments to fill vacant seats on the Planning Commission. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

c. Adoption of a Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-09 to Revise the Diversity and Equity Committee Membership Composition.

Presenter: Traci Boyl, Emergency Management/Sr. Management Analyst.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Orozco to adopt a resolution (2025-39) amending Resolution 2024-09 to revise the Diversity and Equity Committee membership composition and reduce the number of seats from eleven (11) to seven (7). Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

d. 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).

Presenters: Vice Mayor Sher and Councilmember Rodin.

Discussion and reports were received.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:03 P.M.

15. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

Initiation of litigation (1 case)

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 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

e. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos: 170-030-05; 170-030-03; 170-010-05; 170-020-07; 170-020-11; 170-040-03; 170-020-08

Negotiator: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Project Ovis LLC

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Payment

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 7:43 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC