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## GRASS VALLEY

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

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Tuesday, February 25, 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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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**

**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.*

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

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

2. Downtown 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.

3. Magenta Drain Restoration Project - Professional Services Agreement

**CEQA:** Exempt - Not a Project

**Recommendation Motion:** That Council 1) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with Dudek, pending legal review, for design and environmental support services, in an amount not to exceed \$119, 708.30, for the Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project.

4. Loma Rica Open Space Fuels Reduction Project

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

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and 2) authorize the advertisement for bids for the fuel treatment prescription for the Loma Rica Open Space parcels acquired by the City of Grass Valley and other City owned properties adjacent to the Loma Rica Open Space Parcels.

5. Tablet Command Mobile Incident Command and Response Solution Purchase

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the Council 1) Approve the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement, subject to legal review, for purchase and integration of Tablet Command for the Fire Services in Nevada County; and 2) authorize the Fire Chief to enter into agreement, subject to legal review, with Peraton for integration into Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) and 3) Authorize the Finance Director to execute any necessary budget adjustments or fund transfers to facilitate this process.

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

**REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6. Second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5.56 of Title 5 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regulating Tobacco Retailers and adoption of a resolution to set fees related to tobacco retailers.

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the Council: 1) Hold a second reading by Title Only and adopt Ordinance #833; and, 2) approve Resolution #2025-04 setting fees related to Tobacco Retailers.

7. Introduction of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley amending subsection (C) and adding subsection (D)(7) to Section 17.44.140 of Chapter 17.44 of Title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code to allow eligible mixed-use projects to include up to 10 dwelling units in the Town Core zone pursuant to Government Code Section 65913.5

**CEQA:** Not a project pursuant to Government Code section 65913.5(a)(3)

**Recommendation:** That City Council find the Ordinance is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Government Code section 65913.5(a)(3), and introduce the attached Ordinance No. 834, waive full reading, and read by Title Only, to amend subsection (c) and add subsection (d)(7) to section 17.44.140 of chapter 17.44 of title 17 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code to allow eligible mixed-use projects to include up to 10 dwelling units in the Town Core zone pursuant to Government Code Section 65913.5

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

8. A Resolution of the City Council Calling for a Ceasefire and an End to Violence Between Palestine and Israel

**CEQA:** Not a project as defined by the Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378.

**Recommendation:** That Council discuss and consider the adoption of Resolution 2025-03 Council calling for a ceasefire and an end to violence between Palestine and Israel.

9. Engineering Services - Authorization to Award Contract

**CEQA:** N/A - Consultant selection is a procedural action. CEQA review will be completed as part of the project work

**Recommendation:** That Council 1) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with GHD pending legal review, for Civil Engineering Design, Project Management and Environmental Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,449,871.25 for the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project

10. Potential Hazard Trees adjacent to Police Department and City Hall Parking Lot

**CEQA:** Not a Project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the removal of three redwood trees near the Police Department and three deciduous trees adjacent to City Hall and the City Hall parking lot to mitigate structural and safety risks, ensure compliance with the City's vegetation ordinance, and support best fire safety practices.

## **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, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025.

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk