



## Blue Lake City Council Agenda

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting Via Zoom  
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### 1. Establish a Quorum of the Council (6:38 p.m.)

#### **Council Members Present:**

Adelene Jones (Mayor)  
Chris Curran  
Summer Daugherty  
Olivia Obidah-Dunn  
Elaine Hogan

#### **Staff Present:**

Amanda Mager, City Manager  
Russ Gans, City Attorney

### 2. Approve Agenda

**Motion:** It was moved to approve the agenda as delivered

**Motion by:** Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Curran

**There were no comments from Council or public.**

**Motion Carried by:** Council Consensus

### 3. Public Input:

- Julie McGill: Having trouble hearing Council on Zoom
- Jean Lynch: A comment in the truck route survey used the “F” word; this is a public document and this is irresponsible of the City Engineer and the City Manager; when she was on Council she took an oath of civility and is expressing her disappointment.
- Lin Glenn: When she was walking on the trail, she came upon a business owner that was looking for items stolen from his property; the break-in was one of five break-ins and the business owner didn’t feel that the Sheriff was taking the problem seriously.

#### **Public Comment Closed**

- ### 4. Closed Session Announcement and Agenda Item (call in public forum and adjourn to closed session): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— CONSIDER INITIATION OF LITIGATION (California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)). One (1) Case.

**Motion:** To go into closed session for twenty (20) minutes; return at 7:10 PM

**Motion by:** Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Obidah-Dunn

**There were no comments from the public**

**Motion Carried by:** Consensus

**Motion:** To come out of closed session at 7:10 PM

**Motion by:** Councilmember Daugherty; Second by: Councilmember Curran

**There were no comments from the public**

**Motion Carried by:** Consensus

**Reportable Actions:** There were no reportable actions

**5. Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce Report (Information Only):**

Rick Levin and Marvin Samuels provided the chamber of commerce update.

**Rick Levin:** Provided an update on the Holiday Tree; the chamber would like to plant a holiday tree at the town square; Mandi Kindred has offered to purchase the tree; it would be a nice addition to the town square. Councilmember Curran asked if the chamber could do some additional research on the tree and bring it back to the Council for future discussion; can the chamber work with the City on the plan for a holiday tree.

**Meg Stofsky:** Recommend that any tree planted be a native tree as they're more fire resistant; Cooperation Humboldt can help with the tree

**Marvin Samuels:** Annie & Mary Day will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>; the new Fire Chief will be the Grand Marshal; the fire department will do the barbecue; there will be craft vendors, petting zoo and pony rides a car show and music.

**6. City Manager Report and Project Update:**

**The City Manager provided an update on the Powers Creek Development, the American Rescue Act Funding, the Wiyot Land Acknowledgment and the Anti-Discrimination Policy:**

**DANCO Proposal:** The City is working with DANCO on the development of a proposal for Council's future consideration; at this time there is nothing additional to report.

**American Rescue Act:** The City will be receiving funding from the American Rescue Act; the City will receive funding in two tranches and the City Manager is preparing a budget for Council's consideration in the near future.

**Wiyot Land Acknowledgment:** The City Manager provided an update on this item; the Council had directed the manager to look into this issue and bring back ideas for consideration. The City Manager provided a copy of the language that the City of Eureka was proposing to use.

**Public Comment:**

**Meg Stofsky:** The acknowledgment should be meaningful; need to understand why the acknowledgment is being made and what the intentions are; consult with the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous People.

**Lin Glenn:** Thanked the Council and the City Manager for moving forward on this issue

**Christina:** Have an action component as part of the acknowledgment; such as an honor tax; you can go to [honortax.org](http://honortax.org) for information; consider what action can be paired with the acknowledgment.

**Anti-Discrimination Policy Discussion/Update:**

The City Manager provided an update on the Council's directive to work on the development of an anti-discrimination policy and a comprehensive approach to combatting systemic discrimination within the City's governmental structure. The City is in the beginning stages of this discussion and will be looking at resources and opportunities to review policies, ordinances and practices. This is an on-going issue.

**Public Comment:**

**Councilmember Hogan:** Stepping Stones Diversity Consultants and Humboldt Area Foundation have resources available and staff and Council should participate in training opportunities. Ron White and the Cascadia Program are additional resources in the community.

**Denise Dorsett:** Curious about the City's Pledge of Civility; what is in it?

**Meg Stofsky:** Equity Arcata is a resource.

**Jonathon Hearn:** Is there any outreach for indigenous businesses?

**Councilmember Hogan:** Black Humboldt has a list of Black-owned businesses; we can reach out to them for consideration of minority owned businesses.

**Christina A.:** The Pledge of Civility; bias is institutional; what's quietly embedded in our institutional documents.

**Councilmember Obidah-Dunn:** Are there any thoughts or ideas about ways to encourage participation in City Council?

**Meg Stofsky:** Local League of Women's Voters are going into schools to present information on government actions that can limit freedom.

**7. City Manager Yearly Evaluation-Establish Council Committee to Conduct Evaluation**

**Motion:** To designate Councilmember Daugherty and Mayor Jones as the City Manager Evaluation Committee

**Motion by:** Councilmember Curran; Second by: Councilmember Obidah-Dunn

**There were no comments from the public**

**Motion Carried by:** Consensus

**8. Consent Agenda:**

- a. April 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- b. May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

c. May 11, 2021 Working Session Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To accept the Consent Agenda as presented

**Motion by:** Councilmember Daugherty; Second by: Councilmember Curran

There were no public comments

**Motion Carried by:** Council Consensus

**9. Council Correspondence:** None

**10. Reports of Council and Staff:**

**Councilmember Hogan:** HWMA is still working on hiring an Executive Director; SB 1383 is a huge issue; need to bring this item back to Council; there are local groups working on the issue and solutions

**Councilmember Daugherty:** RREDC meeting was cancelled; there is a new airline in Humboldt which flies to Burbank; attended the Blue Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting.

**Mayor Jones:** Attended the HCAOG meeting; passed the budget; 101 Corridor report and Last Chance Grade Report was provided including the safety corridor patrol report.

**Councilmember Obidah-Dunn:** Nothing to report

**Councilmember Curran:** Attended the Blue Lake Fire meeting; the draft budget was presented; they appointed a committee to work on the MOU with the Rancheria

**11. Future Agenda Items:**

- City Manager Evaluation
- 2021-2022 Budget
- SB 1383
- Pledge of Civility
- Parks and Recreation Use Plan Discussion

**12. Adjourn**

**Motion:** It was moved to adjourn.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Daugherty; **Second:** Councilmember Curran

**Motion Carried by:** Council Consensus

**Motion Summary:** Motion Passed; the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

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Amanda Mager  
Minute Taker