



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Thursday, February 05, 2026**

**Regular Meeting 6:00 PM**

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### **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**

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.

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

#### **E. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring February 2026 as Black History Month
2. Presentation of the Police Department Employees of the Year and Annual Report

#### **F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Mayo gave an award to Chief Hobbs from the We Serve Veterans of Lake County.

John (No last name given) spoke regarding his experience trying to get a building permit for his building. He stated that he disagreed with the requirement to add sidewalk in front of his building.

#### **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

3. Lake County Vector Control Board Minutes  
Recommended Action: Receive and file
4. Minutes  
Recommended Action: Receive and file
5. Warrants  
Recommended Action: Receive and file
6. Authorization to Execute Lease Agreement for Fleet Copier Replacement and Upgrade  
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to sign the lease agreement
7. Adoption of Resolution 2026-04 Approving a State CDBG Program Income–Only Application for the Red Bud Park Improvement Project  
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2026-04 Approving a State CDBG Program Income–Only Application for the Red Bud Park Improvement Project
8. Consideration of Approval of a Contract with ECORP Consulting for a Cultural Resources Report for the Airport Redevelopment Project  
Recommended Action: Approve contract and authorize the City Manager to sign and to approve up to an additional 10% for currently unforeseen contract amendments

#### **H. BUSINESS**

9. Update on the Robin Lane Sewer Spill Emergency  
Recommended Action: Verbal update only; no action necessary  
  
City Manager Flora gave the Robin Lane Sewer Spill Emergency update.
10. Discussion and Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Clearlake and Highlands Water Company  
Recommended Action: Approve MOU and Authorize the Mayor to sign  
  
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. Discussion and Consideration of Actions Related to the County of Lake's Proposed Low Value Ordinance  
Recommended Action: Direction to Staff  
  
City Manager Flora gave the staff report. Consensus direction was given to staff to continue to monitor the situation.
12. Consideration of a Letter of Opposition to the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee Recommendation to Restructure the Bradley-Burns 1% Local Sales

and Use Tax Allocations

Recommended Action: Approve letter and authorize the Mayor to sign

Director Swanson 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

**I. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

**J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

(13) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4): (1 case)

(14) LIABILITY CLAIMS – Claimant T.L., by and through Guardian ad Litem Rochelle Saxe ; Agency Claimed Against : City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

Motion was made to deny the liability claim of T.L., by and through Guardian ad Litem Rochelle Saxe.

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

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

**L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk