CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Clearlake City Hall Council Chambers
14050 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA
Thursday, October 15, 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

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of October's Adoptable Dogs

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Coree Alexander spoke regarding the Konocti Climb on November 14th. She shared information about the County's recreation programs.

Jean Yanich thanked the Council for pausing the Senior Center Request for Proposals.

Robert Freeze spoke regarding vicious dogs at a neighboring property.

Toni Abrokwah spoke in support of the Council working with the Highlands Senior Service Center to come to a solution for the Senior Center Request for Proposals.

Joyce Overton thanked the Council for pausing the Senior Center Request for Proposals. She stated the Highlands Senior Service Center supports the seniors of the community and countered the statement made by City Manager Flora at the October 1st meeting.

Zabdy Neria spoke regarding the need for transparency from the Council and stated there should be a discussion on the ad hoc committee for senior services on a future agenda.

Deanna Walker thanked the Council for pausing the RFP.

Karen spoke regarding the Airport Property EIR and had questions on it.

Dan Stemmar thanked the Council for having public comment on the agenda. He spoke of concerns about senior services and the dangers of overdosing on prescribed medication.

Kathy Plowman spoke regarding animal control and her support for the community. She stated that she is not an animal abuser.

Christina Thomas thanked the Council for pausing the Senior Center Services Request for Proposals.

Linda Sapelli thanked the Council for pausing the Senior Center Services Request for Proposals. She spoke in favor of the Highlands Senior Services Center.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Hooten, Seconded by Councilmember Cremer.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

2. Lake County Vector Control District Board Minutes of September 9, 2026
   Recommended Action: Receive and file

3. Warrants
   Recommended Action: Receive and file

4. Minutes
   Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. BUSINESS

5. Adopt Resolution 2026-39 Renewing Ordinance 261-2022 and Approval of the Clearlake Police Department Military Equipment Policy & Annual Report

   Chief Hobbs gave the staff report.

   Motion made by Councilmember Wilson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Downey.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

6. Consideration of a Letter of Support Endorsing the Revitalize Rural America Act
   Recommended Action: Approve Letter of Support and authorize the Mayor to sign

   Director Swanson 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

K. CLOSED SESSION

(7) LIABILITY CLAIMS -Claimant Specialty Paving, Inc. DBA A.C. Dike Co.; Agency Claimed Against: City of Clearlake (Govt Code §54961)

Motion to deny the claim.

Motion made by Councilmember Cremer, Seconded by Councilmember Wilson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Slooten, Vice Mayor Downey, Councilmember Cremer, Councilmember Hooten, Councilmember Wilson

(8) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Title: City Manager

L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Melissa Swanson

Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk