



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 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 7:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Aguilar led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

Mayor Ben Aguilar

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virtual public comments attached.

In person public comments: Brenda English, Robin Davies, Harry Wyes, Larry Picard, Bob Tonnies, Donna Allary, Matthew Coulter, Lillie Piland

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made to approve consent by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2022

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt resolution R2022-76 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

3. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

Recommendation: Continuance of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. An amendment to an existing Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada County associated with the implementation of SB 1383 and other unfunded state mandates related to organic waste collection and recycling.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with Nevada County and direct the Finance Director to adjust the budget.

6. Approval of Automatic Aid Agreement between The Rough and Ready Fire Department, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Grass Valley Fire Department.

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Automatic Aid Agreement between The Rough and Ready Fire Department, Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Grass Valley Fire Department. 2) approve the Fire Chief to enter into the agreement upon legal review.

7. Agreement with Nevada County Probation for AB109 Officer services

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Probation Department for Assembly Bill 109 Police Officer Services; and 2) authorize the Finance Director to make any budget amendments, budget transfers, and personnel allocation changes as necessary.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

8. Pioneer Community Energy - Community Choice Aggregation Program (CCA) for the City of Grass Valley

Recommendation: That Council 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2022-77 requesting membership in Pioneer Community Energy and Authorizing the Execution of Amendment No. 5 to the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and 2) Introduce and waive full reading of Ordinance No. 819 Authorizing the Implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program in the City of Grass Valley.

Pioneer Community Energy gave presentation to the Council.

Council discussed the opt out and opt in eligibility for the consumers, the rates for the consumers, the price difference of Green Energy verses the regular energy, the Bio Mass project, what happens during a PSPS, what are the benefits of having a CCA, what will be done to make sure every customer is educated on what Pioneer is.

In person public comment: Rob Catiztine, Brenda English, Matthew Coulter,

Motion made to 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2022-77 requesting membership in Pioneer Community Energy and Authorizing the Execution of Amendment No. 5 to the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and 2) Introduce and waive full reading of Ordinance No. 819 Authorizing the Implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program in the City of Grass Valley by Council Member Ivy, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

Break taken at 8:04 pm. Council came back into order at 8:09 pm.

9. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Benches/Planters and Tree Grates

Recommendation: That Council 1) review options for Tree Grates and Planters with Benches and 2) select final options for the two design elements.

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

In-person public comment: Michael Lemarca, Brenda English, Lillie Pilland, Matthew Coulter, Rob Catizine

Virtual public comment attached

Council discussed liking tree grate option number 3 and having the 3rd option of tree planters which were the modified original plans with discussion on either utilizing real wood or a man made product.

No formal action taken on this item.

10. Update on amendments to the Waste Management Franchise Agreement tied to state-mandated implementation of SB 1383, AB 341, and AB 1826 (Recycling and Organic Waste programs)

Recommendation: Informational only, no action required; however, Council can provide input generally and on the proposed bundled rates for service.

Tom Last, Community development Director, gave presentation to the council.

Shavati Karki-Pearl from Waste Management gave an additional presentation to the council.

Council discussed the requirements of SB 1383, how long till this takes effect, the implications it will have on our elderly population, the cost it would have on the citizens, the obligation of this system that WM would have to be held to.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Branstrom attended the open house for Bright Futures for Youth, sierra harvest lunch in, ERC meeting, open studios reception at the Center for the Arts, and wants to remind everyone that ballots are being mailed and to Vote. Council Member Ivy had nothing to report. Council Member Hodge wanted to announce that today is national coming out for the LGBTQ community. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the National League of Cities Small Cities meeting, The Sierra Harvest Festival, and the Brew Fest. Mayor Aguilar took vacation and had nothing to report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Ben Aguilar, Mayor

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted on:_____