



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

Thursday, August 20, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

Animal Control Report was given by the Clearlake Animal Association.

Michael Boyle spoke regarding the Highlands Senior Services Center and how they fulfill the needs of the community.

Linda Schuller Boyle spoke regarding the Highlands Senior Services Center and the gave the history of the organization.

Jean Yunich spoke regarding the Highlands Senior Services Center and commended the work it does for the community.

Carolyn Dabny spoke regarding Highlands Senior Services Center and commended the Executive Director and the work the organization does for the community.

Nellie Ramsey spoke regarding Highlands Senior Services Center and commended the work it does for the community. She reviewed the programs the HSSC offers and the support it provides for seniors and the community.

Mark Anant gave reasons he believed the HSSC improved his life. He stated he believed the HSSC is valuable.

Michelle stated that the HSSC's services are valuable to the community. She asked for the Council to withdraw the RFP and continue HSSC's services.

Susan Scott stated how the HSSC supported her when she was new to the Clearlake community. She asked the Council to find ways to keep the HSSC at the Clearlake Community Center.

A woman who did not give her name spoke regarding a code enforcement issue at the property next to her.

Barbara Christwitz regarding the well at the senior center and wanted to be sure it is used for fire protection.

Danda Bosworth spoke regarding the importance of HSSC to the community. She stated there are many activities at the HSSC.

Jerry Thomas submitted a petition of 700 signatures in favor of HSSC.

Christina spoke regarding the activities at HSSC and exercises offered for seniors there.

Kathy Plowman stated the Council answer to the people and can be voted out of office.

Joyce Adams stated any changes to HSSC would be very disruptive. She invited the Council to check out the Center.

Chris Gravesen concurred with the prior comments and gave support to HSSC and the Executive Director.

David Cuen spoke in support of the HSSC and stated when he comes to visit it, he spends money in Clearlake.

Dean Clark spoke regarding the ad hoc committee mentioned at the last meeting and spoke in support of the HSSC.

A gentleman spoke in favor of the HSSC.

Margaret Garcia stated the Council is not listening to the people who elected them. She also spoke regarding maintenance on her private road.

Brian Lackey spoke in favor of the HSSC.

Ann Cane spoke in favor of the HSSC and praised their services to the community.

Shawna Armstrong spoke of the services the HSSC provides for her.

Aqeela Markowski spoke regarding the lack of paving in her neighborhood.

Linda Sobeli spoke in favor of the services of the HSSC and explained how they helped her.

Debra White spoke regarding the Executive Director of the HSSC and praised her contributions to the community.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
2. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file
3. Lake County Vector Control Board Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
4. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-32, A Resolution of the City of Clearlake Approving a Temporary Street Closure for the Day of Independence at Clearlake Event
Recommended Action: Adopt resolution
5. Approve Agreement with Government Finance Services to Provide Finance Management and Administrative Services for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year.
Recommended Action: Approve Agreement with Government Finance Services for FY 2026-27.

G. BUSINESS

6. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 289-2026 Adding Article 9-5 (Supplemental Real Property Transfer Disclosures) to Chapter IX (Building and Housing) of the Clearlake Municipal Code
Recommended Action: Introduce Ordinance 289-2026 by title only, waive further reading, and set the second reading and adoption for the next regular Council meeting.

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

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

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

7. Consideration of Resolution No. 2026-31 Authorizing Application for, Acceptance of, and Execution of Documents Related to a Community Resilience Centers Round 2 Planning Grant for the Burns Valley Recreation and Community Resilience Center Planning Project.
Recommended Action: Move to adopt Resolution No. 2026-31 authorizing the City of Clearlake to apply for, accept, and execute documents related to a Community Resilience

Centers Round 2 Planning Grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the Burns Valley Recreation and Community Resilience Center Planning Project.

Director Leyba 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

8. Discussion of the 2026 League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Annual Conference Resolution Recommended Action: Discuss and determine the City's position on Cal Cities Resolution No. 1 and give direction by motion to Voting Delegate Mayor Slooten and alternates Council Members Wilson and Hooten

Director Swanson gave the staff report. The motion was to vote in favor of Resolution No. 1.

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

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

H. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

K. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action taken in closed session.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk