



MINUTES OF
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2026

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.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: 1344 McFarlan St., Parcel Number 006-181-004
Agency negotiator: Miles Slattery for the City of Eureka
Negotiating Parties: Slack Family, LLC
Under negotiation: Price, terms and conditions
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: No Report.

A) **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The following Boards & Commission seats are open, Board of Appeals, Design Review, Econ Dev, Historic Pres, Transportation Safety. Foggy Bottom Milk Run this Sunday 3/8, Perilous Plunge on Saturday 3/21, encouraged the Council to join her this year.

B) **PRESENTATIONS**

B.1 **DHHS Community Health Presentation:** Deputy Director Briana Sherlock and Program Coordinator Marian Strong with DHHA presented.

B.2 **Operation 101 Gateway:** Commander Leonard LaFrance presented.

B.3 **Visit Eureka Annual Report:** Economic Development Manager Swan Asbury and Emily Kirsch with Visit Eureka presented.

C) **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** None

D) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Misty
Tana
Colin Fiske

E) **COUNCIL REPORTS / CITY-RELATED TRAVEL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Castellano, attended Black Humboldt Black Heritage Gala, and EMS Economic Vitality meeting as well as workforce development board.

Councilmember Moulton, no travel to report. Attended HBF Awards Dinner, Congratulated Firefighter Dolan Dillon who won Firefighter of the Year.

Councilmember Fernandez, attended Black Humboldt Black Heritage Gala as well as 87th Anniversary at Eureka Theater. Will be hosting Town Hall on Monday March 30th at Eureka City Schools District officer at 5:30pm.

Councilmember Bauer, traveled to Berkeley for CalCities Board of Directors meeting, discussed State Budget. Attended Dinner with Elected Officials to protect America, thanked Renee for attending RCEA in Bauer absence. Attended HBF awards dinner, attended lunch with CONDEMO.

Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach, attended AHHA meeting, Waterfront Signage meeting, Elected Officials to protect America, RCEA meeting, Emergency Shelter ADHOC, attended Pathway to Payday, HBF Awards Dinner. Beating the Blight presentation, met with Chief Stephens.

Mayor Bergel, HCOAG meeting, Half Life of Madame Curie, Old Town Stewards meeting. Mayor Bergel will host Town Hall May 9th. Attended Heritage Ball Gala, HBF Awards Dinner, working on project honoring Women of the Red-Light District in the early 1900's. Shared that Fortuna is giving 278 acres back to the Wiyot Tribe and the Chinatown Project moving along.

F) PUBLIC HEARINGS

F.1 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update - Director Cristin Kenyon provided a report.

Public Hearing Opened 8:28pm

The following members of the Public Addressed the Council on this Matter:

Anonymous

Colin Fiske

Public Hearing Closed 8:33pm

Kati Moulton moved, seconded by G. Mario Fernandez, Hold a public hearing; and Find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15183 (General Plan Consistency Exemption) and 15061 (Common Sense Exemption); and Waive full reading, read by title only, and introduce Bill No. 1057-C.S., "An ordinance of the City of Eureka adopting the 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update by amending various sections of Eureka Municipal Code (EMC) Title 15, Chapter 155 (the Inland Zoning Code); adding Sections 155.314 (Large Site Development) and 155.348 (Wireless Telecommunication Facilities) to EMC Title 15, Chapter 155; and repealing EMC Title 15, Chapter 159 (Wireless Telecommunication Facilities).", motion Carried

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

G) CONSENT CALENDAR, G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, to approve Consent Calendar, motion Carried.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- G.1 Council Minutes – Approve the City Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2026 as submitted.
- G.2 Clean California Local Grant Program Resolution - Recommend the City Council review and approve the Resolution No. 2026-10 authorizing the execution of grant agreements, and receipt of, Clean California Local Grant Program Funds.
- G.3 Prohousing Incentive Program Funds Resolution - Staff recommends the City Council review and approve the Resolution No. 2026 - 08 authorizing application for, and receipt of, Prohousing Incentive Program Funds.
- G.4 Commercial Street Fuel Tank Install Project Bid No. 2025-12 -Project Acceptance - Accept the Commercial Street Fuel Tank Install Project; Bid No. 2025-12 and Authorize the filing of a 'Notice of Completion' at the Office of the County Recorder.
- G.5 Annual Lateral Replacement Project 2024 (ALRP) Bid No. 2024-15 Acceptance - Accept the Annual Lateral Replacement Project 2024; Bid No. 2024-15 and Authorize the filing of a 'Notice of Completion' at the Office of the County Recorder.

H) LEGISLATIVE ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

By Consensus, Council approved Councilmember Bauer's request to submit a letter of support for AB 1761.

By Consensus, Council approved Councilmember Bauer's request to submit a letter of support for SB 895.

By Consensus, Council approved Councilmember Fernandez's request to submit a letter of support for AB 1984.

I) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- I.1 FY2025-26 Mid-Year Budget- Finance Director Lane Millar provided a report.

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

Leslie Castellano moved, Councilmember Fernandez seconded, to extend meeting to 10:15pm, motion carried.

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

Scott Bauer moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, Receive the FY2025-26 Budget Review Report and Mid-Year Budget Adjustments; and Adopt Resolution No. 2026- 09 of the City Council amending the FY2025-26 Adopted Budget, motion Carried.

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

I.2 Bill No. 1055-C.S. Administrative Hearing Procedures - City Attorney Bob Black provided a report.

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

Leslie Castellano moved, seconded by Scott Bauer, Waive full reading, read by title only, and adopt Bill No. 1055-C.S. Ordinance No. 971 C.S., an Ordinance amending Title I, Chapter 10 of the Eureka Municipal Code, adding Sections 10.110 through 10.118 to establish uniform administrative hearing procedures, and set the Ordinance for adoption at the next regular City Council meeting, motion Carried.

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

I.3 Bill No. 1056-C.S. Eureka Energy Committee - City Manager Miles Slattery provided a report.

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

G. Mario Fernandez moved, seconded by Kati Moulton, Waive full reading, read by title only and Adopt Bill No. 1056-C.S., Ordinance No. 972 C.S. an Ordinance of the City of Eureka deleting Title III, Chapter 33 Eureka Energy Committee Sections 33.065, 33.066, 33.067, and 33.068, motion Carried.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

J) REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS: None

K) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

By consensus, Council approved Councilmember Castellano's, requested status of requested Future Agenda Items.

By consensus, Council approved Councilmember Contreras-DeLoach's, Emergency Streets Protocol update.

L) CITY MANAGER REPORTS

L.1 ADU Financing Program Update - Special Project Manager Riley Topolewski provided a report.

M) PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT: 10:01PM

APPROVED:

Kim Bergel
Mayor

Attest:

Shannon Fazio
Deputy City Clerk