



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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MINUTES

Mayor Jan Arbuckle, Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge, Councilmember Bob Branstrom,
Councilmember Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Tom Ivy

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Arbuckle.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Bob Branstrom

Councilmember Haven Caravelli

Councilmember Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge

Mayor Jan Arbuckle

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made to approve the agenda as submitted by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hodge.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In person: Dave Williams, Robin Galvin-Davies, Rachel Grivas, Judy Penrose, Brenda English, Aria Griffis, and Courtney Williams.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023.
Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.
2. Approval of the Town Hall Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023.
Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.
3. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of February 2023)
CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: To continue the Winter Storm February 24th, 2023 to March 1st, 2023 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. Job Description for Pop-Ups Coordinator

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council approve a job description for a Pop-Ups Coordinator.

6. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Budget Amendment

CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Finance Director to execute a budget amendment to reallocate \$150,000 in funds to the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Consider Resolution No. 2023-62 of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley calling an election on March 5, 2024, to consider a transactions and use tax for Fire Resiliency and Vegetation Management

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-62 of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley calling a special election on March 5, 2024, to consider a transactions and use tax, requesting to consolidate the elections with other elections the Registrar of Voters is to administer on March 5, 2024, and authorizing the City Clerk to perform all other acts necessary or required by law to implement this Resolution and related to the Special Election.

City Attorney, David Ruderman, announced a change to the Resolution number and changes to the Resolution. City Manager, Tim Kiser, gave brief presentation to Council.

Public Comment: Brenda English, Robin Galvin-Davies, Judy Penrose, Larry Hoffman.

Council asked for clarification on the use of the phrase "fiscal emergency", and asked for more collaboration with Nevada County and Nevada City. Council asked Staff to communicate with Nevada County and Nevada City to discuss property fire insurance and how, working together, rates may be better controlled.

Motion made to adopt Resolution No. 2023-62 of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley calling a special election on March 5, 2024, to consider a transactions and use tax, requesting to consolidate the elections with other elections the Registrar of Voters is to administer on March 5, 2024, and authorizing the City Clerk to perform all other acts necessary or required by law to implement this Resolution and related to the Special Election by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

8. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive an update on the City's efforts to date on procuring electric vehicle (EV) charging stations; and 2) provide direction to staff on proceeding with a request for proposals.

City Manager, Tim Kiser, gave presentation to Council.

Council discussed the need to reasonably priced EV chargers, the importance of independent charging stations as opposed to Tesla charging stations, discussed e-bike charging and storage, asked for clarification on the difference between owning and leasing, asked if there are any local companies, asked if Truckee or Nevada City has installed EV chargers and how they have worked for them.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Caravelli enjoyed the lights downtown and announced the upcoming ERC Summit on 10/26. Councilmember Ivy attended the Solid and Hazardous Waste event and the Pioneer board meeting. Councilmember Branstrom volunteered at the NCCA career technical education events, partook in the Open Spaces event, attended a concert from In Concert Sierra, CalCities webinar, LAFCO conference, celebrated his mother 102 birthday, Ken Getz celebration of life, and attended the Jones Hospital plaque dedication. Vice Mayor Hodge participated in the Sac Cities League cornhole competition, attended the Mayors and Managers meeting and the Music in the Mountains fundraising Gala, and reminded the public about flu season. Mayor Arbuckle attended the GVDA mixer, a construction industry education meeting, the past chiefs dinner, the Jones Hospital plaque dedication, hosted Monday with the mayor, and reminded the public about the upcoming Memorial Park panels unveiling.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Taylor Day, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____