



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, April 14, 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 6:02 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

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month Proclamation
2. Nevada County presentation of Animal Shelter progress
3. Wayward Journey 1-Year Partnership Presentation
4. Community Roots Presentation
5. Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month Proclamation

CITY UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Public comments: speakers 1 thru 4 (noted changes no speaker #2) & unnamed.
Virtual comments attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public comment: Matthew Coulter

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

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

6. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24th, 2026

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

7. Memorandum of Understanding with the Sierra Nevada Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 (Unit 8) for the Period January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 approving a twelve (12) month Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grass Valley and the Sierra Nevada Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 (Unit 8), effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Grass Valley and Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD) (via direct funding allocation award; PG&E)

CEQA: Multiple Proposed Projects. Either CEQA exempt and/or NCRCD/Contractor provides CEQA + any/all required permitting services.

Recommendation: Authorize City Manager or City Representative to sign/execute the MOU with Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD), subject to legal review.

9. Condon Park Skatepark Project - Final Acceptance

CEQA: N/A - Project is Complete

Recommendation: That Council: 1) accept the Condon Park Skatepark Project as complete, and 2) authorize the Deputy Public Works Director to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

10. Prefabricated Restroom Site Improvements Project - Contract Change Order

CEQA: Existing facility

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract change order of up to \$200,000.00 for added work on the Prefabricated Restroom Site Improvements Project.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

11. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley adding section 17.74.060(A.5.) Of chapter 17.74 and section 17.81.130 (C.) of Chapter 17.81, Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding tolling provisions and expiration terms for development entitlements and tentative maps

CEQA: Not a Project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15378

Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance No. 841 adding section 17.74.060(A.5.) of chapter 17.74 and section 17.81.130 (C.) of Chapter 17.81, Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding tolling provisions and expiration terms for development entitlements and tentative maps, waive full reading, and read by Title Only (Attachment 2)

Amy Wolfson, City Planning, gave overview of the Ordinance to the council.

Public comment: Unnamed

Motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 841 adding section 17.74.060(A.5.) of chapter 17.74 and section 17.81.130 (C.) of Chapter 17.81, Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding tolling provisions and expiration terms for development entitlements and tentative maps, waive full reading, and read by Title Only (Attachment 2) by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli. Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

ADMINISTRATIVE

12. Resolution Recognizing and Adopting *Culture Forward 2026-2032: Nevada County's Arts & Culture Action Plan*

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution 2026-09 recognizing and adopting *Culture Forward 2026-2032* as a guiding framework supporting the continued vitality of arts, culture, and the creative economy in Nevada County.

Item was requested to be post-pone until April 28th, 2026.

Motion made to post-pone meeting until the 28th of April by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo attended a Solid Hazard Waste commission meeting.

Councilmember Ivy attended the Skate Park Grand opening and is looking for the councils support in signing a letter of support for a Placer County Biomass Grant.

Councilmember Arbuckle attended a League of California Cities Meeting, the ribbon cutting of the Skatepark, GVDA Merchant Meeting, Nevada County Law Enforcement Meeting, and the Sacramento Sheriffs Department First annual reunion. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended a Mural tour for the Arts Council, a meeting for the Art project on the CalTrans Pillars, ERC meeting, Child Abuse Prevention, and county dispatch meeting. Mayor Hodge attended the Working lands meeting at Northstar house, a Sierra harvest Soup event, a class on AI, and wanted to say thank you to all of the Doctors in our community.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Adopted on: _____

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk