

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/89884146226>

November 19, 2025
5:15 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on November 19, 2025, having been legally noticed on November 14, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89884146226>. 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 November as Native American Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah.

Presenter: Mayor Crane.

No public comment was received.

Clerk stated that the proclamation would be delivered to Debra Ramirez, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians.

b. Report on the Dia de los Muertos Event.

Presenters: Marianne Aranda, Senior Recreation Coordinator and Maria Ceja, Administrative Analyst.

A PowerPoint presentation was given.

No public comment was received.

Presentation was received.

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 November 5, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Orozco/Sher to approve Minutes of November 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 stated the right to appeal.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Ukiah City Code by Adding Article 11.5 to Division 9, Chapter 2, to Establish and Regulate the Open Space (O-S) Zoning District – *Community Development*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1262

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 11.5 TO DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 2 TO UKIAH CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH AND REGULATE THE OPEN-SPACE (O-S) ZONING DISTRICT.

- b. Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning 1 Carousel Lane (APN 167-280-15) to the Public Facilities (PF) Zoning District for Future Use by the City of Ukiah as its Municipal Corporation Yard Following Annexation into the City's Jurisdiction – *Community Development*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1263

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH REZONING 1 CAROUSEL LANE (APN 167-280-15) TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (PF) WITH A GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC (P) IN ANTICIPATION OF THE "CITY OF UKIAH – CORPORATION YARD ANNEXATION"

- c. Approval of Contract Amendment (2526-095-A1) with Ryan Jackson to Increase the Scope of Work by an Additional \$40,000 to Revise the Total Not-to-Exceed Amount From \$40,000 to \$80,000, and Approve Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Information Services*.
- d. Approval of Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$318,074.37 and Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Recycled Water Project Phase 4 Specification 23-01, and Final Payment of 5% Retention of Ghilotti Construction Co., Inc. – *Water Resources*.
- e. Approval of Purchase (P.O. 48932) of Multiple Fleet Vehicles and Equipment from the Willow County Water District in the Amount of \$219,670 Plus Tax, and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Finance*.
- f. Adoption of Resolution (2025-57) Authorizing the City of Ukiah to Submit a Regional Payment Program Application on Behalf of Itself as Lead Participant and All Non-Lead Participants for All City/County Payment Programs with CalRecycle – *Public Works*.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a-8f, 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: Jared Soinila – Ordinance 1250, vacant and abandoned properties program.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

Presenters: Councilmembers Rodin, Orozco, and Criss.

11. CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK REPORTS

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; and

- **School Street Multimodal Transportation Project** – Shannon Riley, Deputy City Manager; Handout was given.
- **Construction Update** – Andrew Stricklin, Senior Engineer.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 PM)

a. Review and Consider Introduction by Title Only of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 9 to Division 2 of Ukiah City Code to Regulate Sidewalk Vending on Public Property and in the Public Right-of-Way.

Presenters: Jesse Davis, Chief Planning Manager and Darcy Vaughn, Assistant City Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:35 P.M.

Public Comment: Pinky Kushner and John McCowen.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:40 P.M.

Council Consensus to direct Staff to take discussed feedback and direction from Council and bring back to a future meeting for further discussion and possible introduction in early 2026.

RECESS: 6:41 - 6:49 P.M. to address technical issues.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Status Report from Owner of the Palace Hotel.

Presenter: Tom Carter, Palace Hotel Owner.

Public Comment: Dennis Crean.

Report was received.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Receive Presentation on 2025 Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Fuels Crew Accomplishments and Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Ukiah and the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council for the Use of the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Fuels Crew.

Presenter: Justin Buckingham, Battalion Chief.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute Memorandum of Understanding (2526-149) between the City of Ukiah and the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council for the use of the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority Fuels Crew. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

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); Including the Possible Disbandment of the Zoning Reform Ad Hoc, and the Creation of an Airport Infill Policy Ad Hoc.

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

No public comment was received.

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

Motion/Second: Rodin/Sher to establish an Airport Infill Policy Ad Hoc consisting of Councilmember Criss and Mayor Crane. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, Sher, and Crane. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Motion/Second: Sher/Criss to form an Energy Resilience Ad Hoc consisting of Vice Mayor Sher and Councilmember Orozco. 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 (2 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 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

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC
City Clerk