



GRASS VALLEY

City Council Regular Meeting, Capital Improvements Authority and Redevelopment "Successor Agency"

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hodge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Jan Arbuckle

Councilmember Joe Bonomolo

Councilmember Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli

Mayor Hilary Hodge

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Request to move item #8 (Appeal Review of Hearing Officer's Decision - Denial of Tobacco Retail License Renewal for Hot Spot Smoke Shop) to the following meeting on May 13th, due to not having a translator.

Motion made to approve with noted change by Councilmember Arbuckle, seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. American Legion Poppy Day's Proclamation
2. PAWSS (Protecting Animals While Supporting Sobriety) Presentation

CITY STAFF UPDATE

3. Update from the Police Department

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Public Speakers: 1 through 14 (noted change Speaker #1 was for item on agenda).

Virtual comments attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public comment: Ralph Raper

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

4. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

5. Partnership between Grass Valley Police Animal Services and Wayward Journey

CEQA: This is not a project

Recommendation: Council directs the Chief of Police to sign an MOU with Wayward Journey benefiting the services at the Grass Valley Animal Shelter, subject to legal review

6. Budget Adjustment to Flexibly Staff the Deputy City Manager I/II Position

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) approve a budget adjustment to provide flexibility in staffing the Deputy City Manager I/II position, increasing appropriations by \$40,000, 2) approve the adjustment funding through the Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds, 3) approve adding the Deputy City Manager I/II to the allotted/authorized City positions; 3) review the proposed agreements (including Appendix A) for the Deputy City Manager I/II position; 4) authorize the City Manager to execute the Deputy City Manager I/II agreement subject to legal review; and 5) authorize the Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or amendments to complete these actions.

7. Letter of Support - Extension of the BioMAT Program

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support urging Governor Gavin Newsom to extend and fully implement the BioMAT (Biomass Market Adjusting Tariff) Program, in alignment with state law and consistent with Grass Valley's wildfire mitigation, environmental, and economic goals.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND / OR ANY ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

- ~~8. Appeal Review of Hearing Officer's Decision - Denial of Tobacco Retail License Renewal for Hot Spot Smoke Shop~~

~~CEQA:~~ Not a project

~~Recommendation:~~ That the City Council conduct a hearing to consider the appeal filed by Hot Spot Smoke Shop regarding the denial of its Tobacco Retail License renewal, and take appropriate action to uphold, modify, or overturn the Hearing Officer's decision.

Item postponed until May 13th, 2025.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo met with Tom Last of NCCA and staff member Duane Strawser. Vice Mayor Caravelli met with the Cultural Arts District, Met with City Staff, attended an ERC Executive Meeting, Lou Countor Street naming meeting, attended an Off Broadway show, and wants everyone to go look at Idaho Maryland and see the Measure B dollars at work. Councilmember Ivy attended a Solid Hazardous Waste Commission Meeting, De Mauteno E-Waste event, Nevada City banned Styrofoam, and is looking at what it takes to start a firewise community. Councilmember Arbuckle took a tour of CAL ISO headquarters, attended a bell ringing for Chief Bacapally, attended an Off Broadway show, attended City Summit Webinar, Martinis and a Movie, Red Light Ball, and took a tour of InConcert Sierra. Mayor Hodge attended the GVDA merchants meeting, Sierra Poetic Festival, meeting with Waste Management, Mayors & Managers Breakfast, LAFCO meeting, meeting with Kevin Kiley, and Community forum on Arts at Sierra College.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____