



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 28, 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 6:03 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 to approve agenda as submitted 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

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY UPDATE

1. Police Department Update

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual comments attached.

Public speakers 1 thru 8

CONSENT ITEMS -

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

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

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14th, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. **Title:** Appointment of Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) authorize the City Manager to execute an addendum to the agreement with Smith & Newell, CPAs for independent audit services for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in an amount not to exceed \$51,530; and 2) approve the use of a sole-source procurement pursuant to Section 3.08.140(B) of the Grass Valley Municipal Code for the one-year extension of independent audit services with Smith & Newell, CPAs.

4. Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

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

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the award of a contract for the Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project to the lowest responsive bidder up to \$1,730,000, subject to the bid protest period, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount, subject to the available budget.

5. 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive bidder, subject to the bid protest period, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount.

6. Professional Services Agreement - Authorization to Approve Change Order

CEQA: N/A - CEQA review will be completed as part of the project work

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Engineer to approve a contract change order up to \$125,000 with GHD for added design and environmental work associated with the City's decision to revert to a signalized design alternative on the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo made a flock camera statement. Councilmember Ivy attended a NCTC meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle attended League of California Cities Board Meeting, Small and Rural Cities Group, Starry Nights Hospital Foundation Events, GVDA Chamber board meeting. Vice Mayor Caravelli will not be in attendance at the August 11th meeting. Mayor Hodge saw Cinderella at Nevada City Theater, attended Starry Nights, there is an upcoming benefit show to support local museums and national night out is coming up.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____