



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, January 13, 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 6:04 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 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. Stagecoach Hotel Veteran's Housing Project

CITY UPDATE

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual public comments are attached.

In-person speakers: Speakers 1 thru 4

CONSENT ITEMS -Councilmember Ivy requested that item #12 be removed from consent for discussion, seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo. Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

Motion made to approve consent with removal of #12 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 9th, 20225

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. McCourtney Rd Active Transportation Project - Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the McCourtney Rd Active Transportation Project to Hansen Bros Enterprises, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute a construction contract, subject to legal review 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount,

4. Lyman Gilmore Field Lighting Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301, 15303 & 15322

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the Lyman Gilmore Field Lighting Project to Molokai Electric LLC, 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.

5. Loma Rica Ranch Grading Permit 18-04 - Accept Public Improvements

CEQA: An Environmental Impact Report was certified as part of the initial project approval

Recommendation: That Council accept the public improvements constructed as part of Grading Permit 18-04 for the Loma Rica Ranch development.

6. Amendment to Existing Larry Walker Associates Contract to Extend Regulatory Compliance Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Authorize the Utilities Director to execute an amendment, subject to legal review, to the existing contract with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) in the amount of \$59,649, increasing the total contract amount to \$805,726, and extending services to support the City’s wastewater regulatory compliance through December 2026.

7. Contract Amendment with California Consulting for Grant Writing Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: The Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 with California Consulting for grant writing services in the amount of \$22,800, subject to legal review.

8. Adoption of the Hometown Hero Banner Program Policy

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the Council adopt the Hometown Hero Banner Program Policy and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make non-substantive administrative updates to the policy as needed, including application procedures, timelines, and formatting, provided such updates are consistent with the intent of the program.

9. Declaration of Surplus Fire Engine

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) adopt Resolution 2026-01 Declaring Vehicles of the City of Grass Valley Surplus

10. MOU between the City of Grass Valley and Feral Land Project/NPO (501)(c))(3)

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the council authorize the City Manager or City Representative to sign/execute, pending legal review.

11. Participation in Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE)

CEQA: Adoption of a Resolution to authorize participation in these PACE programs is not considered a “project” pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2026-02 to allow the conduct of special assessment proceedings for applicants within the City of Grass Valley by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) for the purpose of financing or refinancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency and seismic strengthening improvements.

12. MOU between City of Grass Valley and USFS (Tahoe-NUE)/USDA for the Use of an Air Curtain Incinerator (ACI) loan

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council authorize City Manager or their City Representative to sign/execute the agreement, subject to legal review.

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

13. Resolution Supporting FireFly Wildfire Early Warning System, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and Citris- Banatao Institute Innovations Research Group funding hub

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council approve the attached Resolution and authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution supporting the FireFly Wildfire Early Warning System and installation projects.

Duane Strauser, Community Risk Reduction Manager, gave the council an overview.

Motion made to approve the attached Resolution and authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution supporting the FireFly Wildfire Early Warning System and installation projects by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo commented on his year and thanked his fellow councilmembers for teaching him. Councilmember Ivy is working with staff on a CARB Grant and had a Pioneer Energy Meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle attended a League of California Cities Small and Rural Cities Group Board Liaison, Red Light Ball, Wreaths Across America, Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Martinis and a Movie, April 1st, Animal Shelter meeting with County, and Caring and Sharing Event. Vice Mayor Caravelli wanted to congratulate District 3 Supervisor Lisa, met with a potential developer, Veterans Meeting to discuss Banner Program, ERC Meeting, Caring and Sharing event, City Staff Breakfast, and Cultural Forward Arts Meeting. Mayor Hodge performed in a choir Christmas program, announced that Saint Piran's Day is on March 5th, and thanked the Toy Run folks for working to fix Mill St, and announced that the County will be holding a workshop at the end of the Month.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____