



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

April 15, 2025

The City Council of the City of Eureka met in REGULAR Session on the above date, 5:00 P.M. Closed Session, 6:00 P.M. Open Session, at the Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers, 531 "K" Street, Eureka.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Public Employment - City Attorney

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - City Attorney, City Clerk & City Manager

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kim Bergel
Leslie Castellano
Kati Moulton
Scott Bauer
Renee Contreras-DeLoach

ABSENT: G. Mario Fernandez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: On a motion from Councilmember Moulton, seconded by Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach, Council allowed Councilmember Fernandez to participate in Closed Session by teleconference due to a qualifying circumstance, motion carried.

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None

- A) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- A.1 Proclamation - National Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024 - Councilmember Castellano presented National Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024
 - A.2 Proclamation - Volunteer Appreciation Month - Councilmember Moulton presented Volunteer Appreciation Month
- B) PRESENTATIONS
- B.1 New Eureka Poet Laureate Announcement – Project Manager Sarah West announced Sarai Bordeaux as the Eureka Poet Laureate and Olivia Jaqueline Gibson as the Youth Eureka Poet Laureate.
 - B.2 Humboldt Economic Survey - Development Services Manager Swan Asbury introduced Nancy Olson of the Greater Eureka Chamber Commerce who presented on the Humboldt Economic Survey.
- C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: None
- D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- Stephen Parr
Willow Sphene
Erica Goldsmith
Jennifer Masana-Eaton
Whitney Roan
Noah Zimmerman
Anonymous
Anonymous
Sarai Bordeaux
Ellen P.
Amy Scott
- E) PUBLIC HEARINGS: None
- F) CONSENT CALENDAR: Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, to approve the Consent Calendar, motion Carried
- Ayes: Leslie Castellano, Kati Moulton, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach
Noes: None
Absent: None
- F.1 Council Minutes - Approve the City Council regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2025 as submitted.
 - F.2 Letter in Opposition of AB 306 - Authorize Mayor Bergel to sign and staff to transmit letter in opposition of AB 306.

- F.3 Letter in Support of AB 476 - Authorize Mayor Bergel to sign and staff to transmit letter in support of AB 476.
- F.4 Emergency Digester Cleaning - Pursuant to Public Contract Code CA 200.320(c)(3) and the City's Procurement policy, determine that there is an emergency in regards the Elk River Wastewater Treatment Plan sludge digesters; and Authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute an agreement in the amount not to exceed \$310,000 with Synagro for biosolids cleaning services.
- F.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 Grant- Authorize staff to apply for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5 grant funding.

G) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE:

By consensus, directed staff to agendize Councilmember Bauer's request for a letter of opposition to AB 770 at the May 6th meeting.

H) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: None

I) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

- I.1 Homeless Services Outreach Report - Special Projects Manager Jeff Davis provided a report. No members of the Public addressed the Council on this subject matter.
- I.2 Humboldt Waste Management Authority Report - Eric Keller Heckman, Executive Director at HWMA provided a report. The following members of the Public addressed the Council on this matter:

Frank Nelson

J) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

By consensus, with Mayor Bergel participating, Council directed staff to agendize Councilmember Bauer's request to introduce the Camping Ordinance at the May 20th meeting.

K) CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

City Manager Slattery reported on upcoming cruise ship coming into port on April 27th; Old Town Officer position has been filled; and an additional Park Ranger has been hired as well. Requested that Council complete the "Doodle Poll" to schedule Strategic Visioning dates.

L) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

M) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach, no travel to report. She met with those organizing the Dockside Market, attended Week of the Young Child event, will have meeting with Chris Rogers.

Councilmember Bauer, attended Cal Cities Governance Committee in Burbank, enjoyed Spring Break with his family.

Councilmember Moulton, no travel to report, met with HACHR.

Councilmember Castellano, attended HWMA Board Meeting, Live Well Humboldt meeting.

Mayor Bergel, announced the May 4th, Mental Health Town Hall at Wharfinger Building. April 26th is the Perching on the Peninsula. Participated with Red Cross to do smoke alarm installations, attended Perilous Plunge, Dancing in the Rain Gala, met with constituents, and went to a fundraiser at North Coast Repertory Theater.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:33 PM

APPROVED:

Kim Bergel
Mayor

Attest:

Pamela J. Powell
City Clerk