



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers
14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA**

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Dirk Slooten

Vice Mayor Tara Downey

Councilmember Russ Cremer

Councilmember Jessica Hooten

Councilmember Mary Wilson

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Cremer and seconded by Councilmember Hooten to add an emergency item to declare the Robin Lane Sewer Spill Emergency and ratify City Manager Flora's Emergency Declaration. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Further, it was moved by Vice Mayor Downey and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to ratify the Emergency Declaration made by City Manager Flora. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of January's Adoptable Dogs
2. Introduction of the New K-9 Officer
3. Presentation of City Employee Anniversary Milestone Awards
4. Proclamation Declaring January 2026 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patty Duke spoke regarding issues she has with neighbors.

Sterling spoke regarding the town hall meeting on January 14th and spoke about the issues with Lake County Special Districts.

Sara Burns asked about the sewer spill.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

5. Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
6. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file
7. Consideration of Resolution 2026-02, Approving an Amendment to the State CDBG Program Income Award #21-CDBG-PI-00036-Senior Center Rehabilitation
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2026-02
8. Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 284-2026, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Clearlake Adopting the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) Update, Title 24, Parts 1 - 11A
Recommended Action: Hold second reading of Ordinance No. 284-2026, read it by title only, waive further reading, and adopt ordinance
9. Consideration of Resolution SA 2026-01 Approving the Submittal of the FY 26-27 ROPS for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution SA 2026-01 Approving the ROPS for the FY 26-27 and Submittal to the Lake County Oversight Board for Approval

H. BUSINESS

10. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2026-03, A Resolution Adopting the Lake County Climate Adaptation Plan
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2026-03

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Councilmember Hooten.

Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

11. Consideration of Resolution 2026-01, Adopting the 2025 Lake County Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP)
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2026-01

Public Works Director Leyba gave the staff report.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Downey, Seconded by Councilmember Cremer.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

12. Discussion and Consideration of Contract with Clearlake Animal Association for Animal Care and Control Services
Recommended Action: Approve Contract with Clearlake Animal Association and Authorize the City Manager to Sign

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

13. Annual Review of the Brown Act
Recommended Action: Presentation only, no action by Council necessary

Administrative Services Director Swanson gave the staff report.

14. 2026 Mayor's Appointments
Recommended Action: By motion, ratify the 2026 Mayor's Appointments

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Vice Mayor Downey.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

I. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

K. CLOSED SESSION

- (15) LIABILITY CLAIMS – Claimant Cheryl Crocker; Agency Claimed Against : City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

Motion to deny the claim for damages.

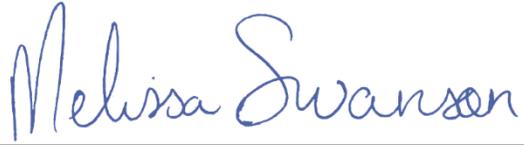
Motion made by Vice Mayor Downey, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

- (16) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4): (2 cases)

L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'S'.

Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk