



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 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 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, 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. Sister City Bodmin Exchange Update

CITY UPDATES

2. Burn Bot Demo

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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 October 14th, 2025

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Landscaping and Lighting District Maintenance - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the City Engineer to execute a contract with Weiss Landscaping Inc., pending legal review, for landscaping maintenance services for an initial annual amount of \$127,320.00, subject to legal review, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to approve contract change orders of 10% of the contract amount.

5. Slate Creek Lift Station Pump Replacement Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the Slate Creek Lift Station Pump Replacement Project to LaFleur Engineering, 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.

6. Approval of modification of Deputy Police Chief Appendix A Item E. language.

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve change to Appendix A, Item E. of the Deputy Police Chief contract as the Fourth Amended Employment Agreement (“Agreement”); 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement subject to legal review; 3) approve the limited duration/limited assignment position in the budget for Deputy Police Chief; and 4) authorize the Finance Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or amendments to complete this action.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Historical Commission Quarterly Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

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: 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; Review appeal made by the applicant and 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.

9. Quarterly Financial Report - First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Fiscal Year 2025-26 First Quarter Financial Report for the City’s major operating funds.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT
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, October 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at City Hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 2025.

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk