



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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.

**Mayor Jan Arbuckle, Vice Mayor Hilary Hodge, Councilmember Bob Branstrom,
Councilmember Haven Caravelli, 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 by Nevada County Media, on the internet at 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. 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. 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, 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. Nevada County Arts Council Presentation
2. Grass Valley Downtown Association Annual Overview Presentation

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. For any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City, please come to the podium at this time. 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).*

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.*

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

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. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

6. HSIP Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project - Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project to Consolidated Engineering Inc, 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, and 4) authorize the Finance Director to execute a budget transfer of \$80,000 in Measure E funds to fully fund the project.

7. 2024 Annual Measure E Street Rehabilitation 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.

8. Resolution authorizing the submittal of applications for recycling related payment programs and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents to secure these funds.

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Adopt resolution No. 2024-03, which includes the following action: 1) Authorizes the City Manager to submit applications to CalRecycle for any and all eligible payment programs.

9. Update Job Descriptions for Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, and Firefighter

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council approve updated job descriptions for Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, and Firefighter.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

10. CDBG Memorial Park Facilities Improvement Project - Project Closeout

CEQA: N/A - Project is Complete

Recommendation: That Council 1) hold a public hearing to update residents on the progress of the CDBG Memorial Park Facilities Improvement Project

ADMINISTRATIVE

11. A-Board Sign Regulation

CEQA: Not a project under CEQA; If directed to prepare an ordinance, the appropriate CEQA review will be completed at that time, but it is anticipated to qualify for a categorical exemption.

Recommendation: That Council direct staff to draft an Ordinance for the regulation of A-Board signs throughout the city.

12. Establish a Policy Governing the Use of the Mill Street Plaza Area by the Public and for City-Sponsored Events

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council review and approve the Mill Street Plaza Use & Events Policy subject to legal review

13. Pioneer Community Energy - Standard Rate vs. Green100 for City Accounts

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council provide staff direction on Pioneer Community Energy rate for City Accounts.

14. Modifying Public Comment at the City Council Meetings

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) have a discussion on how to improve the public comment portion of City Council meetings, and review and approve a resolution of the City Council of Grass Valley regarding public comment at council meetings

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2024.

Taylor Day, City Clerk