



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 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 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 Vice Mayor Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Speakers: 1 to 5 (noted change no #2 speaker and speaker #5 did not speak)

Virtual public comments are attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Virtual public comment attached.

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Councilmember Ivy, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Purchase Energy Credits to meet procurement requirements of SB1383

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the Deputy Public Works Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Pacific-Ultrapower Chinese Station, subject to legal review; and 2) authorize the Deputy Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or transfers to implement this agreement.

3. Uniform Public Contract Cost Accounting Act Adoption

CEQA: N/A - Not A Project

Recommendation Motion: That Council: 1) elect to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act and 2) adopt Resolution 2025-26, directing the City Clerk to notify the California State Controller of the City's election to become subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

4. Nevada County Transportation Commission - RSTP Allocation Request

CEQA: N/A - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to execute a Resolution requesting Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds for street rehabilitation improvements.

5. Condon Park Road Maintenance Project - Final Acceptance

CEQA: N/A - Project is Complete

Recommendation Motion: That Council: 1) accept the Condon Park Road Maintenance Project as complete, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

6. **Title:** Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2025-26

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 2025-28 establishing the Appropriation Limit for the City of Grass Valley for the Fiscal Year 2025-26.

7. Update of the Appointment of City Councilmembers and Staff to Boards and Commission

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: Approve Mayor Hodge's recommended updated appointments of Councilmembers and Staff to various Boards and Commissions.

8. Purchase of Demo Skid Steer Masticator

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That the City Council (1) approve the sole service purchase of Demo Takeuchi Skid Steer and attachments quote received from the Global Machinery

in the amount up to \$152,000 plus any taxes for the wildfire vegetation removal and maintenance pursuant to Grass Valley Municipal Code 3.08.140 (requires 4/5 vote); (2) authorize the City Manager executive the purchase agreement and related documents to purchase the skid steer and associated attachments pending approval of the Fiscal Year Budget 2025/26 by City Council, subject to legal review.

9. Bennett Street Bridge Maintenance Project - Final Acceptance

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

Recommendation Motion: That Council: 1) accept the Bennett Street Bridge Maintenance 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

10. Adopt ten Resolutions confirming the Engineer's Reports, approving the assessment diagrams and levies, and requesting the County Auditor-Controller to place the assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 on the property tax roll for the Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLDs) and Benefit Assessment Districts (ADs).

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council: Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-29 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26 b. Resolution No. 2025-30 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2025-31 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-32 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2. 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-33 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-34 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-37 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1

[Jenifer Styczynski, Deputy Finance Director, gave an update on the item to the Council.](#)

Virtual public comment attached.

Motion made to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-29 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26 b. Resolution No. 2025-30 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2025-31 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-32 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2. 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-33 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-34 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2025-37 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2025-26, b. Resolution No. 2025-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1 by Vice Mayor Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo.

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

11. Public Hearing on Status of Vacancies and Recruitment/Retention Efforts - Government Code §3502.3 (AB 2561)

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council conduct a public hearing as required by Government Code §3502.3 to: 1) Present information on the status of vacancies; 2) Outline current recruitment and retention efforts; 3) Receive input from recognized employee organizations

Taylor Whittingslow, Deputy City Manager, gave a presentation to the Council.

Virtual public comment attached.

Motion made to 1) Present information on the status of vacancies; 2) Outline current recruitment and retention efforts; 3) Receive input from recognized employee organizations by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

12. FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget Public Hearing

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council open the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 approving the Proposed Budget for the City of Grass Valley and the Successor Agency for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Jenifer Styczynski, Deputy Finance Director, gave update of the changes to the budget to the Council.

Virtual Public Comment attached.

Motion made to open the Public Hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 approving the Proposed Budget for the City of Grass Valley and the Successor Agency for Fiscal Year 2025-26 by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Bonomolo. Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo attended a preliminary meeting with City Staff to go over the Skateboard AdHoc meeting. Councilmember Ivy attended a Preliminary AdHoc meeting, Pioneer Energy board meeting, stand-alone battery system grant applied with Pioneer Energy, collaborated with Nevada City Waste reduction, and participated in four Friends of Wolf Creek meetings. Councilmember Arbuckle attended a League of CalCities round table, Government Transparency and Labor meeting, SB 707, Women Empowerment meeting, GVDA meeting, and a meeting about plastic containers. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended the Thursday night market, a meeting with the NCCA board of directors, and the ERC Executive meeting. Mayor Hodge has been taking care of her parents.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted: _____