



RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL  
**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026  
City Council Chambers  
675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell

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## A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by Mayor Garnes.

## B. ROLL CALL

### Present:

- Mayor Garnes
- Mayor Pro Tem Carter
- Council Member Orr
- Council Member Wilson

### Excused:

- Council Member Woodall

### Staff Present:

- City Manager Kyle Knopp
- Finance Director Travis Sanborn
- Wastewater Superintendent Moore
- Water Superintendent Jensen
- RDPD Corporal Crystal Landry
- City Clerk Jessica Hill
- Sr. Fiscal Assistant Rosa Maciel

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Council.

## D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

### 1. 2026/0616.01 – Proclamations in Honor of Retiring Community Members

Mayor Garnes presented proclamations honoring the retirement of Shane Wilson and Lisa Wilson from the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department.

Shane Wilson was recognized for 30 years of service to the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department, having enlisted on June 6, 1996 – his 24th birthday. He was recognized as Firefighter of the Year in 2000, elected Fire Chief in April 2005, and served in that capacity for over two decades. The proclamation acknowledged his extraordinary acts of bravery, including the rescue of a trapped resident from a burning home during Wildwood Days, and his role alongside his wife Lisa in building Wildwood Day into a cherished annual community fundraiser.

Lisa Wilson was recognized for her parallel service through the Fire Auxiliary, which she joined in 1998 and led as President. The proclamation acknowledged her role as lead coordinator of Wildwood Days beginning in 2017 and her consistent support for families

affected by fires, including helping secure housing, food, water, and mental health services during emergency events.

Shane Wilson addressed the Council, expressing gratitude on behalf of himself and his family. He reflected on the privilege of serving the community, noted the importance of passing on institutional knowledge, and stated that the family intends to remain in Rio Dell.

## **E. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Garnes opened the public presentations portion of the meeting. No public comments were received.

## **F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Garnes announced that Item H2 – Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River – was being pulled from the agenda and would be returned at the July meeting.

The following items were on the Consent Calendar:

- 2026/0616.02 – Approve Minutes of the June 2nd, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 2026/0616.03 – Receive and File Check Register for May 2026
- 2026/0616.04 – Discussion of Cost Recovery for the Abatement of 530 Third Avenue
- 2026/0616.05 – Adopt Resolution No. 1669-2026 Approving Revised Billable Rates for Staff Time for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Amending the Master Fee Schedule to Reflect the New Fees
- 2026/0616.06 – Adopt Resolution No. 1672-2026 Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records (CDTFA) and Designating HdL as Authorized Representative
- 2026/0616.07 – Adopt Resolution No. 1673-2026 Requesting that the Governor of the State of California and GO-Biz Nominate Census Tract 06023011100 for Designation as a Qualified Opportunity Zone Under the Opportunity Zones 2.0 Program
- 2026/0616.08 – Discussion and Possible Action to Award the Construction Contract for the Chlorine Contact Basin Earthquake Damage Repair Project to Wahlund Construction in the Amount of \$690,335.00 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract Documents
- 2026/0616.09 – Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the GHD Inc. Professional Services Agreement for the Painter Street Sewer Line Replacement Project, Increasing the Contract by \$229,951 for a Revised Total of \$442,087, and Extending the Completion Date to July 30, 2027

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Council Member Orr, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 4–0.

## **G. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

## **H. REPORTS / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. 2026/0616.10 – City Manager/Staff Update (RECEIVE & FILE)**

**City Manager Knopp:** Highlighted recent improvements prompted by the Façade Improvement Program along the downtown corridor on Wildwood Avenue. E&J Liquors has completed significant facade improvements, and 371 Wildwood Avenue is also progressing with facade updates. Mayor Pro Tem Carter and the Finance Director were commended for their door-to-door outreach to businesses along the corridor to promote the program. City Manager Knopp also noted that 371 Wildwood Avenue is prospectively the future home of the Humboldt Seed Company, which would be the third and final cannabis dispensary permitted in the City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Carter:** expressed appreciation for the work of the Police Department and Community Service Officers in managing animal-related matters since the cessation of the Miranda's Rescue partnership, noting that no animals required transport during the reporting period. She thanked staff for finding foster situations and facilitating adoptions.

**Council Member Orr and Council Member Wilson:** had no questions.

**Mayor Garnes:** recognized Mayor Pro Tem Carter and Financial Director Sanborn for going door-to-door and noted that we can see the results from that effort.

No public questions for staff were received.

### **2. 2026/0616.11 – Annual Adjustment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Held by Recology Eel River (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**

This item was pulled from the agenda by the City Manager and will be placed on the July 2026 agenda.

## **I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS / STUDY SESSIONS**

No special presentations or study sessions were presented.

## **J. SPECIAL CALL ITEMS / COMMUNITY AFFAIRS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No special call items, community affairs, or public hearings were presented.

## **K. ORDINANCES / SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No ordinances, resolutions, or public hearings were presented.

## **L. COUNCIL REPORTS / COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Mayor Pro Tem Carter:**

- Upcoming meetings: Nuisance Advisory Committee meeting on June 17th at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall; Fire District meeting also on June 17th at 5:30 p.m.
- Fiesta Del Rio over the prior weekend was well-attended, also this weekend was a bike rodeo, disc dogs, a yard sale, and river activities. Mayor Pro Tem Carter thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Wally Copinni, and local restaurants and volunteers.
- Redwood Regional Economic Development Committee/Commission meeting on Monday, June 22nd.
- Rio Dell Resource Center update: Commodity distribution served 406 people; 111 students were provided with weekend lunch bags; emergency food was provided to 194 people. Beginning June 22nd, bagged breakfast and lunch will be provided for children under 18 at Rio Dell Fireman's Park, Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in collaboration with Eureka City Schools.
- Spay/Neuter Reminder: Mayor Pro Tem Carter noted that kitten season is underway and reminded the public that spay/neuter vouchers are available through the Resource Center, including for feral and stray cats.

### **Council Member Orr:**

- HCOAG Meeting Thursday
- Thank you to RDPD and to Shane Wilson.

### **Council Member Wilson:**

- Wilson noted an upcoming RCEA meeting the following week and reiterated the importance of monitoring RCEA's financial trajectory, referencing the agency's recent purchase of the GHD office building and the potential long-term implications for ratepayers' energy bills.

### **Mayor Garnes:**

- Thanked Supervisor Bushnell for attending the meeting to honor Shane and Lisa Wilson.

## **M. ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Pro Tem Carter, seconded by Mayor Garnes. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM. The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

**APPROVED:**

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Debra L. Garnes, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Jessica Hill, City Clerk