



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, March 25, 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 6:00 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 agenda as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed-door meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation
2. Proclamation for Rotary of Grass Valley 100th Anniversary
3. Annual presentation from the Grass Valley Downtown Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In-person Public comment: Speakers 1 through 5 (Noted change speaker # 3 did not speak).

Virtual Public Comment attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public Comment: Bob Branstrom

Virtual Public Comment attached.

Motion made to approve the consent by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

4. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

5. Emergency Cleaning of WWTP Anaerobic Digester at a Total Cost of \$448,400

CEQA: Exempt - Existing Facilities

Recommendation: Council to authorize the Utilities Director to approve the emergency cleaning of the WWTP anaerobic digester from Bristola, in accordance with Section 3.08.150 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code.

6. Resolutions opposing local forest health, wildfire mitigation, social, and economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the Council 1) adopt resolution 2025-06 opposing the local impacts to forest health and wildfire mitigation that will result from federal funding and staffing cuts to our public lands; 2) adopt resolution 2025-05 opposing the local economic impacts that will result from federal funding cuts; and 3) Provide direction to staff to draft a cover letter, to be approved by the Mayor and Vice Mayor, expressing the City's opposition to federal staffing and funding cuts.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget Review

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and the proposed revisions through a motion.

Jennifer Styczynski, Deputy Finance Director, gave the presentation to the council.

Break taken at 7:23 pm. Meeting called back to order at 7:30 pm

Public comment: Bob Branstrom, Rob Katizine,

Council discussed reserves, capital projects, possible tariffs, non-fungible funds, Subcommittee of Vice Mayor Caravelli and Mayor Hodge as a budget committee.

Motion made that the City Council approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and the proposed revisions by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

8. Parking Assessment Presentation

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That (1) Council hear the presentation from staff and Dixon Resources Unlimited regarding their operational needs assessment; and (2) provide direction on next steps.

Haven Caravelli recues herself due to owning a business within the zone and Tom Ivy recues himself due to owning property within the 500 radius of the parking zone.

Break taken at 7:49 pm. Meeting called back to order at 8:00 pm.

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave an introduction to the item, and Julie Dixon from Dixon Resources Unlimited gave a presentation to the Council.

Council discussed employee parking and residential overnight parking.

Public Comment: Bob Branstrom, Robin Galvin-Davis, Rob Katizine, Pam, Annamarie Trigger, Jedidiah Watson, Michelle Oakland,

Virtual public comments are attached.

The council directed staff to return with a draft of a Residential Parking policy and information on parking enforcement.

9. Code of Conduct Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council review and adopt the attached revised Code of Conduct.

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

Motion made to review and adopt the attached revised Code of Conduct, with one change to remove "The Union" and replace with local media by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Caravelli attended the Cultural Forwards Cities Meeting, and will not be at the April 8th meeting. Councilmember Ivy attended the Nevada County Transit Commission and Transportation Commission meetings and the Pioneer Community Energy meeting. Councilmember Bonomolo attended the Solid Waste Commission meeting and met with the GVDA and Grass Valley Chamber. Councilmember Arbuckle spent the week in DC and had a meeting at the White House with the intergovernmental affairs director, met with Congressman Kiley, attended the Nevada County Law Enforcement Meeting, attended the Elected and Appointed Women's Tea at the County, the Power of the Purse, Sierra Harvest Soup Night, and Classical music put on with Music in the Mountains. Vice Mayor Hodge attended the GVDA Board Meeting, Cultural District Interview, Arts & Cultural District Meuse Magazine is released, the women's Day Reception was exceptional, and Wednesday with the Mayor will be on the 26th from 9 am to 11 am.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on:_____