



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 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

Mayor Hilary Hodge

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted by Councilmember Bonomolo, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report out of the special closed door meeting of July 14, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Report from staff on a booth at the County Fair.
2. Update from staff on the cleanup event that occurred on July 16 at the site of the future Dorsey Marketplace.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person public comment: Speakers 1 thru 4 (noted changes: no speaker #2 & Speaker #3 wanted to speak on a later item)

Virtual attached. Attached

CONSENT ITEMS -

Virtual public comment attached.

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle, seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

Council took a break at 6:30 pm, and the meeting resumed at 6:32 pm.

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Approving the Application for California Forest Improvement Program and Designating an authorized Representative

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to apply for funding through the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) to support forest health improvements on City-owned properties of 20 acres or more. Additionally, designate the City Manager as the authorized agent to conduct all necessary negotiations and to execute and submit all required documents—including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance certifications with all applicable state and federal laws—for the successful completion of the CFIP project.

5. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.9% based on the December 2024 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2025-40 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2025/2026 on the tax rolls.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2025-39 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the property tax roll.

Jennifer Styczynski, Deputy Finance Director, gave the overview to the council.

No public comments.

A discussion was held amongst the Council.

Motion made to continue the item to a special meeting where all 5 members can attend by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Ivy, Mayor Hodge

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study - R3 Proposal

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with the City of Nevada City to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting; 2) Provide direction to staff regarding the City's participation in the proposed project; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review, and approve the use of General Fund contingencies and Measure B funds to cover the City's share of the feasibility study cost in coordination with Nevada City.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave an overview of the item to the Council.

Public Comment: Debbie Gibbs, Christine Newsom, Sherley Freriks, Bob Branstrom

Motion to 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with the City of Nevada City to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting; 2) Provide direction to staff regarding the City's participation in the proposed project; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review, and approve the use of General Fund contingencies cover the City's share of the feasibility study cost in coordination with Nevada City by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

8. Historical Commission Quarterly Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

Terry McAteer, Historical Commission Chair, gave an update to the council.

Public comment: Robin Davis, Bob Branstrom

Informational item only.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo attended an Ad Hoc Skateboard meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle attended a League of Cal Cities Sacramento Division meeting, a Nevada County Law and Fire meeting, on the town with Mike Stewart, was elected as the Honorary Commander, Conference for the National League of Cities, Starry Nights, and Howard Stars

ceremony. Councilmember Ivy attended a Nevada County Transportation Commission meeting, a Pioneer Energy Meeting, and an Ad Hoc skateboard meeting. Mayor Hodge will have her Wednesday with the Mayor, and attended a GVDA Merchant meeting, a Nevada County Creatives meeting, a laughter performance, and the Howard Levine Star Ceremony. She urges everyone to look at the Library and any of its events. She attended Starry Nights, and the city's National Night Out will be on August 5th at Memorial Park

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____