



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 23, 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 6:03PM.

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

No reportable action.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Meeting of Dash, Grass Valley Police Departments new K9
Chief of Police, Alex Gammelgard, introduced Officer Duncan and K9 Dash.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In Person Public Comments #1-3.

Virtual Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

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

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

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9th, 2024.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Local Transportation Fund (LTF) Claim for Transit and Paratransit Operations

CEQA: N/A - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council adopt a resolution requesting that Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) allocate \$642,298 of the City's FY 2024/25 estimated apportionment of LTF in support of transit and paratransit services.

4. 2024 Annual Measure E Street Rehabilitation Project - Final Acceptance

CEQA: N/A - Project is Complete

Recommendation Motion: That Council: 1) accept the 2024 Annual Measure E Street Rehabilitation Project as complete, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

5. Bennett Street Bridge Maintenance 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.

6. Continuation of 20% Water Conservation from all City Customers Due to inoperable Drum and South Yuba Canals

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council continue the mandate of all City Water Customers to conserve 20% of their normal water usage.

7. 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 3.4% based on the December 2023 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2024-59 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2024/2025 on the tax rolls.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

8. Community Farms Planning for Mautino Park

CEQA: Not a project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive proposals for Community Farm Planning from Interfaith Food Ministry and Sierra Harvest; 2) approve funding up to \$30,000 for each proposal; and 3) authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute agreements for approved proposals, subject to legal review.

Deputy City Manager, Taylor Whittingslow introduced the proposal to Council.

Interfaith Food Ministry and Sierra Harvest presented their proposals.

Council asked what IFM and Sierra Harvest will be using the funds for, how often the two groups would be meeting, if they are working closely with Waste Management and how the funding will continue.

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

Motion made to approve funding up to \$30,000 for each proposal and authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute agreements for approved proposals, subject to legal review. by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Branstrom

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Caravelli attended the ERC Meeting and the Music in the Mountains Happy Birthday America Event at the Northstar House. Councilmember Ivy represented Grass Valley at the NCTC meeting in Truckee, toured some of Truckee’s parks and trails, attended the Pioneer Community Energy Meeting and noted that they will be dropping rates 5%, he also participated in the monthly Wolf Creek monitoring event. Councilmember Branstrom saw Union Pacific’s largest train, saw a production at Sierra Stages, visited the Gold Country Senior Center, and attended the CalCities Regional Meeting in Elk Grove. Mayor Arbuckle attended the League of California Cities meeting in Pasadena and went to Florida for NLOC Women’s Conference.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____