



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Closed Session 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting 6:00 PM

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Russ Cremer

Vice Mayor Dirk Slooten

Councilmember Tara Downey

Councilmember Jessica Hooten

Councilmember Mary Wilson

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of March's Adoptable Dogs

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Thompson spoke about a speeding issue in his neighborhood. He lives on Lakeshore Drive near the gooseneck. He was referred to staff.

Another citizen stated the issue continues and has brought video to the police department.

Alice Reece spoke regarding the Highlands Water rate increase due to what Highlands Water has stated the lawsuits between them and the City.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilmember Downey, Seconded by Councilmember Hooten.

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

2. Minutes of the February 12, 2025 Lake County Vector Control District Board Meeting
Recommended Action: Receive and file
3. Minutes
Recommended Action: Receive and file
4. Continuation of Director of Emergency Services/City Manager Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency for Winter Storms
Recommended Action: Continue declaration of emergency
5. Continuation of Director of Emergency Services/City Manager Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency for the Boyles Fire
Recommended Action: Continue declaration of emergency
6. Warrants
Recommended Action: Receive and file

H. PUBLIC HEARING

7. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance No. 279-2025, an Amendment to Section 9-4 of the Clearlake Municipal Code Regarding Residential Rental Registration and Inspection
Recommendation: Introduce the Ordinance and Hold a First Reading, Read by Title Only, and Schedule Second Reading and Adoption at a Subsequent Council Meeting.

City Manager Flora and Associate Planner Taylor gave the staff report.

Mayor Cremer opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Mary Benson spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Katie Evans spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

August Schmidt spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Dave Hughes spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Kayla Erkenbrack spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Margaret Garcia spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Spiro Lagooses spoke against adoption of the ordinance.

Council took no action on this item.

8. Discussion and Consideration of Amendments to Fees for the Rental Housing Unit Inspection and Registration Program.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11

This item was tabled for future discussion.

I. BUSINESS

9. Discussion and Consideration of Pilot Project with Konocti County Water District Regarding Implementation of the City's Fire Hydrant Inspection & Testing Ordinance (Ord. 275-2024)
Recommended Action: Direction to Staff

City Manager Flora gave the staff report.

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to continue with the pilot project.

J. CITY MANAGER AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Mayor Slooten asked for and received consensus to review the cannabis ordinance fee structure.

L. CLOSED SESSION

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(10) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Case No. A169438; Koi Nation of Northern California v. City of Clearlake, et al., California Court of Appeal

(11) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Case No. CV-425596: City of Clearlake v. Highlands Mutual Water Company, et al., Lake County Superior Court

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

M. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no action taken in closed session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melissa" and the last name "Swanson" clearly distinguishable.

Melissa Swanson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk