



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

Thursday, February 19, 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. 5:00 PM FY 25/26 BUDGET REVIEW WORKSHOP

Finance Manager Sales gave the staff report. No action was taken on this item.

C. 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Mayor Downey, Seconded by Councilmember Cremer.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Yanich spoke regarding North Bay Animal Services and the state of the shelter when their contract ended.

Rachel Weidner spoke regarding a homeless encampment near her neighborhood on Snook Avenue. She stated it is a safety issue.

Harvey Bateman thanked the City Manager and the Chief for adding cameras to the city areas.

Greg Thompson also spoke about the homeless encampment on Snook Avenue and the safety risk of the roving dogs.

Adam Devoe spoke regarding the sewer spill and was directed to speak during the public comment period of that agenda item.

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

1. Approval of Resolution 2026-06 Approving the Acceptance of General Fund Grant Funds for Algae Harvesting Demonstration Project
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2026-06
2. Lake County Vector Control Board Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
3. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Adoption of the 1st Amendment to the FY 2025-26 Budget (Resolution 2025-26) for Mid-Year Adjustments; Resolution No. 2026-07
Recommended Action: Adopt resolution

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer.

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

5. Consideration of Authorization of the City Manager to Execute a Contract with the lowest bidder for the demolition of structure(s) and abatement of properties located at 16303 22nd Avenue, 3162 9th Street, 5875 Huron Avenue, 4740 W. 40th Avenue, 4788 W. 40th Avenue, 4771 W. 40th Avenue, 3385 12th Street, 3861 Manchester Avenue, 5723 Cottage Avenue, 16118 17th Avenue, 14241 Sonoma Way, 16392 32nd Avenue, Clearlake, CA, 95422

Lieutenant Peterson gave the staff report.

Motion made by Councilmember Hooten, Seconded by Councilmember Cremer.

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

6. Update on the Robin Lane Sewer Spill Emergency
Recommended Action: Verbal update only; no action necessary

City Manager Flora gave the update. No action was taken by Council on this item.

7. Discussion on Transitioning the City Treasurer From an Elected to an Appointed Position Via a November 2026 Ballot Measure

Recommended Action: Discuss with possible direction to staff

Director Swanson gave the staff report. It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to draft the necessary documents for consideration of a ballot measure.

I. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

K. CLOSED SESSION

- (8) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4): (1 case)
- (9) Conference with Labor Negotiators: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency designated representatives: City Manager Flora, Administrative Services Director Swanson; Employee Organization: Clearlake Police Officers Association

L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action taken in closed session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk