

**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/86325977906>**

**May 6, 2026
5:15 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Regular Meeting on May 6, 2026, having been legally noticed on May 1, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86325977906>. Mayor Sher called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. 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 Kristine Lawler, 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. Acknowledgements

Presenter: Mayor Sher

Mayor Sher recognized:

- *May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*
- *May 10-16 as Police Week*
- *May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day*
- *May as Older Americans Month*
- *May 17-23 as Emergency Medical Services Week*

No public comment was received.

b. Presentation of the Ukiah Municipal Airport Operations and Approval of the Airport Emergency Plan.

Presenters: Greg Owen, Airport Manager and Traci Boyd, Senior Management Analyst.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Crane/Criss to approve the Airport Emergency Plan. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

5. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications were received.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Approval of the Minutes for the April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

b. **Approval of the Minutes for the April 29, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

Motion/Second: Rodin/Orozco to approve the Regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2026, and the Special meeting minutes of April 29, 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. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 62 of Division 1, Chapter 2, Article 2 of the Ukiah City Code, Pertaining to Compensation of the Mayor and City Councilmembers – *City Clerk*.

ORDINANCE NO. 1267

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH AMENDING SECTION 62 OF THE UKIAH CITY CODE, PERTAINING TO COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

b. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution (2026-34) Reappointing Ronald J. Meaux to the Design Review Board – *City Clerk*.

c. Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$28,807.50 for OpenGov Software Services and Authorization to Continue Agreement (2223-196) – *Finance*.

Motion/Second: Criss/Rodin to approve Consent Calendar Items 8a-8c, 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: Dennis Miller – Bonds; Helen Sizemore – Brush Street.

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Presenters: Councilmembers Rodin, Criss, and Crane; and Mayor Sher.

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

Presenters:

- **City Council and Ukiah Valley Fire District Special Joint Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center -** Kristine Lawler, City Clerk and Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager.

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

a. **Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution Updating Rates for Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Transportation Provided by the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority.**

Presenter: Doug Hutchison, Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:11 P.M.

No public comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:11 P.M.

Motion/Second: Criss/Orozco to adopt a resolution (2026-35) updating the rates for pre-hospital emergency medical services and ambulance transportation provided by the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Award Professional Services Agreement to BKF Engineers in the Amount of \$614,435 to Prepare the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for the Central Ukiah Circulation Improvement Project, and Approve Corresponding Budget Amendments.

Presenters: Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director/City Engineer and Andrew Stricklin, Senior Civil Engineer.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Crane to award professional services agreement (2526-214) to BKF Engineers in the amount of \$614,435 to prepare the plans, specifications, and estimate for the Central Ukiah Circulation Improvement Project, and approve corresponding budget amendments. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

Councilmember Directive to have a representative from the bike community (Neil Davis suggested) to provide input at the design stage.

Council Consensus to hear Agenda Item 14b out of order.

14. NEW BUSINESS

b. Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Capital Pavement Program: Preservation and Overlay, Specification 26-01, and Direct Staff to Advertise for Bids.

Presenters: Andrew Stricklin, Senior Civil Engineer and Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director/City Engineer.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Criss to approve Plans and Specifications for the Capital Pavement Program: Preservation and Overlay, Specification 26-01, and direct Staff to advertise for bids. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

a. Receive and File Third Quarter Financial Report.

Presenter: Dan Buffalo, Finance Director.

No public comment was received.

Report was received.

c. Presentation and Possible Discussion Regarding the Election Calendar for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election.

Presenter: Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

No public comment was received.

Presentation was received.

d. Discussion and Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Amending Section 2081 of the Ukiah City Code – Adjusting Voluntary Spending Limits for Candidates in City Elections to Reflect Increases in Consumer Price Index from Limits Established in 2016.

Presenter: Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

No public comment was received.

Motion/Second: Rodin/Crane to adopt a resolution (2026-36) amending Ukiah City Code Section 2081, adjusting the voluntary spending limit for candidates in City elections to \$6,000, and review the spending limits every two years on off-election years. Motion **carried** by the following roll call votes: AYES: Crane, Rodin, Criss, Orozco, and Sher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

e. 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).

Presenter: Councilmember Crane.

Direction given to Staff.

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 – Anticipated Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))

Significant exposure to litigation (2 cases)

c. 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

d. 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

e. 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

f. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Cal. Gov't Code Section 54956.8)

Property: APN Nos: 001-020-78-00, 001-030-01, 001-090-01

Negotiator: Maya Simerson, Senior Management Analyst, City Manager's Office

Negotiating Parties: Tayman Park Golf Group
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms of Agreement

g. Conference with Labor Negotiator (54957.6)

Agency Designated Representative: Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager
Employee Organizations: All bargaining units
Unrepresented Employee: Police Chief and City Attorney

No Closed Session was held.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, CMC
City Clerk