



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers

14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA

Thursday, April 02, 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

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

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

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Awareness Month
2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month
3. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Fair Housing Month

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Crystal Pack spoke regarding code enforcement issues at her home.

Kathy Plowman spoke regarding animal control.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

4. Amended 2025 Annual Housing Element Progress Report
Recommended Action: Receive and File the Amended 2025 Annual Progress Report
5. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file
6. Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
7. Second Reading of Ordinance 286-2026 Amending Section 6-10.111 of the Clearlake Municipal Code Regarding Tobacco Retail Licensing
Recommended Action: Hold second reading of Ordinance No. 286-2026, read by title only, waive further reading, and and adopt ordinance

H. BUSINESS

8. Agreement with the City of Lakeport for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services
Recommended Action: Approve agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign

Chief Hobbs gave the staff report.

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

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

9. Discussion and Consideration of Employment Services Agreement with Alan Flora as City Manager
Recommended Action: Approve Agreement

City Attorney Drexel gave the staff report.

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

Mayor Slooten asked for a presentation by Lafco.

K. CLOSED SESSION

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

- (11) Conference with Labor Negotiators: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: Agency designated representatives: City Manager Flora, Administrative Services Director Swanson; Employee Organization: Clearlake Middle Management Association; Clearlake Police Officers Association; Clearlake Municipal Employees Association

- (12) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION- Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 33 potential cases
Claimants: Robert Denman; Ford Denman; Daniel Cunningham; Lucila Cuevas; Vicki Crystal, et al.; Robert Courtois; Charles Bonnici; Valery Beswick, et al; Sandra Blakeney; David Andrade, Ximena Marin; Myrna Aleman; Douglas Aleman, et al; Shanti Zaragoza, et al; Fawn Williams, et al; Virginia Torres; Claudia Torres; Mary Stiehr, et al; William Steward, et al; Stephanie Pisen, et al; Jamie Stevens, et al; David Pimentel; James Newman; David Morgan; James King, et al; Lorna Madden-Hoffman; Teresa Miklaj; Barbara Montalvan; Douglas Johnpeer; Thomas Fortino, et al; Randolph Ivey, et al; Jessie Ivey, et al; Savannah Garrett; Melissa Dryman, et al; - Claims related to the Robin Lane sewage spill, Clearlake

Motion to deny the claims presented.

Motion made by Mayor Slooten, Seconded by Vice Mayor Downey.

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 8:45 p.m.



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk