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## GRASS VALLEY

### Special City Council Meeting

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Tuesday, April 05, 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 at 7:02 PM.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of led by Mayor Aguilar.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

Mayor Ben Aguilar

### AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve agenda by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

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

### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

None.

### CONSENT ITEMS -

Members of the public requested that item number one for discussion.

Motion made to approve consent with removal of item number one for discussion by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar.

1. United Pentecostal Church - Approve Parcel Map 21PLN-12

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve Parcel Map 21PLN-12, and 2) adopt Resolution 2022-15 accepting an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication along Ridge Road and Ventana Sierra Drive.

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

2. Rustic Woods Phase 1 - Approve Final Map 21PLN-44

**Recommendation:** That Council approve Final Map 21PLN-44 and adopt the attached Resolution 2022-16, formally accepting the public utility easement.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave presentation to the council.

Public comment: Thomas Birtchfield, and Wilman Dea.

Motion made to approve Final Map 21PLN-44 and adopt the attached Resolution 2022-16, formally accepting the public utility easement by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

Voting Abstaining: Council Member Hodge

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

3. City of Grass Valley Strategic Plan Update (last updated April 2020)

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) receive an update on the Strategic Plan comments to date; 2) receive additional public comments; and 3) provide comments and direction to staff on updating the Grass Valley Strategic Plan.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave presentation to the Council.

Councilmembers discussed making the name of the Strategic plan extremely clear for the public, More Breakout group discussions, and having a booth for City hall discussions during public gatherings.

Public comment: Leron who works with animal control requests a new shelter to improve the safety of the public as well as the animals. Ralph Silversteen would like to see a new general plan, the strategic plan address green house gases, Climate change crisis, a Resolution stating the City will not support the Idaho Maryland, having a policy for a percentage of subdivisions required to have affordable housing, and to have the fee schedule adjusted. Johnathan Keen, would like to see the continuation of the wolf creek trail, and have special attention be made to developers to honor the setback of the creeks. Rebecca Haan wanted to put an emphasis on how do you survey your community, and to know who is your demographic. Michael Anderson is a member of Northern Star Broadband Board and believes how to create more jobs and attract young families there needs to be improve the broadband, and would like the city to explore the idea of a municipal build of broadband. Wilman Dea wanted to know how we are tracking our efficiency at addressing homelessness and how does the public seeing what efforts are being made in the efforts of addressing homelessness. Online public comments are attached.

Council took a brief break at 8:03 pm. Council resumed at 8:08 pm.

Council discussion: Councilmember Ivy wants to see more on housing, and having some sort of housing breakout groups. He would like to address short term rental plan, and see a housing market data as a region and the median income of Western Nevada County and the City, and utilize this information to segway into a larger conversations of more technical actions.

Councilmember Branstrom wants to continue what previous councils have set out to achieve. One of his main goals is to make Grass Valley attractive to young families as we can. He would like to see the wolf creek trail enter into North Star property, and supports Councilmember Ivy's want for continued discussion on housing. He thinks that looking into multifamily housing would be beneficial. There is a need to address the broadband issues, and there needs to be a water rights and NID discussion and having a seat at the table with NID. The city should also be preserving our native history prior to the gold rush and be address climate change in anyway that we can. Councilmember Hodge thinks that a scientific surveys needs to be done and there is a need to understand our demographics, she would like to see steps for the fee schedule for the sizes of houses and ADUs, wants to focus on climate change and EROI, finding the funding for broadband, ways to support for the arts, fire and resources with the effects on brush clearing and how it intermingles with our senior population, and eliminating invasive species from future developments. Vice Mayor Arbuckle believes that need to have workshops on housing, meetings with all of the Cities and county to have face to face discussions, define what affordable is, need to have broadband, need to have a modern animal shelter. Mayor Aguilar thinks that attracting young families is crucial, and with additional housings there is an increase need for police and fire and parks, but what will it take to maintain the services that the city is accustomed to. He wants to look at energy and what we can this city do to have energy during PSPS, and water and drought. He thinks that we do need to improve our animal shelter, and need to look at having an ADU and housing workshop. The city needs to have broadband, improve parking downtown, improved walkability and expand our trail system. He also discussed how the City tracks our ability to address homelessness.

No formal action taken.

#### **BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Ivy attended a meeting for Nevada Union and learned that the trade program at the high school level is having the funding cut from the budget. Councilmember Hodge it attending the ERC meeting on Thursday and they will be having their first in person meeting. Councilmember Branstrom attended the League of California legislation meeting and it is regional photography month and in Grass Valley there are exhibits at Center for the Arts and Courtyard Suits. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the GVDA & Chamber Meeting and is pleased to announce on April 23rd there will be the Car Show, and May 21st will be armed forces day. Mayor Aguilar had nothing to report.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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**Ben Aguilar, Mayor**

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**Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk**