



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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 agenda as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report out of closed door.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Honoring Eleanor Kenitzer
2. Recognition of Tim Kiser

CITY UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person public comment: Speakers 1 through 12 (with noted changes to no speaker # 7,& 9)

Virtual public comment attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

David Ruderman, City Attorney, gave overview of the contracts on consent calendar.

Public comment: Erin Tarr, Paul King, Matthew Coulter, Rob Katistine.

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

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026
Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.
4. Review of 2025 Annual Housing Element Progress Report
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: Receive and File. No formal action required.
5. Review of 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report
CEQA: Not a project
Recommendation: Receive and File. No formal action required.
6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Grass Valley and Public Safety Management Unit #10
CEQA: Not a project
Recommendation: That the City Council adopt resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Grass Valley and the newly established Public Safety Management Unit #10, effective February 15, 2026 through June 30, 2026.
7. Purchase of Emergency Backup Generator for Fire Station 1
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: That Council 1) that the City Council authorize the purchase and installation of a replacement emergency generator for Fire Station 1 in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, utilizing Fire Development Impact Fee funds, 2) authorize the Fire Chief to complete the purchase through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program, and 3) authorize the Finance Director to make any necessary budget transfers and/or amendments to complete the purchase and installation of the equipment.
8. Updated Sewer System Management Plan
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: That Council adopts the proposed 2026 revision of the Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP)
9. Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
CEQA: Not a project
Recommendation: Approve Amendment to the Agreement for Legal Services with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC, designating David J. Ruderman as City Attorney and Michael G. Colantuono as Assistant City Attorney, and adjusting rates for

litigation, labor and employment, other specialized legal services, and reimbursable services.

10. Approval of modifications of Police Chief, and Fire Chief, Appendix A of their respective employment agreement.

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Amendment No. 1 and amended Appendix A of the Police Chief and Fire Chief Employment Agreements to modify the Retiree Health Plan Benefit, subject to legal review; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendments subject to legal review.

11. Approval of Resolution No. 26-04 Support for a Potential Bear Yuba Land Trust Purchase of Land.

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council approve Resolution No.26-04 supporting the Bear Yuba Land Trust's potential purchase of potential open space/recreational property.

12. Loma Rica Open Space and Trail Adoption by Bicyclists of Nevada County

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the Council approve the proposed trail adoption by Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC).

13. Centreville Bike Park Project- Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15332 "In-Fill Development Projects"

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a Design Build contract for the Centreville Bike Park Project to Dynamic Trades, Inc., 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the contract, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders of up to 10% of the contract amount.

14. Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project- Environmental Services

CEQA: N/A - Procedural Motion

Recommendation: The Council 1) approves a change order with Dudek for additional environmental consulting services for the Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project, 2) authorize the Deputy Public Works Director to execute all related documents, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and transfers.

15. Resolution Number 26-05 "Appointing Police Chief Alex Gammelgard as Interim City Manager"

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: By MOTION, adopt Resolution Number 26-05 "Appointing Police Chief Alex Gammelgard as Interim City Manager"

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo visited with individuals at the convalescent homes. Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Arbuckle participated in a Gold Country Senior Board interview panel, attended Electric Elton at the Center for the Arts, Leadership Awards, Saint Parians Day, lunch for Eleanor Kenitzer, Sac Valley Division Meeting, and Small Rural Cities meeting. Mayor Hodge attended a Broadway in Love production, Bear Yuba Land Trust meeting, lunch for Eleanor Kenitzer, and Saint Parians Day event.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on:_____