



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 26, 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 by Mayor Aguilar at 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Mayor Ben Aguilar

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve agenda by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person public comment by: Robin Davis from GVDA and Greater Grass Valley Chamber
Virtual Public comments attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

There was a change to item number 9 and a reduction to the CPI from 7% to 5%.

Motion made to approve consent with the noted change by Council Member Branstrom,
Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt resolution R2022-62 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. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021)

Recommendation: Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

6. Revision to Resolution No. 2022-44 That called for the consolidation of general election with Nevada County.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-61 that revises Resolution No. 2022-44 to include the reimbursement of the County of Nevada for the services performed on behalf of the City for the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the election of two City Council Members.

7. 2022 Fueling Station Construction Project- Authorization to Award Contract

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the 2022 Fueling Station Construction Project to GEMS Environmental Management Services, Inc, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount.

8. CalOES Funding Agreements - Approve Authorized Representatives

Recommendation: That Council adopt a resolution designating the City Manager and City Engineer as the authorized representatives to engage with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

9. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 7.0% based on the December 2021 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2022-64 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted special tax on the FY 22/23 property tax rolls.

10. Second Reading of Ordinance #817, Amending sections 9.08.030 of Chapter 9.08 of Title 9 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding offenses against Public Peace and Decency

Recommendation: Hold a second reading by Title Only and Adopt Ordinance #817, Amending sections 9.08.030 of Chapter 9.08 of Title 9 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding offenses against Public Peace and Decency

11. Grass Valley Management & Supervisory Professional & Confidential Employees - Unit 1 Memorandum of Understanding - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-66 approving the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Management / Supervisory Professional & Confidential Employees Group (Unit 1).

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

12. CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project - Program Amendment for Program Income Expenditure Increase.

Recommendation: That Council convene a public hearing and authorize a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget amendment to allocate additional Program Income (PI) towards the CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project and adopt Resolution 2022-65.

Lance Lowe, Principal Planner, gave presentation to the council.

Council clarified that the amount of this project has not changed this is just freeing up Measure E funds.

Virtual Public comment attached.

Motion made to convene a public hearing and authorize a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget amendment to allocate additional Program Income (PI) towards the CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project and adopt Resolution 2022-65 by Council Member Hodge, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

13. Consideration of a School Resource Officer agreement with the Grass Valley School District

Recommendation: Approve the agreement between the Grass Valley School District and the Grass Valley Police Department to provide School Resource Officer services

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave presentation to the council and Andy Withers, the Superintendent of Grass Valley Schools was available for questions.

Councilmember Branstrom, Ivy, and Mayor Aguilar discussed the benefits of a School Resource Officer but also what could the city do to help the disadvantaged homes outside of schools. Council Member Hodge does not like the idea of putting an armed officer in Schools and think the resources should go into counselors and phycologists.

Virtual public comments attached.

In person public comment from Robin Davis.

Council decided to continue the discussion to a meeting in August.

14. Countywide Sales Tax for Emergency Services

Recommendation: That Council 1) discuss the proposed countywide sales tax increase for emergency services, focusing on vegetation management, and 2) provide direction to staff.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, and Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave presentation to the council. Trisha Tillitson, Craig Griesbach, and Arial Lovett from the County of Nevada were available to answer questions.

Council discussed the lack of public involvement and discussion, the amount the City would be receiving, the lack of acknowledgement to the need to address Fire responses issues that our county is facing, and the green waste program.

In person Public Comment: Terry McAteer, Robin Davis, Scott Beasley

5 minute break taken at 9:08 pm. Meeting resumed at 9:14 pm.

Virtual Public comments attached.

Council would like to see a Sunset period of 8 years, Proportionate tax to population, a Citizen oversight committee and would like to have a fixed amount of money that will be utilized to help support the fire agencies districts.

The Council would also like to request a joint town hall meeting with all boards to discuss in a public forum the proposed tax prior to the board of Supervisors meeting on August 9th.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Ivy had nothing to report. Council Member Hodge attended Thursday Night Market and urges everyone to continue to shop local. Council Member Branstrom visited Costa Rica, attended a Chambers Community Affairs Committee meeting, and attended the Thursday Night Market. Mayor Aguilar gave a presentation at the Suns of Retirement meeting, and attended the Mayors Manager Meeting, a Ground breaking for Habitat for Humanity. He will be looking forward to the National Night out on August 2nd.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Ben Aguilar, Mayor

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk