



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, August 13, 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 6:03 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 made to approve agenda as submitted by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Public Speakers: #1-9 and Matthew Coulter.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public Comment: Heather Haddock, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to approve consent as submitted by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hodge.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2024.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Center For The Arts - Student Matinee Program Funding

CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) review the attached proposal; 2) approve the \$16,000 in Special Project funding for this program; and 3) Authorize the Finance Director to make any necessary budget transfers and/or amendments to fund the Student Matinee Program.

3. Continuation of 20% Water Conservation from all City Customers Due to inoperable Drum and South Yuba Canals

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council continue the mandate of all City Water Customers to conserve 20% of their normal water usage.

4. Grass Valley Police Officer's Association - July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-60 approving the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for a two year period beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, between the City of Grass Valley and City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Police Officer's Association (Unit 6).

5. Appointment of Councilmember's for the Measure B Oversight Committee

CEQA: Not a Project

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Use Permit applications for an exception to the multifamily covered parking requirement established in Section 17.36.040, Table 3-3 of the City of Grass Valley Municipal Code.

Recommendation: Based upon the evidence in the public record, and the Planning Commission's 3:1 denial, staff recommends that the City Council take one of the following actions:

Option 1) Uphold the Planning Commission's denial of Use Permit applications 24PLN-0008, -0009, and -0010; a) Deny the appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Use Permit applications for a reduction in covered parking requirements; b) Determine the proposed projects at 210 Sutton Way (24PLN-0008), 265 Sutton Way (24PLN-0009), and 228 Sutton Way (24PLN-0010) exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, as detailed in the attached June 18, 2024 Planning Commission Staff Report; c) Uphold

the Planning Commission’s finding for denial of the Use Permits, that “insufficient quantitative evidence was provided to document a need for a reduction of the covered parking standard;” and, d) Deny the Use Permits as presented in this Staff Report.

Option #2) Overturn the Planning Commission’s denial of Use Permit applications 24PLN-0008, -0009, and -0010; a) Uphold the appeal and overturn the Planning Commission’s denial of the Use Permit applications for a reduction in covered parking requirements; b) Determine the proposed projects at 210 Sutton Way (24PLN-0008), 265 Sutton Way (24PLN-0009), and 228 Sutton Way (24PLN-0010) exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, as detailed in the attached June 18, 2024 Planning Commission Staff Report; c) Adopt Findings of Fact as detailed in the June 18, 2024 Planning Commission Staff Report for approval of the Use Permits as presented in the Staff Report; and, d) Approve the Use Permits as presented in this Staff Report.

Option #3) Continue the appeal of Use Permit applications 24PLN-0008, -0009, and -0010 for additional information to be provided

Lucy Rollins, Senior Planner, gave an overview of the appeal to the Council. Representatives from Cascade Housing also gave a presentation to the council.

The council had questions regarding insurance, FEMA grants, what is affordable housing, tax credits,

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

The council directs staff to continue the item until September 24th or another publicly noticed meeting date.

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Main St Sealing And Striping - Authorize Bidding and Approve Design

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the findings that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); 2) provide direction to Staff on several design proposals; and 3) authorize the advertisement for bids.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave a presentation to the Council.

The council discussed whether the merchants had been notified, the flashing light trial for the month of September, the removal of the crosswalk, and the implications of shortening parking spaces.

Public Comment: Robin Davis, Emily, Matthew Coulter

The council discussed the timeline and added back the green zone on Main Street, as requested. The council requested more outreach and to bring back the item at the next council meeting.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Ivy has nothing to report. Councilmember Branstrom attended the McKnight Shopping Center ceremony and participated in the Fair. Councilmember Caravelli attended the ERC meeting and the opening ceremony at the Fair. Vice Mayor Hodge participated at

the Fair and 70th Birthday Celebration for Terry Brown. Mayor Arbuckle attended opening day at the Fair, National Night Out, Hope for Nevada County, McKnight Crossing event.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____