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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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## MINUTES

Mayor Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Jan Arbuckle,  
Councilmember Joe Bonomolo, Councilmember Tom Ivy

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

### 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 as submitted 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 out of closed session.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Awarding of the Mayor's Award Plaque

Councilmember Arbuckle presented the Mayor's Award Plaque to Mike Bratton.

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual public comments are attached.

In-person public comment: Speaker cards 1-13 & Matthew Coulter

### CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made to approve the consent items as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle,  
Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice  
Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.

**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Fire Aside Defensible Space Inspection Software

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement, upon legal review, for purchase of Fire Aside Defensible Space Inspection Software in the amount of \$11,660.80, 2) authorize Finance Director to make necessary budget adjustment from Measure B to facilitate the purchase.

4. Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 25-26) for July 2025 through June 2026

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Successor Agency adopt Resolution No. SA 2025-01 approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 25-26) for the time period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

5. Agreement with Nevada County Probation for AB109 Officer services

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve the agreement (extension) 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.

6. Appointment of City Councilmembers and Staff to Boards and Commission

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** Approve Mayor Hodge's recommended appointments of Councilmembers and Staff to various Boards and Commissions.

7. Appointment of Planning Commissioner

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council approve the appointment of Sherri Speights as Planning Commissioner for Councilmember Bonomolo.

8. Appointment of Measure B Oversight Committee Members

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appoint Measure B Oversight Committee members Aguilar, Bibby, and McCall to terms ending December 2028.

9. Appointment of Measure E Oversight Committee Members

**CEQA:** Not a Project

10. Lexipol Policy System for Fire Department and General City Policies

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve the Fire Chief and Deputy City Manager to enter into an agreement, upon legal review, for purchase of Lexipol for onetime costs of \$39,719.50 and annual cost of \$16,307.75 2) authorize Finance Director to make necessary budget adjustment

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

11. Main and South Auburn Streets Intersection Improvements

**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

**Recommendation:** That Council provide direction to Staff on whether to retain the traffic signal at Main St and S Auburn St or revert to a stop controlled intersection.

Bjorn Jones, the City Engineer, gave a presentation to the Council.

Public Comment: Robin Galvin-Davis, Jacob McDonald, Benda English, Candy Sprock, & Matthew Coulter.

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, answered safety questions for the council.

The Council gave direction to Bjorn Jones to create a plan to move forward that has a 4-way stop, better lighting, and to work with FREED.

12. City of Grass Valley Strategic Plan Update

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding the next steps for updating or developing a new City of Grass Valley Strategic Plan.

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

Public comment: Don Ravines, Robin Galvin-Davis, Bob Branstrom, Barbara Ravines, Jacob McDonald

Councilmember Ivy discussed that the council needs to first have the council work on preparing a document before the public outreach. The council then discussed how that would work and what it would look like. The council also discussed if the Mission, Vision & Core Values, and are still the council's direction. Discussion was had about looking at other Strategic Plans to compare and where to start with this project.

Council would like to keep the Mission, Vision & Core Values but have staff bring forward 5 different examples of Strategic Plans to review.

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Hodge reminded the council to remember the new assignments for the Mayor Appointments and to attend the scheduled meetings. Councilmember Bonomolo shared his excitement for upcoming meetings, loves getting out and about meeting and talking to individuals, and recently walked Mill Street and met businesses. Councilmember Ivy attended the Pioneer energy community board meeting, Sierra Harvest, and interfaith listening meeting about Mautino Park. Councilmember Arbuckle attended the Nevada County Law Enforcement Council, spoke about the upcoming red light ball in April, attended the Staff Breakfast for the City, National League of Cities board meeting, Donation Day Parade, GVPD Sharing and Caring event, Board of Supervisors Swearing In, joint meeting with the County regarding the Animal Shelter, and moderated a League of Cities social media round table. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended the ERC executive board meeting, police sharing and caring event, met with new restaurant, gave a presentation to the Rotary Club, attended an Arts Council and Child Abuse Committee meeting, spoke about the GVDA Thursday night market, and had coffee with Councilmember Ivy. Mayor Hodge spoke about the Donation Day parade, Mayors Manager Meeting, and the Cultural Arts District.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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Hilary Hodge, Mayor

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on:\_\_\_\_\_