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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, May 13, 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 -

Motion made to approve the agenda 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

Nothing to report

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

In-person public comments: Speakers 1 to 4

Virtual public comment attached.

### CONSENT ITEMS -

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

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025  
**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.
2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025  
**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.
3. AB 481 - Military Equipment Annual Inventory and Report; renewal of ordinance #815  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** Approve the attached equipment inventory as well as the associated annual report, renew previously adopted ordinance #815 pursuant to requirements of AB-481
4. Direction to file annual reports for Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLD) and Benefit Assessment Districts (BAD) for Fiscal Year 2025-26  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt five Resolutions (2025-11, 2025-12, 2025-13, 2025-14, and 2025-15) directing the filing of the annual reports for Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLD) - Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Benefit Assessment Districts (BAD) - Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
5. McCourtney Rd Active Transportation Project - Authorization to Bid  
**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"  
**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve the findings that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 2) approve the project plans; and 3) authorize the advertisement for bids
6. Out-of-state training: Crimes Against Women Conference in Dallas, TX  
**CEQA:** This is not a project  
**Recommendation:** Council approve the out-of-state training for a Grass Valley Police Officer

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

7. Adoption of Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps as determined by Cal Fire  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** That Council holds first hearing of Ordinance 835, waive full reading and read by Title only, hereby designating the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178,  
[Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave an overview of item to the council.](#)  
[Public comment: Matthew Coulter](#)

Motion made to hold first hearing of Ordinance 835, waive full reading and read by Title only, hereby designating the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zone Maps as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

**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.

Councilmember Caravelli recused herself due to owning property within 500 ft. of the location.

Public comment: Matthew Coulter, Sherli Osgood

A motion was made to deny the appellant and pass the proposed resolution with the admission of the new evidence by Councilmember Arbuckle, seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

9. Historical Commission Quarterly Update

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

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

Public Comment: Bob Branstrom, Robin Galvin-Davis

The council gave direction to work on insurance for the Historical Walk, and to bring back items regarding the Citizen Star Award, Narrow Gauge Abutment Landmark, and Historical Award.

10. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-10, which Adopts Procedures for Holding Public Hearings and Reporting on the City of Grass Valley's Workforce Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts in Compliance with Assembly Bill ("Ab") 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3).

**CEQA:** Exempt per California Environmental Act (CEQA) Guideline, Section 15061(b)(3)

**Recommendation:** The City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, which adopts procedures for holding public hearings and reporting on the City of Grass Valley's workforce vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts in compliance with Assembly Bill ("AB") 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3).

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave a presentation to the council.

Public comment: Matthew Coulter

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, which adopts procedures for holding public hearings and reporting on the City of Grass Valley's workforce vacancies, and recruitment and retention efforts in compliance with Assembly Bill ("AB") 2561 (Gov. Code § 3502.3) Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli. Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

#### 11. Mill Street Plaza Re-Staining and Sealing Project

**CEQA:** 15301 Existing Facilities Categorical Exemption

**Recommendation:** That the City Council (1) Direct staff to move forward with the maintenance project to re-stain and seal Mill Street Plaza Area; (2) approve quote received from the Concrete Doctor in the amount of \$96,939.00 for the re-staining and sealing; (3) authorize the City Manager prepare and executive an Agreement with the Concrete Doctor, subject to legal review; (4) approve the sole source procurement pursuant to Grass Valley Municipal Code 3.08.140 (requires 4/5 vote); (5) authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10%; and (6) direct the Finance Director to make appropriate budget adjustments and/or transfers.

Councilmember Caravelli recused herself due to owning a business within the district.

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

Public Comment: Brenda English, unnamed

Motion to move forward with the maintenance project to re-stain and seal Mill Street Plaza Area; (2) approve quote received from the Concrete Doctor in the amount of \$96,939.00 for the re-staining and sealing; (3) authorize the City Manager prepare and executive an Agreement with the Concrete Doctor, subject to legal review; (4) approve the sole source procurement pursuant to Grass Valley Municipal Code 3.08.140 (requires 4/5 vote); (5) authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10%; and (6) direct the Finance Director to make appropriate budget adjustments and/or transfers by Councilmember Ivy, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

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

5 min break taken at 8:11 pm.. Meeting resumed at 8:19 pm

#### 12. Condon Park Skatepark Project - Follow up

**CEQA:** Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive an informational update on recent stakeholder meetings regarding the skatepark design and provide direction to staff on next steps.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, and Zac Quentmeyer, Deputy Public Works Director, gave the presentation to the council and Councilmember Ivy spoke on the item as well.

Public Comment: Bob, Cynthia Duncan, Nate Calipacus, Brenda English, unknown, Eric Gordon, Greg Haze, unknown, Matt Fugol, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, Nick, Bob Branstrom, Josh, Tyler Moore, Jackson, Cedar Hanes.

Virtual Public comments attached.

Staff was given direction to move forward with bringing an item to discuss a Skateboard Ad Hoc committee and to continue with the construction as per the contract.

### **BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Arbuckle attended National League of Cities meetings, League of California Cities, Joint City and County meeting, Male Chorus performance, the Historical walking tour, and had a meeting with the Historical Commission. Councilmember Ivy attended a solid hazardous waste joint solutions meeting with Nevada City. Councilmember Bonomolo attended some meetings with the skateboarding community and had comments on the Cease Fire Resolution. Vice Mayor Caravelli participated at a public art forum, the Joint Jurisdictional Meeting, an ERC Meeting, was a Young Entrepreneurs Judge, had lunch with the Historical Commission, and is giving her City stipend back to the city to do small projects. Her first one is to do an art gallery in City Hall. Mayor Hodge attended Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol, sold out a chorus event for Music in the Mountains, and Saturday is the Green Waste Drop off from 1 to 3 pm.

### **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

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Hilary Hodge, Mayor

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

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