

**CITY OF UKIAH
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Special Meeting
Ukiah Valley Conference Center
200 South School Street
Ukiah, CA 95482**

**January 28, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

1. ROLL CALL

Ukiah City Council met at a Special Meeting on January 28, 2016, having been legally noticed on January 26, 2016. Mayor Scalmanini called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Roll was taken with the following **Councilmembers Present:** Douglas F. Crane, Maureen Mulheren, Kevin Doble, Vice Mayor Jim O. Brown, and Mayor Scalmanini. **Staff Present:** Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager; Mel Grandi, Electric Utility Director; Tim Santo, Interim Electric Supervisor; Ashley Cocco, Deputy City Clerk; and Kristine Lawler, City Clerk.

Also Present: Charley Stump, Planning and Community Development Director; Tim Eriksen, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Sean White, Water and Sewer Director; Chris Dewey, Police Chief; Shannon Riley, Senior Management Analyst; Karen Scalabrini, Finance Director; Maya Simerson, Community Services Director; Melody Harris, Human Resources Director; David Rapport, City Attorney; Kevin Jennings, Operations Fire Chief; and Diann Lucchetti, Electric Utility Department Administrative Secretary.

MAYOR SCALMANINI PRESIDING.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:36 P.M.

2. CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: *Ukiah v. Questex*, Mendocino County Superior Court Case No. SCU-K-CVPI-15-66036

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.

No action for Closed Session item taken.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP (5:30 p.m.)

- a. Overview and Discussion of the City of Ukiah's Electric System and Review of System Infrastructure, Staffing, and Resources.

Presenters: Mel Grandi, Electric Utility Director and Tim Santo, Interim Electric Supervisor.

Electric Utility Director, Mel Grandi showed a PowerPoint presentation (attached), which gave an overview of the history of the electric utility in the City of Ukiah, followed by detailing the current state of the electric system, including the hydro-electric plant, substation, and status of the electric utility department's financials. Director Grandi went on to present slides on a number of projects, explaining concerns and possible solutions, and brought various examples to demonstrate elements used in the electric system. In conclusion, Director Grandi summarized the status of the electric utility department's capital projects.

A discussion ensued addressing methods of departmental coordination when planning future load upgrades and other capital improvement projects; consideration for how to serve areas that currently aren't in the city but may potentially be included down the road; the status of the City's own power generation and whether funds should be set aside for those potential projects; additional electrical feeds from other points on the grid; and the consideration of possible inclusion of empty pipe for possible computer/broadband use.

The meeting concluded with Councilmember Crane expressing appreciation to the Electric Utility Department for the improvements that they have achieved in having a lesser impact on the community when power outages occur.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.



Kristine Lawler, City Clerk