



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, June 09, 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 6:03 pm.

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

CITY UPDATE

1. Historical Commission Vacancy Update

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person public comments: Speakers 1 thru 13 (noted changes no speaker #3)

Virtual comments attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Virtual public comments attached.

Motion made by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26th, 2026

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12th, 2026

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 Report on Fire Inspections

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council adopt Resolution 2026-15 which accepts the Grass Valley Fire Department report pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 annual inspections for 2025

5. **Title:** Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-27

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-24 establishing the Appropriation Limit for the City of Grass Valley for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

6. Adoption of Five Resolutions of Intention to Levy Annual Assessments for Landscaping and Lighting Districts and Benefit Assessment Districts for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and Setting a Public Hearing for June 23, 2026.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following five Resolutions of Intention related to the City's Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLDs) and Benefit Assessment Districts (BADs), and set a public hearing for June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers: 1) Resolution of Intention No. 2026-25 to Order Improvements Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 - Assessment District No. 1988-1, Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District. 2) Resolution of Intention No.2026-26 to Order Improvements Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 - Assessment District No, 1988-2, Residential Landscaping and Lighting District. 3) Resolution of Intention No. 2026-27 to Order Improvements Pursuant to the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982 Assessment District No. 2003-1, Morgan Ranch Unit 7. 4) Resolution of Intention No. 2026-28 to Order Improvements Pursuant to the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982 Assessment District No. 2010-1, Morgan Ranch West. 5) Resolution of Intention No. 2026-29 to Order Improvements Pursuant to the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982 Assessment District No. 2016-1, Ridge Meadows Benefit.

7. Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding - Adopt Project List

CEQA: N/A - Not a Project/Administrative Action

Recommendation: That Council adopt a Resolution to include Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funding in the Fiscal Year 2026/27 budget and specifying a list of projects to be funded with RMRA funds.

8. Calling and Giving Notice of Holding a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-21 calling and giving notice of holding a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the election of two Council Members for the City of Grass Valley

9. Identify the terms of reimbursement and other conditions for the fire department response away from their official duty station and assigned to an emergency incident as part of the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA).

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council 1) adopt Resolution No. 2026-31, identifying the terms and conditions for the fire departments response away from their official duty station and assigned to emergency incidents as part of California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA); 2) approve revisions to the applicable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a side letter outlining a fifteen percent (15%) portal-to-portal incentive for eligible employees assigned to (CFAA) strike team, single resource, and overhead assignments when such costs are reimbursable to the City, subject to legal review.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Public Hearing on Status of Vacancies and Recruitment/Retention Efforts - Government Code §3502.3 (AB 2561)

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council conduct a public hearing as required by Government Code §3502.3 to: 1) Present information on the status of vacancies; 2) Outline current recruitment and retention efforts; 3) Receive input from recognized employee organizations

Taylor Whittingslow, Deputy City Manager, gave overview of item to the council.

No public comment.

Motion made to conduct a public hearing as required by Government Code §3502.3 to: 1) Present information on the status of vacancies; 2) Outline current recruitment and retention efforts; 3) Receive input from recognized employee organizations by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

11. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Operating Budget Public Hearing

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council open the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2026-30 approving the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget for the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Redevelopment Successor Agency.

Jennifer Styczynski, Finance Director, gave presentation on this item.

No public comments.

Motion to have Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2026-30 approving the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget for the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Redevelopment Successor Agency. made by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

12. Grass Valley Downtown Association Request for 2026 Parking and Business Improvement District Allotment

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive a presentation from the Grass Valley Downtown Association (GVDA) request for the distribution of \$65,000 of Business Improvement District (BID) Assessment funds; 2) review and approve the proposed distribution of BID Assessment funds; and 3) authorize City to pay the proposed invoice from the GVDA in accordance with the Agreement for Administration of “Parking and Business Improvement Area”.

Vice Mayor Caravelli recused herself due to owning property in the downtown area.

GVDA gave presentation to the Council.

At 7:07 power went out. Meeting resumed at 7:20 pm with no power but the stream was still going.

GVDA proceeded with their presentation.

Public comments: Bob Branstrom, Buckley Armiker, Kimberly Parker, unnamed, Jerry Cirino, Penny Short, Anne Stars,

Virtual Public comments attached.

Motion made to 1) receive a presentation from the Grass Valley Downtown Association (GVDA) request for the distribution of \$65,000 of Business Improvement District (BID) Assessment funds; 2) review and approve the proposed distribution of BID Assessment funds; and 3) authorize City to pay the proposed invoice from the GVDA in accordance with the Agreement for Administration of “Parking and Business Improvement Area”. by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

13. 7th Cycle Housing Element Update

CEQA: Statutorily Exempt, Public Resource Code Section 21080.085

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation on the 7th Cycle Housing Element, and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and projected schedule.

Amy Wolfson, City Planner gave presentation to the Council.

No public comments.

No action required.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo announce the upcoming AdHoc skateboard meeting. Councilmember Ivy attended a Resiliency Board meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle League of California Cities meeting, National League of Cities meetings & several board meeting. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended an ERC board meeting and the Pride parade in Nevada City. Mayor Hodge Voted on June 2nd.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional speakers were left.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____