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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, April 08, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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## AGENDA

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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.

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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.

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**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. Arts, Culture & Creativity Month Proclamation

**CITY STAFF UPDATE**

2. Fire Department 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.*

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025.

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

4. Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 Report on Fire Inspections  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** That Council adopt Resolution 2025-07, which accepts the Grass Valley Fire Department report pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 annual inspections for 2024
5. Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program Approval  
**CEQA:** N/A - Not a Project  
**Recommendation:** That Council: 1) review the projects proposed for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2025/26 Overall Work Program, 2) adopt a Resolution approving the projects for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission Overall Work Program
6. 2025 Annual Measure E Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Award Contract  
**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”  
**Recommendation:** That Council 1) award a contract for the 2025 Annual Measure E Street Rehabilitation Project to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., 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.
7. Extension of an agreement between the City and Nevada County for the County to provide building inspection, plan review, and other related building services for the City.  
**CEQA:** Not a project  
**Recommendation:** Authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and Nevada County for the provision of building services, subject to legal review.
8. Community Engagement Specialist Position  
**CEQA:** Not a project.  
**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the creation of the Community Engagement Specialist position and authorize the promotion of an existing qualified employee to fill the position, with backfilling of any resulting vacancies.
9. Purchase of a Pierce Manufacturing 107’ Ascendant Aerial Ladder Truck  
**CEQA:** Not a Project  
**Recommendation:** That 1) Council direct the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Pierce Manufacturing for one 107’ Ascendant Aerial Ladder Truck, subject to legal review; 2) Direct the Finance Director to make necessary budget adjustments in the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget.
10. Appointment of Planning Commissioner  
**CEQA:** Not a Project  
**Recommendation:** That Council approve the appointment of Matthew Wich as Planning Commissioner for Councilmember Ivy.
11. Loma Rica Open Space Fuel Reduction Project

**CEQA:** Exempt under CEQA Guideline §15304, Categorical Exemption Class 4 (“Minor Alterations to Land”)

**Recommendation:** That Council authorize the advertisement for bids for the Loma Rica Open Space Fuels Reduction Project.

12. Appointment of Measure E Oversight Committee Members

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council appoint Measure E Oversight Committee member Branstrom to a term ending December 2028.

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

13. Approve Resolution 2025-09 Renaming the road through Memorial Park to Lou Conter Way

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve Resolution 2025-09 naming of a street within Memorial Park in Grass Valley, CA, in honor of Lou Conter, in recognition of his distinguished military service and contributions to the nation and community.

14. Partnership between Grass Valley Police Animal Services and Wayward Journey

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council (1) receive a presentation by GVPD and Wayward Journey; and (2) direct the Chief of Police to sign an MOU, subject to legal review.

15. Condon Park Road Maintenance Project - Authorization to Award Contract

**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) award a contract for the Condon Park Road Maintenance Project to the lowest responsive bidder, subject to the bid protest period, 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.

16. Downtown Street Rehab Project - Authorization to Award Contract

**CEQA:** Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) award a contract for the Downtown Street Rehab Project to Hansen Bros Enterprises, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute the 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) authorize the Finance Director to execute a budget amendment of \$400,000 in Water Funds to the project and 5) provide any further direction to Staff on final intersection and pedestrian safety controls.

**BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

**POSTING NOTICE**

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of The City Council, scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2025.

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**Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk**