

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/83075964263>

January 21, 2026
5:15 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on January 21, 2026, having been legally noticed on January 16, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83075964263>. Vice Mayor Orozco called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Mari Rodin, Heather Criss, and Juan V. Orozco. **Councilmembers Absent by Prearrangement:** Douglas F. Crane and Susan Sher. **Staff Present:** Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; David Rapport, City Attorney; and Araceli Sandoval, Deputy City Clerk.

VICE MAYOR OROZCO PRESIDING.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Criss.

3. **AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

4. **PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

5. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy City Clerk, Araceli Sandoval, stated that all communications had been distributed.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Approval of the Minutes for the December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to approve minutes of December 17, 2025, a regular meeting, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, and Orozco. NOES: None. ABSENT: Crane and Sher. ABSTAIN: None.

7. **RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Report of Disbursements for the Month of November 2025 – *Finance*.
- b. Report of Disbursements for the Month of December 2025 – *Finance*.
- c. Adoption of Resolution (2026-01) Approving the City of Ukiah's Qualified Contractors List for 2026 – *City Clerk*.
- d. Notification of Purchase (P.O. 48927) of Tablet Command Software in the Amount of \$40,450 for the Annual Renewal and Service Expansion – *Fire*.

- e. Approval of Contract Amendment (1415-197-A13) with Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP, in the Amount of \$189,955 for Auditing Services through Fiscal Year 2029/30 – *Finance*.
- f. Consideration and Possible Approval of Cancellations for the August 5, 2026, December 2, 2026, and January 6, 2027, Regular Meetings, with the Option for the Mayor and/or City Manager to Call for a Special Meeting on an Alternate Date if Time-Sensitive Business Arises – *City Clerk*.
- g. Approval of Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$9,960 for Structural Engineering Services from Dave Jankovsky and Fundraising Consulting Services from Phil Kohlmetz for the Grace Hudson Museum Sun House – *Community Services*.
- h. Approval of Installment Purchase Agreement (2526-161) with Ukiah Valley Sanitation District and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement and Any Related Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Transaction – *Finance*.
- i. Consideration of Award of Bid (2526-162) to C.V. Larsen in the Amount of \$374,596.39 for the Corporation Yard Environmental Well Abandonment, Specification 25-06, Plus a 10% Contingency; and Approve a Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Public Works*.
- j. Notification of Contract (2526-163) with EBA Engineering for Environmental Engineering Services Related to the Corporation Yard Environmental Well Abandonment Project, Specification 25-06, and Approval of a Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Public Works*.
- k. Consideration of Approval of Notice of Completion for the Great Redwood Trail Phase 4, Specification 21-02; Approval of Release of Final Payment of the 5% Retention to Granite Construction Company; and Direction to the City Clerk to File the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder – *Public Works*.
- l. Approval of Professional Services Contract (2526-164) with EBA Engineering in the Amount of \$75,811 for Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services for the Ukiah Landfill and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Public Works*.
- m. Approval of Contract Amendment (1516-143-A9) with Ukiah Waste Solutions for Biosolids Removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – *Public Works*.
- n. Notification of a Purchase from Pelham Paramedic School for Paramedic Training of Five Ukiah Valley Fire Authority (UVFA) Team Members in the Amount of \$106,500 – *Fire*.
- o. Review and Accept the Annual Development Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 – *Finance*.

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

9. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were received.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presenter: Councilmember Rodin (presented during City Manager's reports).

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

Presenters: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; and

- **Construction Update** – Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director / City Engineer.
- **Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** – Traci Boyl, Senior Management Analyst.

Note: Councilmember Rodin added a Council Report.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 PM)

a. Consideration of Approval of a Demolition Permit for Two Structures Over 50 Years Old at 101 and 105 South Main Street; Permit No. PA25-000021, File No. 25-000926.

Note: City Attorney, David Rapport, clarified that Vice Mayor Orozco's employment with the Mendocino College is not a conflict of interest under the Fair Political Practices Act.

Presenters: Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager and Jesse Davis, Chief Planning Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 5:52 P.M.

Public Comment: Julie McGovern, Tim Karas, Marcia Lazaro, Ted Mayfield, and Pinky Kushner.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:03 P.M.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to adopt the resolution (2026-03) approving the Demolition Permit for two structures over 50 years old at 101 and 105 South Main Street; Permit No. PA25-000021, File No. 25-000926. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, and Orozco. NOES: None. ABSENT: Crane and Sher. ABSTAIN: None.

RECESS: 6:17 P.M. – 6:23 P.M.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Presentation of City's Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Audit Reports for the Year Ended June 30, 2025.

Presenter: Dan Buffalo, Finance Director.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to receive and file Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, and Orozco. NOES: None. ABSENT: Crane and Sher. ABSTAIN: None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Exception to the 180-Day CalPERS Waiting Period, and Authorizing the City's Retired Water Resources Director to Work on a Temporary Basis as an Extra Help Employee in Accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224.

Presenter: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to adopt the resolution (2026-02) authorizing an exception to the 180-day waiting period and authorizing the employment of retired annuitant Sean White as an Extra Help employee pursuant to Government Code sections 7522.56 and 21224; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the associated Extra Help Employment Agreement (2526-165), ensuring continued compliance with CalPERS requirements, including the 960-hour annual limit. Motion

carried by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, and Orozco. NOES: None. ABSENT: Crane and Sher. 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); with Possible Changes to Airport Infill Policy Ad Hoc.

Presenter: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Orozco to approve the name change of the Airport Infill Policy Ad Hoc to the Airport Policy Ad Hoc along with the identified scope modifications recommended by Staff. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, and Orozco. NOES: None. ABSENT: Crane and Sher. 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. 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 Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property address or APN Nos: 151 Laws Ave, Ukiah, CA, 95482; APN 003-420-47

Negotiators: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; Dan Buffalo, Finance Director; Jared Walker, Water Resources Director

Negotiating Parties: Willow County Water District Board, Ukiah City Council

Under Negotiation: Property Acquisition, Price & Terms of Payment

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 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

g. 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 6:45 p.m.



Araceli Sandoval
Deputy City Clerk

