



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by David Petty.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom
Council Member Tom Ivy
Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle
Mayor Ben Aguilar

ABSENT

Council Member Hilary Hodge

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to move item #11 to the end and approve agenda by Vice Mayor Arbuckle,
Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor
Aguilar

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual public comments attached.

In-Person public comments by: Robin Davis, Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS -

In-Person public comment by: Matthew Coulter

Motion made to approve consent items by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

Recommendation: Continuance of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

3. Local Emergency Proclamation (Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021)

Recommendation: Winter Storm of December 27th, 2021 proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

5. Updated Job Description for Seasonal Firefighter and Fire Captain

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the updated job descriptions for Seasonal Firefighter and Fire Captain.

6. Approve the purchase of new handheld radios for fire department.

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the purchase of thirty-two (32) BK 5000 portable radios and related equipment; and 2) approve the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement, upon legal review, for the purchase; and, 3) allow change orders not to exceed 5% of the total cost.

7. Request to Initiate Various Development Code Amendments.

Recommendation: The Community Development Director requests that the City Council Authorize Initiation of Development Code Amendments.

8. Authorize travel for the Community Development Director to attend the National Brownfields Training Conference.

Recommendation: That Council approve travel and related expenses for Community Development Director to attend the National Brownfields Training Conference.

9. Authorize travel for Administrative Services Director Andy Heath to the annual Tyler Connect Conference

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve travel and related expenses for Administrative Services Director Andy Heath to attend the Tyler Connect Conference

10. Purchase of Fleet Service Vehicle for Public Works and Police Department Fleet Supervisor

Recommendation: That Council take the following action: 1) receive and file the informational staff report on the purchase of a Fleet Service Vehicle for Public Works and Police Department Fleet Supervisor in the amount of \$47,449.29 from Geweke Ford in Yuba City consistent with the City of Grass Valley Purchasing Policy 3.08.130

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

11. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Award Contract

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve Resolution 2022-18, awarding a contract for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project to Sierra Foothills Construction Company and approving Change Order #1 to narrow the project scope, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute a Design-Build contract, subject to legal review, and 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 the necessary budget transfers needed to fully fund the project.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave presentation to the council.

Council had discussions on the proposed changes from staff on the contract.

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

Recess was taken at 8:10 pm meeting resumed meeting at 8:15 pm

Public Comment: Keoni Allen

Motion made to 1) approve Resolution 2022-18, awarding a contract for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project to Sierra Foothills Construction Company and approving Change Order #1 to narrow the project scope with the three additional proposed changes, 2) authorize the Mayor to execute a Design-Build contract, subject to legal review, and 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 the necessary budget transfers needed to fully fund the project by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom. Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

12. CDBG Memorial Park Facilities Improvement Project - Update and Contract Amendment

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive an update on the progress and schedule of the project, and 2) authorize a contract amendment in the amount of \$230,000.00 for installation of pool amenities and added drainage facilities.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave the presentation to the council.

Council discussed the shade structures and the life span of them, and an update on the YMCA contract, the proposed drainage in the softball field.

Public Comment: Matthew Coulter

Motion made to 1) receive an update on the progress and schedule of the project, and 2) authorize a contract amendment in the amount of \$230,000.00 for installation of pool amenities and added drainage facilities by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

13. Introduction of an ordinance for the Police Military Equipment Use Policy pursuant to AB481

Recommendation: Introduce the attached ordinance (#815) related to the police military equipment use policy, waive full reading, and read by Title Only

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave presentation to the council, and answered questions of the public.

Public comment: Matthew Coulter

Motion made to Introduce the attached ordinance (#815) related to the police military equipment use policy, waive full reading, and read by Title Only by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Ivy.

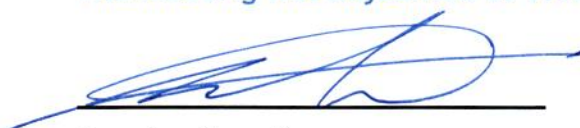
Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Ivy, Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Mayor Aguilar

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Ivy attended the solid waste commission. Councilmember Branstrom was able to get his taxes done, attended league of women voter forms, and encourages the community to study to voters guide. He gave a presentation about climate, and attended the Celebration of life for Ed Thomas, and went to the first in person camera club meeting. There will be an e-waste recycling on 174 at Calvary Bible Church, and the wild edges performances. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the GVDA merchant meeting, and is excited for the armed forces day on May 21st. She attended the car show and gave out the Mayors award, attended the National League of Cities meeting, and California League of Cities meeting, Center of the Art Performances, and Ed Thomas's Celebration of Life. Mayor Aguilar attended Mayor Aguilar attended a LAFCo meeting and the RV park and annexation passed. He attended the Mayor and Managers meeting, the Union Home Show, and attended Ed Thomas Celebration of Life. Upcoming he will be attending the prayer breakfast.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.



Ben Aguilar, Mayor



Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Taylor Day

From: Thomas Stone [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 7:55 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Agenda item 13, April 26th

#1. The diving boards were removed from the former demolished pool. Would you discuss the addition of a *water slide* to the new pool? Or if you think a water slide may be added sometime in the future, at least discuss the addition of the cement block foundation that a future water slide would require. It would be easy to add the cement foundation while the contractor can still get around the pool water lines and there is now, of course, no cement deck to contend with.

#2. There is a peach tree by the pool that I would like to see preserved. PG&E wants to replace their gas line that goes to the pool heaters. That line runs right next to the tree. The construction of the gas line may kill the tree. If it can't be saved, will you replant another peach tree? Maybe approve \$230,080.00 just in case you want a new peach tree.

Tom Stone
community pool user

Taylor Day

From: Madalyn West [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update General Plan

Hi, my name is Madalyn I go to school at Ghidotti Early College High School and I'm concerned about wildfire planning, tree diseases, and the overall climate crisis. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Taylor Day

From: Nathan Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:20 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Good afternoon Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Nathan Becker, I am a student at Ghidotti and resident of Grass Valley.

Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Nathan Becker

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From: Sadie Kolackovsky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Sadie Kolackovsky. I attend school at Ghidotti High School in Grass Valley and I am concerned about how climate change will (and has) affected our area. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely
Sadie Kolackovsky

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From: Vanessa Richards [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

My name is Vanessa and I am a senior at Ghidotti Early College High School. I am very concerned about the climate crisis in the world and also in our community. I want to ask you to please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Taylor Day

From: Riya Subedi [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Riya, a community member of Nevada County, and I am concerned about my community. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Riya

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From: Allyson Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:18 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plane

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Allyson Davis. I live in and attend school in Grass Valley. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Allyson Davis

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Taylor Day

From: Zach damewood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan to include climate change

My name is Zach Damewood

Please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures

Sent from my iPhone

Taylor Day

From: Jasper Franklin-Follansbee [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:48 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Wildfire Concerns

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Jasper and I am concerned for my community. I have grown up in the Grass Valley area and have seen first hand devastating effects of climate change in the form of wildfires near my home. I believe I speak for my community when I say it would mean a lot if you would update the Grass Valley general plan to include wildfire prevention measures. Keeping this document up to date will have a very large impact.

Thank you in advance, Jasper Franklin-Follansbee

Taylor Day

From: Mila Brunello [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

Hello Grass Valley City Counsel,

My name is Mila.

I live and attend school in Grass Valley, and I am concerned for my community.

Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Mila

Inviato da iPhone

Taylor Day

From: Walter Helvin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:43 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

I am Walter Helvin. I have been living here in Grass Valley for all of my life and attend high school in Nevada Country. I want to advocate for updating Grass Valley's general plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. This is incredibly important because, as I'm sure you're aware, California, including Grass Valley has serious problems with wildfires and wildfire risk as well as pollution and destruction of our communities' natural environments. I want our town and our community to be a better place now and in the future, and the only way to do this is to take steps to prevent climate change and harmful actions against our local ecosystems. Updating our general plan will greatly help make this a reality. Please consider making this change and directly improving our town and community. Thanks for your consideration!

Taylor Day

From: Moshe Childs [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hi my name is Moshe. I live in Grass Valley and attend Ghidotti Early College Highschool. I am strongly against the idea of a MINE and think it is ridiculous that just a few people getting rich from the mine will be allowed to put many in danger and destroy the environment. (Please Update the general plan to include Climate Change, and Air pollution).

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From: Oren Dion [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Grass valley general plan

My name is Oren Dion, I live in Grass Valley and have for my whole life. I heard the other day that you have not updated the Grass Valley general plan for over 20 years. I am asking for you to please update the general plan to include climate change mitigation and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely, Oren

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From: Julian Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

My name is Axel, and I attend school in grass valley. I am concerned for the future of this area, especially with the plans to open up the Idaho-Maryland mine. It will introduce unneeded noise and air pollution to the area, which I am very against. With all these floods and wildfires due to climate change, I would like to see some change. So please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Axel Baker

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Taylor Day

From: Olivia Corbett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

Hello grass valley city council,

My name is Olivia Corbett. I live in Penn valley and attend school in grass valley. I am concerned about the community because of the climate crisis. Please update the plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely, Olivia Corbett.

Taylor Day

From: Aspen Rae [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Aspen and I live here in Grass Valley, I attend Ghidotti High School and I am concerned about the local climate issues. Wildfires are becoming much more damaging and prevalent and I for one would love to spend my summers not worried that my house might burn down. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Aspen Cisneros

Taylor Day

From: Carson Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hello Gass Valley City Council,

My name is Carson Jones. I have lived in Grass Valley my whole life, as well as my family. I am concerned about my community and would like to see the general plan updated. The climate crisis is getting worse every day, and we need reassurance from you. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Carson Jones and many other citizen of Grass Valley

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Taylor Day

From: Benjamin Blondeau [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: UPDATE GENERAL PLAN

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Benjamin Blondeau I live and attend Ghidotti Early College High School, I writing you to ask you to please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Blondeau

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Benjamin Blondeau

Taylor Day

From: Jango Ruckrich [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:11 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Django Ruckrich. I live in Grass Valley and go to Ghidotti Early College High School in the same town. I am concerned about my community given the current climate crisis. Too many people have been forced to evacuate their homes due to wildfires in recent years. I personally know people who are still fire refugees from the Jones Bar fire last summer. The planet is warming, and our summers are filled with smoke here in California. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Django Ruckrich

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Taylor Day

From: Ruby Chow [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

Our names are Ruby Chow and Jessica McKnight, we are seniors at Ghidotti Early College High School, and have lived in Grass Valley all our lives. We strongly believe that it would be a mistake to allow the Idaho-Maryland Mine to reopen for many reasons. Our most prominent concern is the decrease in air quality and the impact it would have on our well system. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. Thank you for your consideration and your service to our community.

Thank you,
Ruby Chow (she/her)
Jessica McKnight (she/her)

Taylor Day

From: Daphne Costantino [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Daphne Costantino and I live in Grass Valley and attend school here. I am concerned for the place that is my home. I wish that our climate would remain beautiful and not slowly die due to climate change. Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. Thank you.

Daphne Costantino

Taylor Day

From: teanna [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update General Plan

Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Teanna Dummett and I am a current high school senior at Ghidotti Early College High School in Grass Valley. In our community, there has been a significant increase in environmental hazards including fires and drought. Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Teanna Dummett

Taylor Day

From: Noah Henson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Damage as a result of opening the mine.

Hello, My name is Noah. I live close to grass valley, and I go to school there at ghidotti. I'm concerned about opening the mine and hurting the area with pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and global warming. Opening the mine is going to cause more damage than good. It will damage the lives of the people living around it and the people who live their lives here in grass valley. Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Noah.

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From: Kaya Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Public Comments

Hello Grass Valley city council,

My name is Kaya. I live in grass valley. I am concerned about the mine that is being built in the grass valley. Please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, migration, and emission reduction measures.

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From: Tulasi Rosevear [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Public Comments

Hello my name is Tulasi Rosevear i live in grass valley and attend school in grass valley also. There are several concerns I have for the climate crisis in our community. Please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

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Taylor Day

From: Elana Pedersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Our City's General Plan

My name is Elana. I am a student at a school in Grass Valley, and we care about our campus and city. We want to have a cleaner city and more eco-friendly future plans. Please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Elana P.

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