



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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MINUTES

Mayor Jan Arbuckle, Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge, Councilmember Bob Branstrom,
Councilmember Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Tom Ivy

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Arbuckle.

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 the agenda as submitted by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by
Councilmember Branstrom.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Military Ambassador Certificate of Recognition for Tia C. Tomescu.
[Mayor Arbuckle presented certificate to 1st Lieutenant Tia C. Tomescu.](#)
2. Proclamation for May 2024 as National Cities, Towns and Villages Month.
[Mayor Arbuckle presented the proclamation.](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments #1-5

Virtual Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

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

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

3. Approval of the regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Approval of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

5. Second Reading of Ordinance 828 amending section 17.38.050(B) and adding Section 17.38.080(N) of Chapter 17.38 and Section 17.100.020(S) of Chapter 17.100, Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding the regulation of portable signage within the ROW of properties located within the Town Core zoning designation

CEQA: Exempt under CEQA Guideline §15301, Categorical Exemption Class 1 (“Existing Facilities”) and under CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3) (General Rule)

Recommendation: That Council Find the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the attached NOE and hold a second reading, waive full reading, by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 828 to regulate signage within the ROW of properties in the Town Core Zoning Designation.

6. Magenta Drain Restoration Project - Grant Agreement with South Yuba River Citizens League

CEQA: N/A - Procedural Motion

Recommendation Motion: That Council approve staff to execute an agreement with South Yuba River Citizens League for Planning and Implementation Services regarding Department of Water Resources Funding for Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant subject to legal review.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Historical Commission Policy Document

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council review and approve the Historical Commission policy document

City Planner, Amy Wolfson, gave presentation to Council. Council asked for clarification on bullet point 5.

Motion made approve the Historical Commission policy document as amended by Councilmember Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

8. Measure E Park Funding - Project List and Use Agreement

CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) review a proposed project list for the next fiscal year and provide direction to Staff and 2) dependent on Council's desired direction, authorize the City Engineer to execute a Joint Use Agreement, subject to legal review, for the City's use and upgrading of the Sierra College Rotary Fields.

City Engineer, Bjorn Jones, presented to Council.

Council asked for clarification on how this money is to be applied to projects.

Virtual Public Comment: Matthew Coulter, Joyce Hoffman, Larry Hoffman.

Council unanimously directed staff to follow option B.

9. FY 2024-25 Preliminary Budget Overview

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council, by MOTION, 1) approve the FY 2024-25 Preliminary Budget and provide further direction to staff as it relates to the preparation of the FY 2024-25 Final Budget; and 2) Set June 25, 2024, as the date for the public hearing for the FY 2024-25 Final Budget.

Finance Director, Andy Heath, gave presentation to Council.

Council asked about designated reserves, the parking enforcement position, setting money aside for workers compensation,

Public Comment: Shirley Osgood, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to approve the FY 2024-25 Preliminary Budget and provide further direction to staff as it relates to the preparation of the FY 2024-25 Final Budget; and 2) Set June 25, 2024, as the date for the public hearing for the FY 2024-25 Final Budget by Councilmember Ivy, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

10. Discussion on City Council Compensation in light of Upcoming Elections.

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council considers the information provided and provides direction to staff.

City Manager, Tim Kiser, gave presentation.

Council discussed the upcoming Union Negotiations for staff and the current budget status.

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

Council asked staff to prepare options that show numbers for that costs of health care and possible raises in compensation.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Branstrom attended the LAFCO meeting and visited the City of Shasta Lake for a meeting. Councilmember Ivy attended the Pioneer Energy board meeting and set up a hot water recirculation system in his home. Councilmember Caravelli attended a Center for the Arts meeting. Vice Mayor Hodge spoke about the upcoming Car Show, Thursday Night Market, and is participating in the theater production of RENT. Mayor Arbuckle attended the Sac Valley Division Meeting, spoke about Monday with the Mayor, Armed Forces Day, and the Memorial Day Service.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Adopted on: _____

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Taylor Day, City Clerk