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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, October 08, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Arbuckle led the pledge of allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Councilmember Bob Branstrom  
Councilmember Tom Ivy  
Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge  
Mayor Jan Arbuckle

#### ABSENT

Councilmember Haven Caravelli

### AGENDA APPROVAL -

The motion was made by Vice Mayor Hodge and seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Branstrom, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Hodge, Mayor  
Arbuckle

### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual Public comment attached.

In-person: Liz Newman, Matthew Coulter.

### CONSENT ITEMS -

Requested changes to Item # 2 (Unit 8 MOU), changing the salary schedule for Deputy Fire  
Marshal working 2080 hours annually had a miscalculation, and change to Item #3 (Loma Rica  
Landscaping & Lighting) updating engineering report section d to reflect \$57 "monthly" and

updating resolution R2024-71 to reflect accurate amount and R2024-72 to emphasize that there is only one owner of the property.

A motion was made to approve consent with noted changes by Vice Mayor Hodge, seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024

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

2. Amended Memorandum of Understanding with the Nevada County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 for the Employment Classifications in the City's Employees Unit #8 for the Period July 1, 2024 - December 25, 2025

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) review the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for an eighteen-month period beginning July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, between the City of Grass Valley and the Nevada County Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 3800 for the Employment Classifications in the City's Employees Unit #8; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2024-70 approving Labor Memorandum of Understanding; and 3) and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Labor Memorandum of Understanding subject to legal review.

3. Loma Rica Landscaping and Lighting District - Approve Engineer's Report and Intent to Annex

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) adopt Resolution 2024-71 approving the Engineer's Report without modifications and 2) adopt Resolution 2024-72 declaring the intent to annex property and levy assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1988-2, Zone VI - Loma Rica Annexation 2024-01

4. Approval of a range increase and Executive Contract Appendix

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) approve a 4% increase to the pay ranges for all Executive Contract Employees & change the retiree Health Plan Benefit to allow all executives to be eligible; 2) review the proposed Amendment to the Employment Agreements (including Appendix A) with Department Directors, City Clerk, and Deputy Directors; 3) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements subject to legal review; 4) authorize the Finance Director or the City Manager's designee to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or amendments to complete this action.

5. Appointment of Planning Commissioner

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council approve the appointment of Matthew Wich as Planning Commissioner for Councilmember Ivy.

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

## **REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 829 Increasing Compensation for Mayor and City Councilmembers

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** That the Council hold a second, waive full reading and read by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 829 Increasing Compensation for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, introduced the item to the council.

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

The motion was made to hold a second, waive full reading and read by title only, and adopt Ordinance No. 829 Increasing Compensation for Mayor and City Councilmembers by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom. Voting Yea: Councilmember Branstrom, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Hodge  
Voting Nay: Mayor Arbuckle

7. Introduction of an ordinance amending 10.64.010, 10.64.020, and 10.64.030 of Chapter 10.64 of Title 10 and adding section 12.16.040 to Chapter 12.16 of Title 12 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regulating use of wheeled devices

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** Introduce the attached ordinance, waive full reading, and read by Title Only

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave the council an overview of the item.

Public comment: Joy Porter, Unknown, Matthew Coulter

Striking "with the exception of skateboards" from section 4 and item #2 of the ordinance.

A motion was made to introduce the attached ordinance, with the striking of "with the exception of Skateboards" 12.16.000 a.2. and waive full reading and read by Title Only by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hodge.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

8. Downtown Public Restroom Project (Church Street Parking Lot)

**CEQA:** Exempt - Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) review a proposed public restroom project funding; 2) authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GVDA for funding a portion of the proposed restroom, subject to legal review; and 3) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make necessary budget adjustments or transfers to add the project current budget.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave the council an overview of the item.

Public Comment: Joy Porter, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to 1) review a proposed public restroom project funding; 2) authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GVDA for funding a portion of the proposed restroom, subject to legal review; and 3) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make necessary budget adjustments or transfers to add the project current budget by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

9. Resolution in support of Proposition 36

**CEQA:** Not a project.

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution 2024-73 in support of Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act

Alex Gammelgard, police chief, gave a presentation to the council.

Public Comment: Sandra Peterson, Walter, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to Adopt Resolution 2024-73 in support of Proposition 36, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Mayor Arbuckle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Branstrom, Mayor Arbuckle

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Hodge

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Ivy

Motion passes. \*\*

\*\*This differs from the video minutes because, after the meeting, it was clarified that under Robert's Rules of Order, an abstention is not counted toward the quorum, meaning a 2-1 vote is sufficient for the motion to pass.

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Branstrom attended the Brewfest and an ERC Meeting. Councilmember Ivy met with Congressman Kiley to discuss a biomass plant, participated in a Softball tournament, and came in 2nd place. Vice Mayor Hodge attended a Music in the Mountain event off Broad Street and saw the production of Shortz. Mayor Arbuckle Presented a Key to the City, attended a League of California Conference, and gave a reminder that it is Nation Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Health Fair is on November 9th.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: \_\_\_\_\_