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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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## AGENDA

Any person with a disability who requires accommodations to participate in this meeting should telephone the City Clerk's office at (530)274-4390, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make a request for a disability related modification or accommodation.

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**Mayor Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Jan Arbuckle,  
Councilmember Joe Bonomolo, Councilmember Tom Ivy**

## MEETING NOTICE

City Council welcomes you to attend the meetings electronically or in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 125 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945. Regular Meetings are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

This meeting is being broadcast "live" on Comcast Channel 17 & 18 by Nevada County Media, on the internet at [www.cityofgrassvalley.com](http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com), or on the City of Grass Valley YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofgrassvalley.com>

Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to [public@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:public@cityofgrassvalley.com). Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 5pm. Comments received after that will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Council will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item.

Agenda materials, staff reports, and background information related to regular agenda items are available on the City's website: [www.cityofgrassvalley.com](http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com). Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the agenda packet will be made available on the City of Grass Valley website at [www.cityofgrassvalley.com](http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com), subject to City staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

Please note, individuals who disrupt, disturb, impede, or render infeasible the orderly conduct of a meeting will receive one warning that, if they do not cease such behavior, they may be removed from the meeting. The chair has authority to order individuals removed if they do not cease their disruptive behavior following this warning. No warning is required before an individual is removed if that individual engages in a use of force or makes a true threat of force. (Gov. Code, § 54957.95.)

Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and listening devices are available. Other special accommodations may be requested to the City Clerk 72 hours in advance of the meeting by calling (530) 274-4390, we are happy to accommodate.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - *The City Council reserves the right to hear items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.*

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

1. Stagecoach Hotel Veteran's Housing Project

**CITY UPDATE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 5pm. Comments received after 5pm will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Council will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person for all emailed, voicemail, or in person comments, and only one type of public comment per person. Speaker cards are assigned for public comments that are on any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City. Speaker Cards can be pulled until the opening of public comment at which time sign ups will no longer be allowed. These cards can be found at the City Clerks desk. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item is announced. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional). Thirty minutes of public comment will be heard under this item in order of the speaker card assigned and the remaining general public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting. We will begin with number one.*

**CONSENT ITEMS** - *All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Council and/or Agency, staff or the public request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action but Council action is required to do so (roll call vote). Unless the Council removes an item from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, public comments are invited as to the consent calendar as a whole and limited to three minutes per person.*

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9th, 20225

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

3. McCourtney Rd Active Transportation Project - Award Contract

**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) award a contract for the McCourtney Rd Active Transportation Project to Hansen Bros Enterprises, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute a construction contract, subject to legal review 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount,

4. Lyman Gilmore Field Lighting Project - Authorization to Award Contract

**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301, 15303 & 15322

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) award a contract for the Lyman Gilmore Field Lighting Project to Molokai Electric LLC, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract, subject to legal review and, 3) authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount.

5. Loma Rica Ranch Grading Permit 18-04 - Accept Public Improvements

**CEQA:** An Environmental Impact Report was certified as part of the initial project approval

**Recommendation:** That Council accept the public improvements constructed as part of Grading Permit 18-04 for the Loma Rica Ranch development.

6. Amendment to Existing Larry Walker Associates Contract to Extend Regulatory Compliance Services

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Utilities Director to execute an amendment, subject to legal review, to the existing contract with Larry Walker Associates (LWA) in the amount of \$59,649, increasing the total contract amount to \$805,726, and extending services to support the City's wastewater regulatory compliance through December 2026.

7. Contract Amendment with California Consulting for Grant Writing Services

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** The Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 with California Consulting for grant writing services in the amount of \$22,800, subject to legal review.

8. Adoption of the Hometown Hero Banner Program Policy

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the Council adopt the Hometown Hero Banner Program Policy and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make non-substantive administrative updates to the policy as needed, including application procedures, timelines, and formatting, provided such updates are consistent with the intent of the program.

9. MOU between the City of Grass Valley and Feral Land Project/NPO (501)(c)(3)

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the council authorize the City Manager or City Representative to sign/execute, pending legal review.

10. Declaration of Surplus Fire Engine

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) adopt Resolution 2026-01 Declaring Vehicles of the City of Grass Valley Surplus

11. Participation in Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE)

**CEQA:** Adoption of a Resolution to authorize participation in these PACE programs is not considered a “project” pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 2026-02 to allow the conduct of special assessment proceedings for applicants within the City of Grass Valley by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) for the purpose of financing or refinancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency and seismic strengthening improvements.

12. Resolution Supporting FireFly Wildfire Early Warning System, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, and Citris- Banatao Institute Innovations Research Group funding hub

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council approve the attached Resolution and authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution supporting the FireFly Wildfire Early Warning System and installation projects.

13. MOU between City of Grass Valley and USFS (Tahoe-NUE)/USDA for the Use of an Air Curtain Incinerator (ACI) loan

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council authorize City Manager or their City Representative to sign/execute the agreement, subject to legal review.

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**POSTING NOTICE**

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of The City Council, scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2026.

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk