



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, March 08, 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 by Mayor Aguilar at 7:03 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Police Chief Alex Gammelgard.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom

Council Member Hilary Hodge

Council Member Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle

Mayor Ben Aguilar

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made to approve the agenda as submitted by Council Member Hodge, Seconded by Vice Mayor Arbuckle.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of new police K9, Romeo, and acceptance of funds from the Rudiger Foundation.
2. Music in the Mountains Presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public comments attached.

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

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

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

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

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

6. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

7. Public Works Restructuring (Streets and Parks Divisions)

Recommendation: That Council 1) review and approve the proposed reorganization of the Public Works Department; 2) approve reclassifying two Maintenance Worker III's to Senior Maintenance Workers; 3) approve downgrading an existing vacant Senior Maintenance Worker position to Maintenance Worker I; 4) approve revising the allotted/authorized City positions to reflect the Public Works Restructuring; and 5) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any necessary budget adjustments and/or amendments to complete this action.

8. Modification to the Building Official salary range and approval of a job description for a Senior Building Inspector/Plans Examiner.

Recommendation: That Council approve the increase in the salary range of the Building Official job class and approve the job description and salary range for a Senior Building Inspector/Plans Examiner.

9. Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 Report on Fire Inspections

Recommendation: That Council adopt Resolution 2022-08 which accepts the Grass Valley Fire Department report pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13146.4 annual inspections.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Update to Municipal Code Section 8.16 miscellaneous Fire Control Regulations

Recommendation: That Council: 1) conduct the public hearing; 2) introduce the ordinance which amends the Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 8.16.230 and 8.16.240; and 3) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only.

Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave presentation to the council.

Motion made to 1) conduct the public hearing; 2) introduce the ordinance which amends the Grass Valley Municipal Code Section 8.16.230 and 8.16.240; and 3) waive the reading of the ordinance in its entirety and read by title only by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

11. Consideration of a temporary fee deferral agreement to allow BrewBilt to pay wastewater impact fees tied to the phasing of the project.

Recommendation: That Council approve the temporary fee deferral agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement subject to legal review.

Tom Last, Community Development Director, gave presentation to the council.

Public comment attached.

Motion made to approve the temporary fee deferral agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement subject to legal review by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Council Member Hodge.

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

12. FY 2021-22 Mid-Year Budget Review

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council, by MOTION, approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and recommended revisions.

Andy Heath, Finance Director, gave presentation to the council.

Public comment attached.

Motion to approve the Mid-Year Budget Review and recommended revisions by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

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


BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

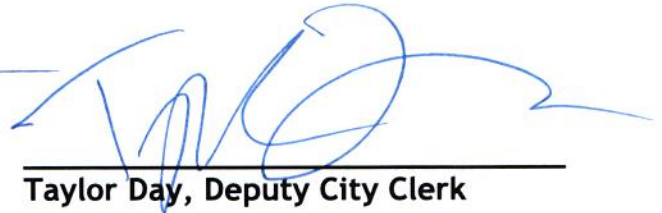
Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Hodge attend an ERC meeting, want to warn about the poison oak on the Buttermilk Trail, and wants to congratulate Ben on his win of the St. Piran's trophy. Councilmember Branstrom is enjoying having public in

the meeting, he attended ERC meeting, and the opening of Nevada County Camera Club exhibit, the St. Piran's Day pasty toss, and a visit to Buttermilk trail at Bridge Port. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the League of Cities board meeting, the Nevada County Law Enforcement Council meeting and farewell to two officers leaving the force, attended a GVDA board meeting, the St Piran's day celebrations, and leaves this weekend for the League of Cities Summit in Washington D.C. Mayor Aguilar visited the Lobster Truck, attended the LAFCo meeting and finalized the annexation of the Southern Sphere, was a judge of the Lions speech contest, and won the St Parians trophy for Grass Valley this year.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.



Ben Aguilar, Mayor

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1:56 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 22 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Yes, my name is Oral Stallings. I live at 16392 Lisa Lane. That's Grass Valley 95949. I'm past commander of the American Legion Post 130. I understand that the Boy Scout Lodge at Memorial Park is not being reopened for the use of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. I'm in the process of getting a petition signed by all of our veterans here in Nevada County. I'm asking the Council to please respond to the request. It's putting a problem in terms of financial to our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, but not being able to utilize the Boy Scout Cabin, which is by Memorial Park. So I really ask you to please consider getting this back into the hands of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Nevada County. My phone number is 530-559-2329, once again, Oral Stallings past Commander of American Legion Post 130. Thank you. Bye.

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Taylor Day

From: Sarah Whittaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Re-open Scout Lodge

We would love if you re-opened the Scout Lodge by Memorial Park!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Taylor Day

From: Khadidiatou Aw [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:25 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Scout lodge

Hi there ,
Please , reopen the Scout lodge.
Thank you
Khadidiatou Aw

Taylor Day

From: Stephanie Facchini [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Scout Lodge

Please reopen the Scout Lodge. I have two Girl Scout Troops and we are having to pay monthly for the school facility that we are using for our meetings. It is frustrating when there is a Scout Lodge that is used for that purpose. I am also in charge of a Girl Scout function that typically would happen at the Lodge. Again, we are having to rent another facility.

Our girls are anxious to get back to our "old" meeting place, a building with lots of history and so convenient at the park.

Thanks
Stephanie Facchini

Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (37 seconds)
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Yes, Taylor, could you ask Andy during his presentation how much money is set aside for a lawsuit, settlements from the city for people that fall on the sidewalks and other lawsuits against the city? Is that actual amount, or is that considered lumped in with the emergency situation and is battle fluctuating amount or same amount they put in each year forecasting that the looks like the liability insurance has gone way up? And I'm wondering if that's something you do with that. Could you speak to that, please? Thank you.

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From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:47 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 5 seconds)
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Matthew Coulter public comment on the Spring Hill brewery. They're not a startup. It's an established company that is looking for a handout. I'm more concerned about where all the waste product is going to go into Wolf Creek. Like all the other businesses along Idaho, Maryland that just dump all their waste product into Wolf Creek We start at one end. Work your way all the way down through Grass Valley and you can count the dozens of businesses that use Wolf Creek as their personal sewage trough to dispose of any liquids and more that they want to get rid of. You can drive up the street tomorrow and see it. It's not hiding. And this is a lot of waste products going to be dumped into the Creek untreated. But you're all excited about getting wasted, so enjoy it. Drink up.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:06 PM
To: Public Comments
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Matthew Coulter public comment on #8 on the agenda item. For inspectors and their salaries and relating to that, I think they should all be fired because if you can't. Move around in this town and see so many violations of grading, pushing dirt into creeks right along the roadsides. I'm not talking in people's backyards. You don't need a drone. You don't need anything. They're right along the roadways. All kinds of violations going on. And if citizens are the ones reporting this stuff like Loma Rica ranch that totally killed every living thing in Wolf Creek when it blew out, then we got a problem with their inspectors because they are not doing what they're supposed to be doing. There's still not doing what they're supposed to be doing, and I hope that they're all freaking fired because there is just no way that they are doing the right thing. The building next to the library in Grass Valley. Go look at the side of it. Look at the wires hanging around and stuff. Is that code? Really. Wow. Really frightening. What you guys are letting pass for, inspected stuff. And what about all the stuff that is being put in there? It's not even being permitted. There's tons of that. Who's inspecting that stuff? What about the Airbnbs? You said there'd be 90, there's over 300. Who's inspecting those? Who are these inspectors? Fire them. Public Comments.

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Yes, Matthew calls for public comment on #7 Public works restructuring. We all know public works need to be restructured, but do we really even have a public works at this point? No one seems to be doing anything in the parks. Broken glass stays on the ground for months on end in children's playgrounds, and piles of leaves are all over the parks, killing the grass. Maybe we can hire some private contractors, come in and do a once over to clean stuff up because public works obviously isn't capable of using a rake or a broom or a shovel, or really any long handled tools that I can tell. All they can do is push stuff around and make dust, and they do like to play video games sitting in their truck. So that's pretty cool. So that's my public comment for the public works restructuring and I very much like new light bulbs put on the American flag at Memorial parks as we know, Public Works director was fired over that debacle over the light bulbs there that need to be replaced on the American flag at the Veterans Memorial, which Public Works has the keys supposedly. Thank you.

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Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 14 seconds)
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Public comment City Council meeting, Grass Valley, CA, March 8th, 2022. Matthew Coulter calling public comment on several things, one being the Boy Scout Girl Scouts building they would like to get back into their building to utilize it in Memorial Park because they're having to pay for rent, have their gatherings in other places due to something about COVID closing the building so they would really like to get back in there. Picking up the leaves in Memorial Park, it's a fire danger. I've wrecked a lot of piles of leaves. The city scatters them around with the blower out of the piles, refuses to pick the piles up until the grass dies. So I keep moving the piles of the grass doesn't die. I wish they'd pick him up. Today I was at Billy's funeral, who was killed in the crosswalk on Church St, South Church and Dalton. There. Yeah. Crosswalk right by the two mayors houses That crosswalk really needs some lights as well as the one on coal, fax Ave and Oak Street by Memorial Park. Very, very dangerous crosswalk. The city building more and more and improving more and more things to be put in without adequate facilities or infrastructure is just causing more fatalities. Just like the fatality on 49 today. Just because you can doesn't mean you should. You can fill every vacant lot with the track house, but should you? Probably not, but you should have a warming shelter in Grass Valley on the cold night so people aren't underneath tarps all over Mill Street and underneath the overpasses and in doorways. And like that, because the Nevada city shelter is in Nevada city and hospitality houses in a warming shelter. So Grass Valley really needs to step up with that regard for the homeless in Grass Valley. Public comment. Thank you.

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