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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, May 09, 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 7:00 PM.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jan Arbuckle led the pledge of allegiance.

### 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 as submitted by Councilmember Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

### REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

### INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Poppy Day Proclamation

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person: Robin Galvan-Davies, Paula Newman, Debra Dove, Christine Larkin

### CONSENT ITEMS -

Remove item # 5 from the agenda and move item #9 to "Items removed for discussion"

Motion made to approve consent with the noted changes 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 April 25, 2023

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

3. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

4. 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

5. ~~Grass Valley Professional Services Agreement for Consultant Services for Nevada Cemetery District (NCD)~~

~~**CEQA:** Not a Project~~

~~**Recommendation:** That City Council authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Nevada Cemetery District to provide financial services.~~

6. Approve Resolution 2023-19 opposing Initiative No. 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** That Council review and adopt Resolution 2023-19 opposing Initiative No. 21-0042A1, The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act.

7. Appointment of Historical Commissioner Terrance McAteer & Dyane Albrecht to the Historical Commission for a four-year term

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appoint Historical Commissioners McAteer & Albrecht to a term ending July 1, 2026

8. Approval of City Planner Job Description, Salary Schedule, and Executive Service Contract with Appendix A

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That City Council approve new job description and salary range for the City Planner; and 2) approve the Contract Employees Agreement with Appendix A.

10. Update Municipal Code Section 8.16 Fire Control Regulations

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council hold the second reading of Ordinance no. 824 to repeal Municipal Code Chapter - 8.16 Fire Control Regulations and Urgency Ordinance

No. 823 and replace with new Municipal Code Chapter 8.16 Fire Control Regulations.  
Waive full reading.

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

9. Mill Street Parking Lot Improvements Project - Authorization to Bid

**CEQA:** Exempt, Class 11 and 32

**Recommendation:** That Council authorize the advertisement for bids for the Mill Street Parking Lot Improvements Project

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave a presentation to the council.

Virtual comments attached.

Public Comment: Female Resident

Council had discussion in regards to the drainage and lighting of the site by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Hodge.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ivy

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

11. Introduction of an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapters 5.16 “Cable Television Franchise”, 5.18 “Cable Systems and Open Video Systems”, and 5.19 “State Video Franchises” of the Grass Valley Municipal Code.

**CEQA:** Not a Project.

**Recommendation:** That Council: 1) review the proposed ordinance to repeal and replace Municipal Code Chapters - 5.16 “Cable Television Franchise”, 5.18 “Cable Systems and Open Video Systems”, and 5.19 “State Video Franchises”; and 2) introduce Ordinance No. 825, waive full reading, and read by Title only.

Michael Colantuono, City Attorney, gave presentation to the council.

Public Comment: Ramona Howard

Motion to 1) review the proposed ordinance to repeal and replace Municipal Code Chapters - 5.16 “Cable Television Franchise”, 5.18 “Cable Systems and Open Video Systems”, and 5.19 “State Video Franchises”; and 2) introduce Ordinance No. 825, waive full reading, and read by Title only by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

12. Grass Valley Downtown Association 2022 Annual Review

**CEQA:** Not a project.

**Recommendation:** Informational item no action required

Robin & Lillie, gave presentation

Public Comment: Jon Katis, Penny Short

Council had discussion of the strategic plan, budget, how money is being spent for the benefit of the Downtown Merchants and events. No action required on this item.

### 13. Development Impact Fees - Draft Capacity and Impact Fee Studies

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) receive a presentation on the Water and Wastewater Capacity Fee study process and findings, 2) receive a presentation on the Development Impact Fee study process and findings 3) set a public hearing for June 27, 2023 for the AB1600 update of Water, Wastewater and Development Impact Fees.

The City Consultant, NBS, gave presentation to the Council. Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, was also available to answer questions.

Council discussed the last time that the fees increased, the cost for hospital costs, Prop 218, build out estimates, why the increase in the impacts and the new calculations of the fees.

Motion made to 1) receive a presentation on the Water and Wastewater Capacity Fee study process and findings, 2) receive a presentation on the Development Impact Fee study process and findings 3) set a public hearing for June 27, 2023 for the AB1600 update of Water, Wastewater and Development Impact Fees by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Branstrom.

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

### 14. Water and Wastewater User Rates- Draft Rate Study

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) receive a presentation on the Water and Wastewater rate study process and findings, 2) review the Proposition 218 Notice for maximum rate adjustments for Water and Wastewater User Rates, 3) receive an informational update on the implementation process for the proposed Water and Wastewater User Rates adjustments.

The City Consultant, NBS, gave presentation to the Council. Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, was also available to answer questions.

Council had a discussion on calculation of these fees.

Motion made to 1) receive a presentation on the Water and Wastewater rate study process and findings, 2) review the Proposition 218 Notice for maximum rate adjustments for Water and Wastewater User Rates, 3) receive an informational update on the implementation process for the proposed Water and Wastewater User Rates adjustments, and 4) Set public hearing for June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Caravelli got a puppy. Councilmember Ivy attended a Pioneer Energy meeting and discussed a possible solution for purchasing a credit that will suffice the States requirement for SB1383 procurement of Mulch. Councilmember Branstrom attended the ERC Tour of Nevada County and attended the CIRCLE annual event. Vice Mayor Hodge gave a tour

of Grass Valley to Senator Eggman and Assembly Member Chris Ward, and encourages everyone to buy tickets for events your looking at attending sooner rather than later. Mayor Arbuckle got to Judge an Art show, attended a SAVY women talk, REAL meeting, and a Small Cities Council meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

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Taylor Day, City Clerk

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