

GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Aguilar at 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Council Member Bob Branstrom Council Member Hilary Hodge Council Member Tom Ivy Mayor Ben Aguilar

ABSENT Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve agenda by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Council Member Hodge. Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Mayor

Aguilar

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person public comment by: Robin Davis from GVDA and Greater Grass Valley Chamber Virtual Public comments attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

There was a change to item number 9 and a reduction to the CPI from 7% to 5%.

Motion made to approve consent with the noted change by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Mayor Aguilar

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

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

<u>Recommendation</u>: Adopt resolution R2022-62 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

3. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

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

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

<u>Recommendation</u>: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

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

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

6. Revision to Resolution No. 2022-44 That called for the consolidation of general election with Nevada County.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-61 that revises Resolution No. 2022-44 to include the reimbursement of the County of Nevada for the services performed on behalf of the City for the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the election of two City Council Members.

7. 2022 Fueling Station Construction Project- Authorization to Award Contract

<u>Reccomendation</u>: That Council 1) award a contract for the 2022 Fueling Station Construction Project to GEMS Environmental Management Services, 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.

8. CalOES Funding Agreements - Approve Authorized Representatives

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council adopt a resolution designating the City Manager and City Engineer as the authorized representatives to engage with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

9. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 7.0% based on the December 2021 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2022-64 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted special tax on the FY 22/23 property tax rolls. 10. Second Reading of Ordinance #817, Amending sections 9.08.030 of Chapter 9.08 of Title 9 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding offenses against Public Peace and Decency

<u>Recommendation</u>: Hold a second reading by Title Only and Adopt Ordinance #817, Amending sections 9.08.030 of Chapter 9.08 of Title 9 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code regarding offenses against Public Peace and Decency

11. Grass Valley Management & Supervisory Professional & Confidential Employees - Unit 1 Memorandum of Understanding - July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023

<u>Recommendation</u>: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-66 approving the Labor Memorandum of Understanding for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Management / Supervisory Professional & Confidential Employees Group (Unit 1).

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

12. CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project - Program Amendment for Program Income Expenditure Increase.

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council convene a public hearing and authorize a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget amendment to allocate additional Program Income (PI) towards the CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project and adopt Resolution 2022-65.

Lance Lowe, Principal Planner, gave presentation to the council.

Council clarified that the amount of this project has not changed this is just freeing up Measure E funds.

Virtual Public comment attached.

Motion made to convene a public hearing and authorize a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program budget amendment to allocate additional Program Income (PI) towards the CDBG Memorial Park Public Facilities Improvement Project and adopt Resolution 2022-65 by Council Member Hodge, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

Voting Yea: Council Member Branstrom, Council Member Hodge, Council Member Ivy, Mayor Aguilar

ADMINISTRATIVE

13. Consideration of a School Resource Officer agreement with the Grass Valley School District

<u>**Recommendation**</u>: Approve the agreement between the Grass Valley School District and the Grass Valley Police Department to provide School Resource Officer services

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave presentation to the council and Andy Withers, the Superintendent of Grass Valley Schools was available for questions.

Councilmember Branstrom, Ivy, and Mayor Aguilar discussed the benefits of a School Resource Officer but also what could the city do to help the disadvantaged homes outside of schools. Council Member Hodge does not like the idea of putting an armed officer in Schools and think the resources should go into counselors and phycologists.

Virtual public comments attached.

In person public comment from Robin Davis.

Council decided to continue the discussion to a meeting in August.

14. Countywide Sales Tax for Emergency Services

<u>Recommendation</u>: That Council 1) discuss the proposed countywide sales tax increase for emergency services, focusing on vegetation management, and 2) provide direction to staff.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, and Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave presentation to the council. Trisha Tillitson, Craig Griesbach, and Arial Lovett from the County of Nevada were available to answer questions.

Council discussed the lack of public involvement and discussion, the amount the City would be receiving, the lack of acknowledgement to the need to address Fire responses issues that our county is facing, and the green waste program.

In person Public Comment: Terry McAteer, Robin Davis, Scott Beasley

5 minute break taken at 9:08 pm. Meeting resumed at 9:14 pm.

Virtual Public comments attached.

Council would like to see a Sunset period of 8 years, Proportionate tax to population, a Citizen oversight committee and would like to have a fixed amount of money that will be utilized to help support the fire agencies districts.

The Council would also like to request a joint town hall meeting with all boards to discuss in a public forum the proposed tax prior to the board of Supervisors meeting on August 9th.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Ivy had nothing to report. Council Member Hodge attended Thursday Night Market and urges everyone to continue to shop local. Council Member Branstrom visited Costa Rica, attended a Chambers Community Affairs Committee meeting, and attended the Thursday Night Market. Mayor Aguilar gave a presentation at the Suns of Retirement meeting, and attended the Mayors Manager Meeting, a Ground breaking for Habitat for Humanity. He will be looking forward to the National Night out on August 2nd.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Ben Aguilar, Mayor

City of Grass Valley, CA

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

From:	WIRELESS CALLER
Sent:	Tuesday, July 26, 2022 4:25 PM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (2 minutes and 18 seconds)
Attachments:	audio.mp3

My name's Terry Gallagher. 135 Main heart Dr Grass Valley, CA 95945. I'm calling and I I'm what I'm doing is I have a petition to slow down the traffic and get wide speed bumps for main heart drive and we have a petition. We had the whole neighborhood sign. It's been over six months. This is the second one that we have done. What is the hold up? We also it's a freeway we have, it's it. We don't want this to be a truck route. If these guys don't know how to drive these big trucks like the dump trucks then they don't need to be behind the wheel. I can say that because I've been a professional driver, truck driver and cement truck driver and worked for Caltrans for many years. We're talking over thirty plus years so it's overkill with super dumps. Who is going to pay for our pipes when they get busted? We all know we already have. We've already had our sewer pipes broken because of the overloads. We don't want any trucks over and no fifth wheel or gooseneck trailers with backhoes on them. We just need the traffic to slow down. We have kids, we have animals and we're really concerned about it. If you want, you can always give me a call 530-368-3034. Also, what can we do about 130 main heart drive? The garbage is horrendous. The guy doesn't pay for garbage. It smells like death out there. It's an eyesore and he is a homeowner. I mean it's. And he has somebody living in his basement. I guess that's so-called tenant and doesn't have parking for him. So they park in front of our place or block our driveways. I guess that's it. Let me. Thanks. And I'll see you at the next meeting. Have a great day.

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From:	V WHITEHEAD
Sent:	Tuesday, July 2 <mark>6, 2022 8:22 AM</mark>
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (44 seconds)
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Yes, my name is Ginger Whitehead and I live at 100 Boden Ave in the beautiful city of Grass Valley. I'm an active member of the Washington Hill Neighborhood Fire Coalition. I would very much like you to support putting, placing the half cent tax on the ballot to help with fire mitigation projects, and that would be to the Board of Supervisors meeting that you would support our initiative, this initiative, and I will be sending an e-mail today that has a few more specifics of why I think this initiative is so important. Thank you so much.

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From:	Susan Rogers
Sent:	Sunday, July 24, 2022 5:42 PM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Public Comment on Agenda Item #14, July 26 City Council meeting

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Hello, this is a public comment on item number 14 on the July 26 city council agenda, titled Countywide Sales Tax for Emergency Services.

My name is Susan Rogers, I live at 640 Charlene Lane and I am the coordinator for the Glenwood-Maidu-Charlene Firewise Community. We have more than 60 households located within city limits behind SaveMart shopping center, off Nevada City Highway.

Please support this sales tax measure and direct your city staff to also support it, especially prior to the County Board of Supervisors meeting where this will come up on August 9.

Our neighborhood is on the edge of the boundary between the city and the county. There are heavily forested areas within this neighborhood and immediately adjacent to us. Anything that helps the county in terms of fire preparedness and reducing fire risk is also going to help city residents. Obviously, fire don't care where they start and where they're going.

I also think we have a higher risk in the Glenbrook Basin because of illegal campfires. Part of the County's plan for use of the sales tax revenue is to put more effort towards reducing these illegal campfires and addressing the population that tends to cause them.

The year-round free green waste disposal will also be a big help. In our neighborhood, we have many long-time, older residents who often can do the clearing work but can't afford the dump fees.

Please support this measure and direct staff to support it. Thank you.

--Susan Rogers (530) 271-1311 landline (530) 263-4481 iPhone/text

From:	Joyce Hoffman
Sent:	Friday, July 22, 2022 7:35 AM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Update the General Plan!

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Grass Valley Public Comment,

Dear representative,

We the Nevada County Sunrise chapter are requesting that the General Plan be updated to address the climate emergency. We ask that your board include and prioritize climate mitigation and climate responsible action in all relevant city and county policies and procedures.

This includes our request for the immediate halting of the Idaho Maryland Mine project, initiation of plans and strategy to reach carbon net neutrality, and the prioritization of the wellbeing of Nevada County's biodiversity and watershed.

We ask that Nevada County set precedence in climate action and we encourage the county to look toward leaders in sustainability such as Truckee's recent climate action and mitigation plans.

Thank you for your consideration, Sunrise Nevada County

Joyce Hoffman joyceasmyself@gmail.com 266 North Auburn Street Grass Valley, California 95945 Dear Grass Valley City Council,

It has taken many volunteer hours, generous financial contributions, and much sweat equity to start a FireWise Community here in Grass Valley. Now, in our fourth year as an organization, we are finally seeing some benefits. Some homeowners are getting positive feedback and in some cases a discount here and there, on their Homeowners Insurance. We have seen vacant lots cleared, that have not been maintained for years.

Residents report feeling less frightened and more in control. As each home in our neighborhood improves their defensible space, it raises standards for neighboring residents. We educate and help share with one another, tools, resources, recommendations, etc. I wanted to share this with the Grass Valley City Council, because all this time and work we are putting in, is reaping benefits. Please take a look at our website to learn more about the Washington Hill Neighborhood Fire Coalition, situated above downtown Grass Valley. Our web address is: GVFireAdapted.org

We dream of the day when grants are not the only source of funds to get the work done. Year round green waste disposal would really help. We also need an alternative disposal method for blackberry which covers large areas of our hillsides and is illegal unless growing for berries. This invasive and flammable plant is a real headache for many of our residents and neighborhoods, as it can take years to eradicate completely.

Trees damaged by bark beetles are another problem, as dead pines near homes, present particular hazards with wildfire and storm debris. A stand of dead trees could cost a resident \$15,000-\$20,000 to remove. Some residents can afford this, but many cannot. This can put un-due pressure on neighborly relationships. The 1/2 cent sales tax for fuel mitigation, etc. will really help FireWise communities, where

citizens are volunteering hours, \$, and sweat equity. And, we have more communities, per-capita, than any county in the country, from what I understand. See list of FireWise Communities at areyoufiresafe.com. To have such a measure on our next ballot would really be encouraging.

It would be fantastic if council members could attend the next zoom meeting of the Nevada County Coalition of FireWise Communities. Sign-up for email invite at nccoalitionfwc.com. The next meeting is: August 2nd at 5:30 pm. One hundred + involved citizens often join the call!

I believe the "Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness" measure should appear on the Nevada County, CA ballot in November. It is one way to level the playing field among the residents of our beautiful county. It is a decent and practical way for us to move into the future, to mitigate our risks, to keep our homeowners insurance in place and affordable; defensible space improvements work!

Thank You for considering this important measure, Ginger Whitehead

From:Robert Long <boblong162@gmail.com>Sent:Tuesday, July 26, 2022 4:32 PMTo:Public CommentsSubject:City council meeting July 26, 2022

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Reference Item # 14 Countywide Sales Tax for Emergency Services.

I urge the council to vote in favor of supporting the inclusion of this sales tax increase on the November ballot. This is not a vote to support the tax issue but rather a vote to give voters the option to decide if they want the sales tax to support the needed increase in emergency services and vegetation management throughout the county. We need to remember that fire does not recognize city boundaries.

thanks

Robert Long Sherwood Forest 530-913-0287

Measure V Campaign Committee (Western County)

Terry McAteer, Chair Cheryl Dell, Past Publisher, Sac Bee, Vice Chair Doug Moon, Save Bridgeport Bridge, Treasurer

Bruce Boyd, Architect, NSJ Fire Dept Ed Sylvester, Community Business Leader Julia Amaral, Community Civic Leader Tom Cross, Past Prez LWW Paul Matson, Mr. Nevada City Wyn Spiller, NC Winery Laura Duncan, County Planning Comm Marty Lombardi, Community Volunteer Ricki Heck, NID Director Tom Ivy, GV City Council Charles Brock, Coldwell Banker, Realtor Cheri Flanagan, Community Civic Leader Diane Robertson, Community Civic Leader **Richard Baker, Architect** Don Scoble, Prez. In-Concert Sierra Mike Bratton, State Farm Insurance Susan Rogers, Fire Wise Community Jeff Peach, Fire Wise Community Lorraine Gervais, Civic Leader, Fire Wise Leader Mark Johnson, GV Business Owner Tom Achter, Pres, LOP HOA Kurt Lorenz, Fire Wise Community Carol Scofield, Community Civic leader George Olive, Pres, SYRCL Jamie Jones, Executive Director, Fire Safe Council Peter Van Zant, NC Planning Commission Nancy Campbell, LWW Board member Pat Leach, Fire Safe Council Bob Long, Fire Safe Council Cristine Kelly, Owner, Fix Creative Kathy Dotson, Graphic Arts Lisa Macrina, Fire Safe Community Barbara Getz, Sierra Cinemas Andy Burton, Business Owner, NC Transportation Comm. Diana Gamzon, Nevada County Cannabis Alliance Melinda Booth, Executive Director, SYRCL



Next Meeting: 9:00 am Monday, Aug 8th 1140 Slate Creek Rd GV

From:	WIRELESS CALLER
Sent:	Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:28 PM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (1 minute and 17 seconds)
Attachments:	audio.mp3

Hi, this is Matthew Coulter calling on the school Resources officer comment and at the schools that are becoming so thrashed, the children's playgrounds are so thrashed. If the members of the City Council would do a walkthrough of the one at Hennessy school Grass Valley Charter and see how destroyed that playground has gotten in just two years, all the smaller kids, musical instruments are gone and destroyed that were bolted in there. It's just a shame that there's a group of kids that aren't being talked to and just let run amok and graffiti and do these things in town. The resources are being put into those kids, obviously, but I know that they are being saved for the juvenile and adult justice system locally here, for job security. So my question is, where is our youth center in Grass Valley, even part-time? Where is it? It's not out there. They wanted to put it way out on mccourtney. Now it's up at Litton. So where is the one for Grass Valley, along with the Senior Center for Grass Valley? Thank you.

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Sent:	Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:16 PM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (1 minute and 3 seconds)
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Yes, I'd like to make a public comment during this open hearing on Memorial Park Pool and let the Council members know that many of the Veterans historical monuments have been damaged during the process, some completely removed. Also, a large amount of the petrified wood has been stolen, carefully chiseled out. The only thing carefully done during the project was done first. Left reasons. So I would like inventory of all these items that were stolen from the park. Now I do have pictures, all of them before and after and during their theft. So I would like the park do somehow get with historical group and figure out what used to be there and where did it go during this past year or two years because it's a lot of it's gone. Please error this comment on this open hearing, Matthew Coulter, Grass Valley, CA. 50 plus years.

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Sent:	Tuesday, July 26, 2022 7:08 PM
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (1 minute and 29 seconds)
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Hi I'm calling about consent agenda item number 14, this is Matthew Coulter about vegetation management. Could the city please clean their properties? The city owned properties are very much a fire hazard as well as the Howard's old house there mid block on South Church has been just abandoned. I just don't understand how the city can let the fire hydrants be engulfed where you can't even find them. So there's a lot of work to be done right within the stones throw from City Hall with your vegetation management and that would be great if the city could lead by example instead of pointing the finger at people and saying do what we say not as we do Memorial Park. Last year's fall leaves are still in a pile over there on Colfax Ave Storm damage is still off the side of the hill. Against the tennis courts on Colfax Ave, it is unconscionable that the city has the balls to want to find people and invade their properties to tell them what to do when the city's not even doing it. At the very least. Not even a year can be wait for these leaves to be picked up. These dry leaves with homeless sitting in them and smoking. So have a good time. Maybe we can have a volunteer day with some people, with some Rakes in the city. Folks could also help. That would be great. Thanks.

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То:	Public Comments
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Yes, Matthew Coulter calling on the consent calendar for the City Council meeting. #13 School resources officer. I couldn't find anywhere in the packet what we're the city of Grass Valley is being paid by the school district, or we just giving an officer to them as a freebie. I couldn't really find that in there. No numbers related to this because what is this? Officer make what duties can't he do when he's doing that? Versus all the kids that are down at the Thursday night market causing chaos, no one seems to be managing them or resourcing them, so hopefully something can be done about that. Thank you.

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То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (1 minute and 14 seconds)
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Matthew Coulter calling on item consent agenda #12 for the City Council meeting public comment number 12. Memorial Park. How much more money are you putting in the Memorial Park? And if you are putting so much more money into it, can somebody please make the contractor follow the basic air and water quality standards and maybe get him a restroom so they don't have to pee out in the open for everyone to watch them? Maybe there can be some kind of management to what's going on over Memorial Park. Just today the police were out back on Memorial Lane with me watching the dust cloud just today. So they're starting work at 6:00 AM, which they never used to start before 9:00. So I guess they're in a hurry now. But I'd like to hear more about how much more the Memorial Park project is costing, how much it was projected to cost originally, what it is costing now. And it's not even near being finished. So I'd like some explanation to that number 12. Thank you.

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Subject:	Voice Mail (38 seconds)
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Yes, on the consent agenda, public comment on item number 10, I'd like somebody there to read that ordinance or law or whatever is being put in place because I think you're violating the Constitution with this, but. Nice try. So I'd like somebody to read it because I can't seem to find it anywhere. It's not in the packet, it's not anywhere. I'll call back on number 12. Thank you.

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Sent:	Tuesday, July 26, 2 <mark>022 7:00 PM</mark>
То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (34 seconds)
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Yes, this is Matthew Coulter calling back with comments on the consent agenda for the Grass Valley City Council meeting. #8 I'd like to pull through the agenda and have more discussion about that, about these people that are representing us at the EOS, the same people that are committing state and federal fraud over the sinkhole on Freeman. So I think it's odd that they are representatives since they are liars. That's #8. I'll call back on number 10. Thank you.

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То:	Public Comments
Subject:	Voice Mail (1 minute and 49 seconds)
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Hi, this is Matthew Coulter calling in to public comment. Grass Valley City Council meeting. Public comments relating to things that are going on here in town. They are of interest to the citizens of Grass Valley. Obviously, they're not of the interest to our elected officials or appointed officials because nothing really seems to be getting done about the dust that's going on at Memorial Park, the dust and water pollution that's going on at Lamerica Ranch, the homeless fires that are engulfing our area and circling our area. And the common theme with that is all the folks are living on developers land that they hope as speculators to become rich on. But in the meantime, just like at the Dorsey marketplace that fire the other day there, and multiple fires that are happening from these camps that we just keep pushing people into the bushes farther instead of having a legal place for people to camp. It would benefit everyone. Also, three bicycles were hit in two days. One was killed in Idaho, Maryland. I hope that we can do something about the pedestrian fatalities going on here in town non-stop. You do have the power to do something. Believe her. And doing nothing is doing something. That's my public comment. I'll call back on number 8101213 and 14 on the consent agenda. Thank you.

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