



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, September 23, 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 6:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Hodge.

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

No reportable action.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Bright Futures for Youth presentation.
2. Update from the City Planning Department.

City Planner, Amy Wolfson, introduced the City's new Associate Planner, Vanessa Franken to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In person: 1-7

Virtual: Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS

In person public comment: None

Virtual public comment: Matthew Coulter

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

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Second Reading of Ordinance 837 amending subsection (F) of section 17.38.080 and adding section 17.30.100 of Chapter 17.30 of Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code to establish standards for art installations in the City

CEQA: Exempt under CEQA Guideline §15301, Categorical Exemption Class 1 (“Existing Facilities”) and under CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3) (General Rule)

Recommendation: Hold a second reading, waive full reading, by title only, and adopt Ordinance 837, to regulate art on publicly and privately-owned properties in non-residential districts throughout the city

5. California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) - Approve Authorized Representative

CEQA: N/A - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council adopt a resolution designating the City Manager as the authorized representative to execute agreements and sign documents on the City’s behalf, as required by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) and/or California Forest Improvement Program documents.

6. Potential Hazard Trees Removal at 341 East Main Street

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the removal of approximately 23 Italian cypress trees at 341 East Main Street due to their significant fire hazard risk.

7. 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.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

8. Condon Park Skatepark Expansion.

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: The Council 1) approves a change order with Grindline Skateparks up to \$138,000 to expand the Condon Park Skatepark by approximately 2,500 square feet; 2) authorize Deputy Public Works Director to execute all related documents, subject to legal review; 3) allow Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and transfers.

Deputy Public Works Director, Zac Quentmeyer, gave update to the Council. Council asked questions about where the funding would be coming from and if the community was helping to raise funds.

Public Comment: Orion Perez, Taylor, Tara, Steven Strong, Matthew Coulter.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo attended the Skatepark AdHoc Committee Meeting, met a family member who performed at Wild Eye Pub, spoke with unhoused members of the community and mentioned their request for more services

Councilmember Ivy attended the NCTC meeting, spoke about the potential changes to gas taxes, the wireless charging station project for electric buses is completed on Tinloy St, Pioneer Community Energy is doubling in size, and met with the Bear Yuba Land Trust.

Councilmember Arbuckle attended the GVDA Merchant meeting where they discussed parking and security, met with members of the Historical Commission, attended the Presidents of Sierra College luncheon, and attended a League of California Cities meeting.

Vice Mayor Caravelli attended the Historical Commission meeting with Councilmember Arbuckle, attended the Grants School Historical Landmark Plaque, CAKE Bakery ribbon cutting, and ERC Executive Board Meeting.

Mayor Hodge attended the GVDA merchant meeting, spoke about the "Bike Bus" in Nevada City; a group of juveniles escorted by a Police Dept to allow children to bike to school, attended the presidents of Sierra College luncheon, did a 24 hour play at the Nevada theater, Center for nonprofits, attended the Latino Family Fun Day hosted at Condon Park, the Rudiger Foundation fundraiser, and the Yuba River cleanup.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM

Hilary Hodge, Mayor _____

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk _____

Adopted: _____