



GRASS VALLEY

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

Wednesday, November 12, 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 6:04.

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 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

1. National Hospice and Palliative Care Month Proclamation

CITY UPDATE

2. Building in Grass Valley Update

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual Comments Attached.

In Person: Sign in sheet 1 to 5

CONSENT ITEMS

Public comment: Virtual comments attached.

Motion made by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2025

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of November 5th, 2025

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

5. Community Risk Reduction Manager Updated Job Description

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) review and approve the updated job description for Community Risk Reduction Manager to include duties in alignment with an Office of Emergency Services Specialist.

6. Approval and Execution of Amended Standard Agreement No. 19-HOME-14968, Amendment 1, with the California Department of Housing and Community Development

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Amended Standard Agreement No. 19-HOME-14968, Amendment 1, with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), extending expenditure and drawdown deadlines, and revising provisions related to HOME-funded projects.

7. Slate Creek Lift Station Pump Replacement Project - Equipment Purchase Authorizations

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize an amendment to the purchase agreement of standardized Flgylt equipment to increase the amount to \$217,341.69 and 2) authorize the City Engineer to purchase additional electrical equipment in the amount of \$199,300.00 from Advanced Integration and Controls for the Slate Creek Lift Station Pump Replacement Project

8. Prefabricated Restroom Site Improvements 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); and 2) authorize the advertisement for bids.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Introduction of Ordinance to adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code and amend the City of Grass Valley Municipal Code, Title 15, Chapters 15.02 to 15.06.

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council; 1) hold the public hearing, 2) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only, and 3) introduce ordinance 838 to amend Municipal Code Chapters 15.02 to 15.06 that incorporates the 2022 California Building Standards Code.

Jon May, Building Official, gave a presentation to the Council.

Public comment: none

Motion made that Council; 1) hold the public hearing, 2) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only, and 3) introduce ordinance 838 to amend Municipal Code Chapters 15.02 to 15.06 that incorporates the 2025 California Building Standards Code. by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

10. Downtown Parking

CEQA: Exempt - existing facilities

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from staff and stakeholders and direct the City Manager to: (1) implement paid parking at the Pioneer Village Parking Lot (Neal and South Auburn Streets), South Church Street Parking Lot (Neal and South Church Streets) and the South Auburn Street Parking Lot (100 South Auburn Street, also known as the 'Union Square' Parking Lot); (2) adopt resolution R2025-46 setting the cost of parking to one dollar (\$1.00) for the first two hours and two dollars (\$2.00) for each hour thereafter, setting the days of the week for paid parking to be Monday-Saturday, and setting the time of day for paid parking to be from 8AM to 6PM; (3) authorize the police department to hire one additional police officer I/II position to administer the program; and (4) direct staff to make necessary budget adjustments to account for anticipated revenues and expenses to implement the program

Alex Gammelgard, Chief of Police, presented recommendations for implementing paid parking in three downtown lots and adding a police officer for enforcement and downtown presence. GVDA/Chamber Input: Survey results and outreach presented; merchants split on paid parking; consistent enforcement identified as top priority.

Public Comment: Lily Robertson, Brian Young, Paula Newman, Jerry Cirino, Michael Lamar, Jacob McDonald, Linda "Sparrow" McKay, Unnamed speaker, Michelle Albanese

Virtual Comments attached.

Council reviewed rate structure, staffing model, enforcement needs, employee parking concerns, and potential oversight.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo reported meeting with local care facilities and arranging outreach visits with residents. Councilmember Ivy attended both the Nevada County Transportation Commission meeting and the Resilience Project committee meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle shared updates from the Hospice Gala, the GVDA merchant meeting, and noted the upcoming Donation Day parade. Councilmember Caravelli reported attending the joint jurisdictional housing meeting, a meeting with Habitat for Humanity, Union Hill's community garden appreciation event, and the Veterans Day service. Mayor Hodge highlighted participation in Safe Trick-or-Treat, the Special Council Meeting, and the ERC meeting, and announced that "Wednesdays with the Mayor" will be rescheduled.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____