



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 14, 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

Mayor Hodge called to order the meeting at 6:02 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 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

CITY UPDATE

Update from Fire Chief, Mark Buttron

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual comments attached.

In person comments: Speaker 1 thru 7 (no speaker #2), unnamed, Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made by Councilmember Bonomolo, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Approval of the Special Council and Planning Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Three (3) month extension of Agreement for Public Safety Dispatch Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Authorize Interim City Manager/Police Chief to sign the 3 month extension to the Agreement for Public Safety Dispatch Services

4. **Title:** City of Grass Valley Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Information Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: Pass a Motion to receive and file the City of Grass Valley Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

5. **Title:** Park Restroom Maintenance Services and Parks Division Staffing

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the addition of one full-time Maintenance Worker I position in the Parks Division, effective August 1, 2026. 2) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget by transferring appropriations from the Ultimate Building Maintenance contract to the appropriate salary, benefit, and contractual services accounts.

6. Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project - Authorization to Bid

CEQA: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by Planning Commission

Recommendation: That Council authorize the advertisement for bids for the Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project

7. 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Bid

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); and 2) authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project.

8. Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study- Nevada County

Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with Nevada County to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting;

- 2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review.
9. Consideration of a School Resource Officer Agreement with the Grass Valley School District

CEQA: Not CEQA

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley School District to provide School Resource Officer services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.7% based on the December 2025 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2026-45 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2026/2027 on the tax rolls.

Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave overview of the item.

Public Comment: Unnamed

Motion made to 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.7% based on the December 2025 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2026-45 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2026/2027 on the tax rolls by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

11. Adopt ten Resolutions confirming the Engineer's Reports, approving the assessment diagrams and annual assessment levies, and requesting the Nevada County Auditor-Controller to place the Fiscal Year 2026-27 assessments for the City's Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLDs) and Benefit Assessment Districts (BADs) on the property tax roll.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council: Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and 1) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2026-37 - Confirming the diagram and

assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-39 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-40 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-41 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-42 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-43 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-44 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1

Jennifer Styczynski, Finance Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public comment: None.

Motion made to 1) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2026-37 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-39 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-40 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-41 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-42 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-43 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-44 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1 by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

12. Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Property Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2026-34 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the Nevada County property tax roll.

Jennifer Styczynski, Finance director, gave presentation to the council.

No public comment.

Motion made to hold a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2026-34 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the Nevada County property tax roll. by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

ADMINISTRATIVE

13. Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project - Project Approval and Environmental Document

CEQA: Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemptions - Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve that the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act under Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemptions and 2) authorize Staff to file a Notice of Exemption with Nevada County Clerk Recorder.

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

Public comment: Catherine Thompson, Craig Hamilton, Del Oro, Jeff Hansen, Larry Munoz, Jason Kert, Daniel Swartzendruber, Sean Jackson, Ben Aguilar, Robin Davis, Unnamed, Jonathan Keen, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to direct Staff and the consultant to revert to a signalized design option and delegate to Staff the preparation and filing of a revised CEQA Categorical Exemption for that design. Staff would explore funding options and return to Council for approval of a change order for the added consultant costs by Vice Mayor Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ivy

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo gave props to Public Works, and attended the Skateboard Adhoc meeting, Housing Element Workshop. Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Arbuckle attended the Jada open house, Housing Element Workshop, 4th of July parade, California League of Cities meeting, WIMIG, Summer Leadership Conference. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended a Historical commission update, 4th of July parade, and a meeting of round about mural project. Mayor Hodge announced an upcoming museum fundraiser, and concluded by wishing Howard Levine a happy birthday.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on:_____