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## GRASS VALLEY

### Special City Council Meeting

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Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 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 7:01pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Lt. Blakemore.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Councilmember Bob Branstrom

Councilmember Haven Caravelli

Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge

Mayor Jan Arbuckle

#### ABSENT

Councilmember Tom Ivy

### AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person comments: Tim Kiser, Mark Buttron, Robin Davies, Brenda English, Matthew Coulter, Paula Newman, Penny Short, Christine Larkin, Angela Rule, Nicole, and Brian Hall.

Virtual Comments attached.

## CONSENT ITEMS -

In person public comment: Matthew Coulter

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

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

1. Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023  
**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.
2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2023  
**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.
3. Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023  
**Recommendation:** Council approve minutes as submitted.
4. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** Ending of the of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency and adopting Resolution 2023-06.
5. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)  
**CEQA:** Not a Project  
**Recommendation:** Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency
6. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of February 2023)  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** To continue the Winter Storm February 24th, 2023 to March 1st, 2023 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency
7. February 2023 Winter Storm - Authorize Emergency Contracts  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** That Council adopt Resolution 2023-08 authorizing the City Manager to enter into emergency contracts without advertising for bids and ratifying emergency contract execution relating to recovery from the February 2023 winter storms.
8. 4th of July Fireworks Show (Approval of Pyro Spectaculars North Agreement)  
**CEQA:** Not a Project  
**Recommendation:** The Council 1) approve the 2022 4th of July Fireworks Show; 2) approve City Manager to execute an Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars North, Inc. for amount of \$21,500 for the 4th of July Fireworks Show; and 3) approve the Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and transfers.
9. Grass Valley Police Officers' Association - Unit 6 - Side Letter to July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 - Lateral Police Officer Recruitment Incentives

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 approving a Side Letter to the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for the period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Police Officers' Association (Unit 6) for recruitment incentives for lateral police officers.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

10. Acceptance of the Final Report on the 2017 Gold Country Coalition Brownfield Grant

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** Accept the Final Report and direct staff to submit it to the United State Environmental Protection Agency program manager.

Tom Last, Community Development Director, gave presentation to the council.

Council had a question about how the application process works.

In person public comment: Matthew Coulter

No action required.

11. FY 2022-23 Mid-Year Budget Review

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council, by MOTION, approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and recommended revisions.

Andy Heath, Finance Director, gave presentation to the council.

Council had a question about insurance cost increases and the costliness of the 2023 storm damage.

In person public comment: Matthew Coulter.

Motion made to approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and recommended revisions by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Caravelli attended the ERC meeting, and a GVDA meeting. She also went to Monterey to watch Chief Gammelgard be awarded President of California Police Chief Association. Councilmember Branstrom applauded Chief Gammelgard and acknowledged the hardships from the storm that Staff faced. He also attended a LAFCO meeting representing the city on March 16th that was discussing Rough and Ready's Fire Department and attended the Chapa De open house for their new building. Vice Mayor Hodge mentioned Saint Piran's day. Mayor Arbuckle discussed the success of Saint Piran's day, she also announced that Kevin Kiley visited Grass Valley during the storm. She spoke at the Rotary Club meeting and

thanked staff for their hard work during the storm. She also wanted to acknowledge that this month is Women's History Month.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

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Taylor Day, City Clerk