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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 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 Arbuckle led the pledge of allegiance.

### 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 agenda 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 closed session.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of the 2023 Firework Sponsor Awards

## **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Public Comment: General Public Comment Sign in Sheet attached. Speakers #1 thru #9 spoke noted changes to #7 Cedar, #8 Ralph Silberstine, & #9 Yasmin, & Matthew Coulter

## **CONSENT ITEMS -**

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.

**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. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Final Acceptance

**CEQA:** Exempt - Procedural Action

**Recommendation:** That Council: 1) accept the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project as complete, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

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

### **REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

5. Administrative Draft of a City Civility Pledge to add to the City's Code of Conduct and Meeting Agendas

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) consider and approve the proposed Civility Pledge; and 2) direct staff to update the City's Code of Conduct and meeting agendas to include a Civility Pledge.

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

Council discussed where on the agenda will the pledge go and no need to be read each at each meeting but added to the introduction to the meeting text and made plural.

Public comment: Zack, Yasmine, Matthew Coulter

Council discussed how it is meant for the Council and Staff.

Motion made to 1) consider and approve the proposed Civility Pledge and put into the City's Code of Conduct; and 2) determine at a later date where to place in the meeting agendas by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom. Voting Yea: Councilmember Branstrom, Councilmember Caravelli, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Hodge, Mayor Arbuckle

6. Introduction of an Ordinance Approving the Development Agreement with Grass Valley Provisions, LLC and the Reduction of additional tax on high potency cannabis and cannabis products cultivated, manufactured, and sold.

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) consider the proposed Resolution to temporarily decrease the additional business taxes collected from cannabis businesses operating within the City of Grass Valley for high-potency cannabis products; and 2) Introduce the attached Ordinance approving the Development Agreement with Grass Valley Provisions LLC, waive full reading, and read by title only

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

Public Comment: Dianna Gamzon, Ian, Yasmine, Cameron Brady, Harry Bennett, Matthew Coulter

Council directed staff to bring back the Resolution reducing the THC tax to 0% temporarily for five years.

Recess minute taken at 8:05 pm meeting back to order at 8:12pm.

7. Update on amendments to the Waste Management Franchise Agreement tied to state-mandated implementation of SB 1383, AB 341, and AB 1826 (Recycling and Organic Waste programs)

**CEQA:** Not a project.

**Recommendation:** That Council provide general input and direction to staff.

Zac Quentmeyer, Deputy Public Works Director, gave update to the council.

Council discussed the cost of different structures.

Public Comment: Sherly Osgood, Pamela Osgood

Council direction for staff is to bring back all costs including a bi-weekly trash pick up.

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

Councilmember Caravelli attended an Arts Councils Presentation, was a panelist on the Panel of Art Committee, and went to a ERC Board Meeting. Councilmember Ivy attended a Pioneer Board Meeting and a NCTC meeting. Councilmember Branstrom attended a Nevada County Arts Economy meeting, went to his nephew's wedding, and went to a Cal Cities environmental policies committee. Vice Mayor Hodge had nothing to report. Mayor Arbuckle wanted to share that its Women's History Month. She attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC, a California League of Cities Public safety policy meeting, and was happy to say that California recognized Ghidotti High School and a top school.

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

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Taylor Day, City Clerk

Adopted on: \_\_\_\_\_