



GRASS VALLEY

Special City Council Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 3:30 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 3:34pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Lisa Swarthout.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

On March 20, 2023, the City Council approved on a 4-0 vote, with Councilmember Ivy absent, to initiate a lawsuit against Matthew Coulter for public nuisance and violations of civil rights related to his harassment of city officials, employees, contractors, volunteers and the public generally.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person comment: Jeff Hekemian

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made to approve consent items by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15th, 2023
Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.
2. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)
CEQA: Not a Project.
Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency
3. 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
4. Review of 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report.
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: Receive and File. No formal action required.
5. Review of 2022 Annual Housing Element Progress Report
CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: Receive and File. No formal action required.
6. Condon Park Parking Improvements Project - Final Acceptance
CEQA: Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"
Recommendation: That Council: 1) accept the Condon Parking Lot Improvements Project as complete, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.
7. Ridge Village Development - Approve Final Map
CEQA: Negative Declaration
Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Final Map 19PLN-24 for Ridge Village Subdivision, 2) accept the public improvements, and 3) approve Resolution 2023-10, accepting the public utility easements and roadway dedications.
8. On-Call Civil Plan Review Services - Contract Amendment
CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project
Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize a contract amendment with Bureau Veritas North America Inc. (BV) for on-call civil plan review services, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract amendment with BV, pending legal review, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the initial 2 year term of the project.
9. On-Call Engineering Services - Authorization to Award Contract
CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project
Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with Coastland Civil Engineering LLP., pending legal review, for on-call professional

engineering services, in an amount not to exceed \$330,000 for the initial 3 year term of the project.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

10. Pioneer Community Energy - Community Choice Aggregation Program (CCA) for the City of Grass Valley

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve Pioneer Community Energy to procure the necessary energy to serve the City of Grass Valley starting in January 2024, and 2) adopt a Resolution 2023-09 authorizing the Mayor to appoint City Council Members to the Pioneer Board of Directors.

City Manager Tim Kiser and Mark Riffey gave presentation to Council.

Council encouraged the community to look into previous presentations put on by Pioneer Electric that are available on their website. Council asked if Pioneer Electric had updated their net metering guidelines. Council asked about opting in vs opting out of the program and solar customers.

Motion to approve Pioneer Community Energy to procure the necessary energy to serve the City of Grass Valley starting in January 2024 made by Councilmember Branstrom, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

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

Motion to adopt a Resolution 2023-09 authorizing the Mayor to appoint City Council Members to the Pioneer Board of Directors made by Vice Mayor Hodge, Seconded by Councilmember Caravelli.

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

11. Parks Capital Improvements Projects - Summary and Update

CEQA: Exempt - Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive an update on the numerous Parks and Recreation improvements projects completed throughout the City in the past several years.

City Engineer Bjorn Jones gave presentation to the Council.

Council asked why natural grass was chosen over turf for Mautino Park and asked about adding picnic tables to Memorial Park. Council also asked about remaining product and if there is a plan to utilize it.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Branstrom acknowledged the work citizens and staff did during the latest snow storm, noted the ongoing work on the Mill Street project, attended his first LAFCO meeting, attended Sierra Stages newest production, attended SNMH Martini and a Movie event, attended Target's special guest opening, and will attend art exhibit at the Courtyard Suites. Councilmember Caravelli attended the Chamber meeting, the Target opening and El

Barrio had an Aztec dance ceremony. Councilmember Ivy commended staff for hard work during the snow and attended the NCTC meeting. Mayor Arbuckle attended Power of the Purse and went to Washington DC for the small cities council meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

Taylor Day, City Clerk

Adopted on: _____