



MINUTES OF  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 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 - 4:00 P.M.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - City Attorney, City Clerk & City Manager  
Pursuant to section 54957 California Government Code

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Kim Bergel  
Leslie Castellano  
Kati Moulton  
G. Mario Fernandez  
Scott Bauer  
Renee Contreras-DeLoach

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Councilmember Bauer, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to add the following item to Closed Session, Ecological Rights Foundation v. City of Eureka, United States District Court Case No. 22-cv-01459-JST, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), motion carried.

Ayes: Leslie Castellano, G. Mario Fernandez, Scott Bauer, Renee Contreras-DeLoach

Noes: None  
Absent: Kati Moulton

A) MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Bergel shared that Wednesday 11/19 there will be a Conservation Lecture at Sequoia Park Zoo, on December 3rd Dick Taylor will host their Tree Lighting, on 12/6 Salty Santa Boat Parade in Humboldt Bay, 11/20 Henderson Center Open House, Annie B Ryan will host their vintage holiday boutique 12/13-12/14, Eureka Police Department will host their Blue envelope roll out from 1-3pm at Wharfinger.

- A.1 Transgender Day of Remembrance Proclamation - Mayor Bergel presented Proclamation, Transgender Day of Remembrance
- A.2 Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Proclamation - Councilmember Castellano presented a Proclamation, Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.
- A.3 Great American Smokeout Proclamation - Councilmember Bauer presented a Proclamation, Great American Smokeout
- A.4 National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation - Councilmember Fernandez presented a Proclamation, National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.
- A.5 Native American Heritage Month- Proclamation - Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach presented a Proclamation, Native American Heritage Month.

B) PRESENTATIONS

- B.1 Home in Humboldt Program Presentation by the Eureka Chamber of Commerce - Rescheduled for future Council Meeting.

C) BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS

D) PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Stephen Parr  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Nezzie Wade  
Anonymous

E) COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach, attended with members of Free Meal a Food for People event at CR, along with Brian Hall at the Mission, Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach also extended thanks to CSET for directing traffic. Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach attended her 3rd ride along with HBF, attended housing forum with AHHA, and Holiday Open House event in Old Town, County 2x2. Also extended appreciation to Brendan Riley for assistance in building.

Councilmember Bauer, attended State of Non-Profit sector meeting, attended Veterans Day presentation at Adorni Center, Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association Bog Stomp, CalCities League Leaders meeting and Old Town Open House. Councilmember Bauer also encouraged public to use VIBE app.

Councilmember Fernandez, attended HTA meeting, AHHA Housing Forum, looks forward to upcoming ride along with HBF and reminded people of the Henderson Center Holiday Open House.

Councilmember Moulton, had no travel to report, attended NORCAN State of Non-Profits, JPA HBF meeting was cancelled, looking for citizens to participate in COPP Board meetings. Putting together Town Hall on Housing Development on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

Councilmember Castellano, attended Redwood Region Rise Economic Development meeting, Family Resource Center Roundtable, Congratulations to Old Town Business Owners on kickoff to Holiday Suasion, reminded people about Henderson Center Open House Thursday on 11/20 and on Wednesday 12/17 Brian Olsen at St. Vincet De Paul hosting movie and gift drive at Minor Theater.

Mayor Bergel, attended PacOut Green Team event, met with Assemblymen Chris Rogers, attended Veterans Day Event, was MC for Trivia Follies for Redwood Coast Montessori, attended Veterans Day Run, Murder at the Clock Tower fundraiser for North Coast Repertory, participated in red kettle kick off. Mayor Bergel also walked the Ruby Bridges Walk with Zane Middle School.

## F) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- F.1 Transit Needs Assessment Public Hearing - Finance Director Miller provided a report.

The Public Hearing was Opened/Closed at 7:08PM

No members of the Public addressed Council on this Matter.

Kati Moulton moved, seconded by Leslie Castellano, Conduct a public hearing to receive input regarding unmet transit needs; and Direct staff to forward all comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), motion Carried.

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

G) CONSENT CALENDAR, Scott Bauer moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, to approve Consent Calendar, minus G.3 and G.4, motion Carried.

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

- G.1 Council Minutes – Approve Minutes of November 4, 2025 meeting as submitted.
- G.2 Solar Renewable Energy Improvements – Accept the Solar Renewable Energy Improvements, Bid No 2024-3; and Approve \$105,000 for additional construction cost; Apply water revenue funds to our CEC loan; Authorize the filing of a “Notice of Completion” at the Office of the County Recorder.
- G.3 Food Assistance Funding Agreements – City Manager Slattery provided a report.

The following members of the Public addressed the Council on this Matter;  
Bob Santelli

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, Authorize the City Manager to execute two funding agreements with Food for People and St. Vincent de Paul: Redwoods Council in the amount of \$15,000 each for the purpose of food assistance, motion Carried.

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

- G.4 Humboldt County Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement - Chief Stephens provided a report.

No members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter.

H) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE: None

I) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

I.1 Bill No. 1048-C.S. Designation of Local Fire Hazard Severity Zones -  
Chief Citro provided a report.

No members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter.

G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Renee Contreras-DeLoach, Waive full reading, read by title only and Introduce Bill No. 1048 C.S., Ordinance No. 968, an Ordinance of the City of Eureka approving the Local Responsibility Area (LRA) Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map as provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), motion Carried.

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

J) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

J.1 Modification to CPTED Façade Improvement Rebate Program -  
Economic Development Director Swan Asbury provided a report.

No members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter.

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, Approve proposed updates to the CPTED Façade Improvement Rebate Program, motion Carried.

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

K) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

L) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

L.1 City Grocery Store Update - City Manager Slattery provided a report.

M) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT: 8:14PM Adjourned to Closed Session

APPROVED:

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Kim Bergel  
Mayor

Attest:

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Shannon Fazio  
Deputy City Clerk