

**CITY OF UKIAH
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Special Meeting
CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482**

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81928794492>

**April 29, 2026
5:00 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ukiah City Council met at a Special Meeting on April 29, 2026, having been legally noticed on April 28, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81928794492>. Mayor Sher called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Douglas F. Crane, Mari Rodin (*participating remotely*), Heather Criss, Juan V. Orozco, and Susan Sher. **Staff Present:** Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; David Rapport, City Attorney; and Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

MAYOR SHER PRESIDING.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sher.

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was received.

Council consensus to hear agenda item 4a before agenda item 3a.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adoption of Resolutions Approving a Transition of City Health Coverage to CalPERS Health Benefits Program Effective July 1, 2026.

Presenters: Tim Mitchell, Senior Human Resources Analyst and Dan Buffalo, Finance Director.

Public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Criss to approve participation in the CalPERS Health Benefits Program effective July 1, 2026, and authorize the Human Resources/Risk Management Director (and City Manager) to execute all necessary documents and implement the transition; to adopt all resolutions electing to be subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an unequal amount for employees and annuitants with respect to a recognized employee organization (2026-17: 001 Unrepresented; 2026-18: 002 Department Head; 2026-19: 003 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245; 2026-20: 004 Operating Engineers, Local 3 - Administrative and Maintenance Unit; 2026-21: 005 Operating Engineers, Local 3 - Water Utilities and Mechanics Unit; 2026-22: 006 Management; 2026-23: 007 Ukiah Professional Firefighters Association; 2026-24: 008 Ukiah Police Officers Association; 2026-25: 700 Non-PERS Elected Officials); and to adopt all resolutions electing to adopt survivor benefits under section 22819.1 of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with respect to a recognized employee organization (2026-26: 001 Unrepresented; 2026-27: 002 Department Head; 2026-28: 003 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245; 2026-29: 004 Operating Engineers, Local 3 - Administrative and Maintenance Unit; 2026-30: 005 Operating Engineers, Local 3 - Water Utilities and Mechanics Unit; 2026-31: 006 Management; 2026-32: 007 Ukiah Professional Firefighters Association; 2026-33: 008 Ukiah Police Officers Association). Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of the Purchase of Five Fleet Replacement Vehicles for Fiscal Year 2025/26 from Visalia Ford in the Amount of \$266,413.86 and Blackstone Chevrolet in the Amount of \$72,515.11, and Approval of Corresponding Budget Amendment.

Presenter: Myles Fisetto, Purchasing Manager (*participating remotely*).

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Criss/Orozco to approve purchase of the five fleet replacement vehicles for Fiscal Year 2025/26 from Visalia Ford (P.O. 48995) in the amount of \$266,413.86 and Blackstone Chevrolet (P.O. 48996) in the amount of \$72,515.11, and approve a corresponding budget amendment. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:34 P.M.

5. CLOSED SESSION

a. 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

b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN No: 0031810100

Negotiators: Maya Simerson, Senior Management Analyst, City Manager's Office; Cindy Sauers, Electric Utility Director; and Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: D&J Investments, LLC

Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Agreement

c. 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC
City Clerk