

# **GRASS VALLEY**

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

Tuesday, January 09, 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 7:02 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 to remove item #6, HSIP Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project - Award Contract, and 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. Gold Country Soccer League Presentation
- 2. Measure E Chair Update

Lisa Swarthout, Measure E Chair, gave update to the Council.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Virtual public comments attached.

In person public comments: Robin Davis, Liby, Amila, Unknown Individual, Laura, Kiana, William Atwell, Tara Murino, Wren, Elizabeth Pain, Kala Venlinca, Mikos Fankason, Zach,

Layla, Unknown Individual, Ralph Renick, Novell, Jessie Saven, Ian, Charlie, Jeffery Donsman, Zahar, Matthew Marnies, Ubora, Yasmin

# **CONSENT ITEMS -**

Motion made to approve consent as submitted with the removal of item #6 by Councilmember Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023

**Recommendation**: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of February 2023)

**CEQA:** Not a project

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

6. HSIP Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project - Award Contract

**CEQA:** Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) award a contract for the HSIP Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project to Consolidated Engineering Inc, 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, and 4) authorize the Finance Director to execute a budget transfer of \$80,000 in Measure E funds to fully fund the project

7. Condon Park Parking Lot Improvement Project

CEQA: Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

<u>Recommendation</u>: Authorize staff to execute a contract with Hansen Bros Enterprises for the Condon Park Parking Lot Improvement Project, subject to legal review.

8. Wolf Creek Trail Project - Professional Services Agreement Amendment

CEQA: N/A - Not a Project

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract amendment with Surf 2 Snow Environmental Resource Management in the amount of \$60,0000

9. Changing Planning Commission Meeting Times

**CEQA**: N/A - Not a Project

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 changing the regular meetings of the Planning Commission to 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each calendar month beginning February 1, 2024.

10. Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 24-25) for July 2024 through June 2025

**CEQA:** Not a Project

<u>Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the Successor Agency adopt Resolution No. SA 2024-01 approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 24-25) for the time period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

11. Amended Memorandum of Understanding with the Nevada County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 for the Employment Classifications in the City's Employees Unit #8 for the Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

**CEQA:** Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) review the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for a twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, between the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 for the Employment Classifications in the City's Employees Unit #8; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 approving Labor Memorandum of Understanding; and 3) and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Labor Memorandum of Understanding subject to legal review.

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

# **REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **ADMINISTRATIVE**

12. Ophir and Bennet Circulation Improvements - Project Introduction

**CEQA:** N/A - Administrative Discussion

<u>Recommendation Motion</u>: That Council: 1) receive a presentation on proposed roadway circulation improvements on Ophir and Bennett Streets, and 2) provide direction to staff whether to proceed with further outreach and implementation work.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave presentation to the council. Vice Mayor Hodge and Councilmember Caravelli recused themselves from the discussion because of owning property within the area. Council discussed the traffic at Colfax and Hansen, a stop sign at the top of Ophir, right turn lane onto Ophir,

Public Comment: Robin Galvin-Davis, Lisa Swarthout, David

Virtual Public Comment are attached.

Council gave direction to proceed with further outreach.

13. Potential Hazard Trees between Police Department and City Hall Parking Lot

**CEQA:** Not a Project

<u>Recommendation</u>: That the City Council provide direction to staff on the potential removal of three large redwood trees in the City Hall Parking Lot.

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

Public comment: Elizabeth, Robin Galvin-Davis

Council discussed if taken down the trees making carvings related to the community, and then replanting trees somewhere in the community. Council gave direction to staff to put a call out for artist to carve the tree and to put together a proposed landscaping plan.

14. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Nevada, the City of Nevada City, and the City of Grass Valley for collaboration with animal shelter development and services.

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) review and approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with animal shelter development and services; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU subject to legal review.

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

Public comment: Robin Galvin-Davis, unknown

Motion made to 1) review and approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with animal shelter development and services; and 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU subject to legal review by Councilmember Caravelli, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hodge.

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

# BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Caravelli attended ERC Executive meeting, the final Corish Christmas, the Caring and Sharing event, the Mayors and Managers breakfast, the ERC Meeting, and she will be absent for the first meeting in February. Councilmember Branstrom attended the ERC Meeting, Cornish Christmas, had dinner downtown with family friends who visited downtown with all of the decorations. Councilmember Ivy wants to remind everyone that Pioneer Energy is beginning this year and you will see changes on your PG&E bills. Vice Mayor Hodge was taking care of her Father and Step mom over the holidays, and wants to thank the public for their comments. Mayor Arbuckle wanted to announce that there will not be Monday with the Mayor on the agenda, but instead will be having it with the City manager and Police Chief on the 22nd, and to be on the look out for some changes on the agenda in the upcoming future.

# **ADJOURN**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 pm	
 Jan Arbuckle, Mayor	Taylor Day, City Clerk
Adopted on:	