

City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

<u>Title</u>: Modifying Public Comment at the City Council Meetings

CEQA: Not a Project

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) have a discussion on how to improve the public comment portion of City Council meetings, and review and approve a resolution of the

City Council of Grass Valley regarding public comment at council meetings

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Council Meeting Date: 02/05/2024 Date Prepared: 01/31/2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: In an effort to enhance the public comment portion of City Council meetings, staff is proposing implementing improvements, including a streamlined process for public participation through the location on agenda of public comment, speaker cards or a combination. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to express their views on relevant agenda items or public comment for items not on the agenda by filling out speaker cards, providing essential details such as their name, and the topic they wish to address. This initiative aims to ensure an organized and efficient public comment session, allowing the City Council to better understand and address community concerns. Additionally, we are exploring options involving the time allocated for public comments, fostering a more inclusive dialogue between citizens and their elected representatives. These enhancements reflect our commitment to transparency, community engagement, and an open democratic process during City Council meetings.

Attached is a draft resolution for the Council's information and consideration.

<u>Council Goals/Objectives</u>: This item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining the Strategic Plan - High Performance Government & Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed action has no fiscal impact.

Funds Available: N/A Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: __ City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2024- 04