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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 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 Aguilar led the pledge of allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

Mayor Ben Aguilar

### AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Waste Management Recycling and Services

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual Comments attached. In person public comment: Robin Davis, All Bough, and Sherri Bernedett

## **CONSENT ITEMS -**

Motion to approve consent as submitted by Council Member Hodge, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022.

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

3. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

**Recommendation:** Adopt resolution R2022-75 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

**Recommendation:** Continuance of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

**Recommendation:** Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

6. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021)

**Recommendation:** Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

7. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grass Valley and County of Nevada to memorialize funding commitments to support emergency services programs and projects.

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) review the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Nevada; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022-xx approving the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the County of Nevada ("County") and the City of Grass Valley ("City"), contingent upon voter approval of the Nevada County Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness Transactions and Use Tax ("Measure V"); and 3) authorize the Mayor execute MOU, subject to legal review.

8. Acceptance of donation from the Nevada County Law Enforcement & Fire Protection Council (NCLFC)

**Recommendation:** Approve the Police Department to accept the proposed donation by the NCLFC

9. New Job Description for Parks Senior Maintenance Worker

**Recommendation:** That Council approve the new job description for Parks Senior Maintenance Worker.

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### 10. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Update and Design Approval

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) receive an update on the project schedule and 2) review the proposed final design elements and provide direction to staff.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave presentation to the council.

Council asked about growth rate of trees, the merchants seating options, music on the street, and what side is the project starting on.

Public Comment: Al Bluf, Paula Newman, Penny Short, Lily Pilland, Robin Davis, Jacob McDonald, Steve Desina, Tarze Elliot, Ben Yang

Break at 8:40 pm meeting resumed at 8:46 pm.

Council asked for clarification of the schedule for construction. They had discussion about seating. Councilmember Ivy wanted more upscale seating. Councilmember Branstrom discussed; his concerns of the leaf clean up during fall and maintaining trash pick up, he would like to have the planters capped but could wait to see if its needed and do at a later date, having four benches with a total of two in each block, the need for drop off zones on both ends, public tables for dining, and minimizing the disruption to the merchants. Councilmember Hodge discussed; wanting too look for other options for the tree grates, tree choices, and cobble colors. Councilmember Arbuckle discussed; wanting to look at other tree choices for Mill St, that seating needs to be limited and public tables are necessary, the loading zones, Mayor Aguilar discussed; would like to minimizing seating and look at different tree choices. and have a rendering of capped benches brought forward to council.

Break at 9:30 pm meeting resumed at 9:36pm.

#### 11. Baseline Tennis Club Proposal

**Recommendation:** That Council approves City staff to execute a Facility Use Agreement with Baseline Tennis Club for use of City tennis courts, subject to legal review.

Zac Quentmeyer, Community Services Analyst, gave presentation to the council.

Council questioned how many courts and the courts that would be utilized for this contract, what is the commitment from the club to the city to help maintain the facilities, what are peak and non peak hours.

Public Comment: Rick Partridge, Greg , Chelsea Lynch, Linda Newman, Steven Livin, Rachel Pennya, Gena Fair, Paul Swarchs, Greta Watson, Windy Baker, Sharle Lugan, Dave Henniger, Emont Retira, Bitra Shervise, Branda

Council discussed a one year trial of the club, and the possibility to have staff look into a City ran reservation system.

Motion made to Approve Baselines Tennis Club's request for a Facility Use Agreement for a one year trial and approve the use of the courts during non-peak use hours (typically late morning and early afternoon). Two courts at DeVere Mautino Park for two hours during one weekday and two hours during one weekend

day each week by Mayor Aguilar, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom. Voting  
Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Mayor Aguilar Voting Nay:  
Vice Mayor Arbuckle Voting Abstaining: Council Member Ivy

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Hodge wants to encourage everyone to come to the Volunteer Fair that is hosted at the Nevada County Fair Grounds. Councilmember Branstrom attended the Gold Country Senior Services Meeting, FDR Constitution Day Parade, and a River Cats Game. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the GVDA Merchant meeting, the RCRC Conference, a Transit Services Commission Meeting, River Cats game, the Rudiger Foundation Dinner, and a concert at the Center for the Arts. Mayor Aguilar had nothing to report.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm

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Ben Aguilar, Mayor

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Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Adoption Date: \_\_\_\_\_