



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 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 6:02 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 - *The City Council reserves the right to hear items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.*

Motion made 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

No reportable action on items 1 through 4, and on item #5 gave direction to staff to apply for a renewal of the restraining order against Matthew Ward Coulter.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Update from Wayward Journey
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

CITY UPDATE

3. Skate Park Progress

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual Public comment attached.

In-person public comments: Speakers 1 through 4

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public comment: unnamed

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

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

4. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

5. Change of Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Date from November 11, 2025, to November 12, 2025

CEQA: Not a project.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve changing the regularly scheduled City Council meeting date from Tuesday, November 11, 2025, to Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.

6. Musco Lighting System - Approve Purchase Agreement

CEQA: N/A - Not A Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the purchase of a complete field Light-Structure System from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC and 2) authorize the City Engineer to execute a purchase agreement with Musco in an amount not to exceed \$225,000

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project Update

CEQA: N/A - Procedural Motion

Recommendation: That Council 1) holds a public hearing on the Magenta Drain Restoration Project; 2) receives public input; and 3) provides comments to staff.

Zac Quentmeyer, Deputy Public Works Director, gave a presentation to the council.

Joe Bonomolo made a comment to reflect in the minutes that he made a mistake on his vote for item number #6 (Musco Lighting System - Approve Purchase Agreement).

Public comment: Johnathan Keen, Craig Thrush

A discussion was held about continuing conversations with the state parks and receiving more public comments.

ADMINISTRATIVE

8. Appeal of Sign Exception Application 25PLN-0031 at 2001 Nevada City Highway.

CEQA: Exempt under CEQA Guideline §15301, Categorical Exemption Class 1 ("Existing Facilities")

Recommendation: That Council 1) find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, as detailed in the staff report; 2) review appeal made by the applicant; and 3) determine whether to overturn or uphold the planning commission's decision to deny the internal illumination of the "Shell" symbol on the two canopies at three locations and on the monument price sign at 2001 Nevada City Highway.

Amy Wolfson, City Planner, gave a presentation to the council.

The applicant had difficulty joining the meeting.

Motion to continue the item to the next scheduled meeting made by Councilmember Arbuckle. Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo shared he'll attend a solid waste meeting and expects the next skate park ad hoc meeting soon, noting community feedback on road conditions and encouraging patience as improvements continue. Councilmember Ivy highlighted attending the Nevada County Sustainability Summit, Briar Patch EV charger unveiling, and meetings on trail connectivity and future roundabout planning. Councilmember Arbuckle reported attending the GVDA/Chamber board meeting, ERC summit, and state conferences, where she was re-elected to the League of California Cities board and emphasized advocating for rural communities. Vice Mayor Caravelli spoke about the ERC summit, meetings with Habitat for Humanity, the Common Resource Center opening, and Sierra Harvest events. Mayor Hodge reflected on positive regional economic forecasts, small business growth, the resiliency summit, arts and housing innovation, and reminded the public of "Wednesdays with the Mayor" open office hours. The meeting adjourned after closing remarks.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted: _____