

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/84200613352>

February 18, 2026
5:15 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on February 18, 2026, having been legally noticed on February 13, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84200613352>. Mayor Sher called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. (the meeting convened late due to technical difficulties). Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Douglas F. Crane, Mari Rodin, Heather Criss, Juan V. Orozco, and Susan Sher. **Staff Present:** Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; David Rapport, City Attorney; and Araceli Sandoval, Deputy City Clerk.

MAYOR SHER PRESIDING.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Orozco.

3. AB 2449 NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

There were no AB 2449 notifications or considerations.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing March as Women's History Month.

Presenter: Mayor Sher.

No public comment was received.

Proclamation was received by Linda McClure, Janice Lombardi, and Helen Sizemore with the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition.

b. Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Presenter: Councilmember Criss.

No public comment was received.

Proclamation was received by Chelsea Lorenz, Project Sanctuary.

c. Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing February as Black History Month.

Presenter: Councilmember Rodin.

No public comment was received.

Proclamation was received by the Deputy City Clerk for delivery to the appropriate recipient.

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 February 4, 2026, Special Meeting.

b. Approval of the Minutes for the February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to approve the Special and Regular minutes of February 4, 2026, as submitted. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

7. RIGHT TO APPEAL DECISION

Mayor Sher read the right to appeal.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Report of Disbursements for the Month of January 2026 – *Finance*.
- b. Approval of Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$352,764.85 for Additional Construction Work Related to the Urban Core Rehabilitation and Transportation Project, Specification 23-07 – *Public Works*.
- c. Adoption of a Resolution (2026-07) Authorizing Application (2526-181g) for, and Receipt of, Funds from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund in Response to the Statewide Zero-Emission Freight and Marine Program Solicitation; and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Application; and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendments if Awarded Funding – *Electric Utility*.
- d. Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 9, Article 1, to Division 2 of the Ukiah City Code, Entitled "Right to Industry" – *Community Development*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1264

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 9 TO DIVISION 2 OF THE UKIAH CITY CODE ENTITLED "RIGHT TO INDUSTRY"

- e. Authorization for City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (2526-172) Between the City of Ukiah and Ukiah Unified School District for a Joint Use of Facilities Agreement – *Community Services*.
- f. Authorization for City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Lease Agreement (2526-171r) with Ukiah Unified School District for the Use of Observatory Park House – *Community Services*.
- g. Authorization for Police Chief to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (2526-176) Between the City of Ukiah Police Department and Ukiah Unified School District for the School Resource Officer Program – *Police*.
- h. Consideration of Award of Bid (2526-177) for the Orchard Substation Transformer Oil Processing and Repair Project, Spec No. E41088, to Transfluid Services, Inc for the Amount of \$90,039.63, and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment – *Electric Utility*.

Jim Robbins, Housing and Grants Manager, answered questions regarding Agenda Item 8c.

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

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

Public Comment: Helen Sizemore – Creek safety hazard concern.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presenters: Councilmember Rodin and Vice Mayor Orozco.

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

No City Manager/City Clerk reports were received.

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

a. Introduction by Title Only of an Ordinance to Implement a Street Trench Cut Fee in the City of Ukiah.

Presenter: Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director/City Engineer. **Also present at staff table:** Andrew Stricklin, Senior Civil Engineer.

A PowerPoint was given.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:28 P.M.

Public Comment: Mia Uribe.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:31 P.M.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to introduce an ordinance by title only. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Crane.

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

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH ESTABLISHING TRENCH CUT FEES FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS WITHIN PAVED CITY STREETS

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to introduce an Ordinance to implement a Street Trench Cut Fee in the City of Ukiah. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Crane.

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Review and Update the Ukiah City Council Strategic Plan.

Presenter: Traci Boyl, Senior Management Analyst.

No public comment was received.

Update was received and direction given to Staff.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discuss and Provide Direction for the Establishment of an Oversight Committee to Review Measure P Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 per Resolution 2014-28.

Presenter: Jason Chapman, Police Captain.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Rodin to direct staff to solicit five committee members to create an Oversight Committee to review Measure P expenditures for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 per Resolution 2014-28 and bring those recommendations to Council for possible appointments. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. 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).

Presenters: Councilmember Crane and Mayor Sher.

Reports were received.

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: Nui Rising Moon Trust v. City of Ukiah, et al.; Case No. 3:25-cv-08320

c. 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

d. 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

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

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