

CITY OF WEED CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2025

The City Council of the City of Weed held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Darrell Parham called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Mayor Parham, were Council Members Mark Mazzoni, Ken Palfini, Phet Virasonh, and Melissa Whetstine. Also present were Acting City Manager and Police Chief Justin Mayberry, City Attorney David Ruderman via zoom, Finance Director Jill Porterfield, Public Works Director Chris Davis, Acting Fire Chief Brian Carter, and City Clerk Sandra Duchi

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/URGENCY ITEMS

Council Member Palfini moved to accept the agenda as posted. Council Member Parham seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

IV. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Webster discussed the homeless issues at Carrick Park. Douglas French addressed the council regarding economic viability of the city and issues with Main Street's blighted buildings.

V. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Virasonh discussed the success of the Lao New Year celebration. Council Member Whetstine reported attending the third RCAC Meeting for the City of Weed at the Weed Recreation and Parks District Community Center. Council Member Palfini reported upwards of 2000 people were in attendance for the Family Fun Day and thanked city staff for their assistance and support, he reminded citizens that the fourth RCAC Meeting will be May 14 at the Weed Community Center. Council Member Parham reported attending the Community Wildfire Protection Plan along with Council Member Palfini, and reminded citizens of the Weed Chamber Steampunk and Sci-Fi Festival May 17-18

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parham read the consent agenda, asked for public comment, and asked if any member would like to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were none, and all items were considered inclusively. Council Member Whetstine abstained from voting on item A

- A. By Motion – Council considered Resolution No. 10-2025 regarding the Levy of Special Tax for Fiscal Year 25/26.
- B. By Motion – Council considered Resolution No. 11-2025 Adopting A List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act Of 2017.
- C. By Motion - Council considered adopting Resolution No. 12-2025 Authorizing the 2025/2026 Claim against the Local Transportation Fund.
- D. By Motion - Council considered adopting Resolution No. 13-2025 Surplus of 2014 International Ambulance.
- E. By Motion – Council considered approving Resolution No. 14-2025 authorizing the mayor to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Weed and Great Northern Services for the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Boles Creek Storm Water Improvement Project.
- F. By Motion – Council considered adopting Resolution No. 15-2025 adopting procedures for Public Hearings on the City of Weed Vacancies and Recruitment and Retention Efforts
- G. By Motion – Council considered approving minutes from April 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- H. By Motion, considered approving payment warrants dated 4/9/2025 through 4/24/2025 including any voided warrants totaling \$853,139.24.
- E. By Motion, considered approving and filing the month end report for April 2025.

Council Member Palfini moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT : None

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The Council considered the Planning Commission recommended amendments to the Weed Municipal Code sections 18.08.035, 18.08.197, 18.08.260, 18.08.350, 18.08.445, 18.08.496, 18.08.497 of Chapter 18.08 of the Weed Municipal Code and the City of Weed Zoning District Regulations to Regulate Extended Hotel Stays and move for Introduction and First Reading, by title

only, of Ordinance No. 484-2025. Acting City Manager presented the staff report. Mayor Parham opened the public hearing at 6:00pm. Bhaumik Modu, representing the HiLo Motel and Townhouse Motel spoke in opposition of the ordinance. Douglass French discussed the out-of-town construction workers that stay at the local motels. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Mr. Modi readdressed the council. City Attorney Ruderman discussed options for the council to consider. Mayor Parham closed the hearing at 6:47pm. Council Member Palfini moved for introduction and first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 484-2025. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the roll call vote was:

AYES: Council Member Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IX. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- A. **Fire** – By Motion, Council considered introduction and first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 485-2025 designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Acting Fire Chief Carter presented the staff report. Council Members questions were asked and answered. Council Member Palfini moved for introduction and first reading, by title only, of Ordinance No. 485-2025. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- B. **Planning Commission** - By Motion, the Council considered an appointment to the Planning Commission; one (1) letter of interest received. City Clerk / Planning Commission Secretary Duchi presented the staff report. Council Members discussed. Council Member Parham moved to appoint Robert Thomas to a four-year term on the Weed Planning Commission. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

X. STAFF REPORTS

Fire reported that the department received 45 calls for service last month, two cadets graduated from the Fire Academy, hosted 30 third graders from Weed Elementary at the Fire Station, and attended the PES meeting along with the council members. Finance reported that the department is roughly halfway through the software conversion. Public Works reported Timberworks will be in the College Ave. area working for the next three weeks and thanked the public for their patience throughout this project. Police reported attending the Family Fun Day at Bel Air Park, COS Kindergarten Day, and discussed the progress the City's code enforcement has been making. Clerk reported the requests for TOT Funding has been released and will be before the Council at the June meeting and there is a Planning Commission meeting May 21, 2025. City Attorney reported attending the League of CA Attorney's Conference.

Mayor Parham announced the Special Meeting Closed Session will take place immediately after the regular meeting is adjourned and asked if there were any public comment regarding the agenda. There were none. Council Member Whetstine moved to approve the opening of the special meeting at the conclusion of the regular meeting. Mayor Parham seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Council Member Whetstine moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:30 pm. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion and the vote was:

AYES: Council Member Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

XII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employee Appointment (§54957)

City Manager

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (§54956.9(e)(2))

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.

Number of Cases: 1

XIV. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Announcement of action taken, if any, by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph. M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, §§ 54950 et seq.)

Mayor Parham moved to adjourn to open session at 9:45pm. Council Member Whetstine seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

There was no reportable action.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Palfini moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mazzoni seconded the motion, and the vote was:

AYES: Council Members Mazzoni, Palfini, Parham, Virasonh, and Whetstine.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

SINE DIE 8:23pm

Mayor

ATTEST :

City Clerk