



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, September 08, 2026 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 Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli

Mayor Hilary Hodge

ABSENT

Councilmember Joe Bonomolo

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda as submitted by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report out of closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Presentation

CITY UPDATE

2. The Feral Land Project Mosaic Fuels Treatment presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual comments attached.

Public comment: Speakers 1 & 2

CONSENT ITEMS -

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

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Appointment of Councilmember Arbuckle as the voting delegate and Mayor Hodge as alternate for the League of California Cities 2026 Annual Conference meeting

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council appoints Councilmember Arbuckle as the voting and Mayor Hodge as the alternate for the 2026 League Annual Conference on September 23-25, 2026.

5. Purchase of Bobcat E-55 Excavator

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Manager to sign/execute the purchase agreement.

6. **Title:** Resolution Electing to Cease to Be Subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act with Respect to Management/Supervisory Employees (001 Management/Supervisory).

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2026-47, electing the City of Grass Valley to cease to be subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) with respect to recognized Management/Supervisory employees, effective December 31, 2026.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Agreement with the Nevada County Historical Society for Digital Scanning and Preservation of Historical Records

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council approve the Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Historical Society (NCHS) for the digital scanning and preservation of historical records and authorize the Deputy City Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review.

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

Public Comment: Kyle Heife, Robin Davies

Motion made to approve the Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Historical Society (NCHS) for the digital scanning and preservation of historical records and authorize the Deputy City Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to legal review. by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Ivy wanted to discuss the matter of re-agendizing the Round-about design.

Motion made to not re-agenized the Round-About design discussion by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Vice Mayor Caravelli

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ivy

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Hodge

Councilmember Arbuckle provided a Cal Cities legislative update, including several bills awaiting the Governor's action. Also attended a Downtown Association meeting and a Beale Air Force Base tour, highlighting opportunities for greater connection between Beale personnel and the Nevada County community. Councilmember Ivy had nothing additional report. Vice Mayor Caravelli had no report. Mayor Hodge recognized Assemblymember Heather Hadwick's local outreach, Communities Beyond Violence's new location, and restoration progress at the North Star House. Highlighted upcoming community activities, including the Zero Waste Summit and annual Yuba River Cleanup.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____