



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, August 09, 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 7:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Aguilar led the pledge of allegiance.

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 agenda 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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. California Department of Insurance services and Safer from Wildfires (Interagency Wildfire Mitigation Partnership) Presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Public comment in person: Brenda Jo English

Virtual comments attached

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made to approve consent 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

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2022.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt resolution R2022-68 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

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

5. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

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

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

7. Appointment of City Councilmembers and Staff to Boards and Commissions

Recommendation: Approve Mayor Aguilar's recommendation appointment of Councilmembers and Staff to various Boards and Commissions.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Public hearing to consider a cost report for both administrative fines and abatement costs and placement of those costs and unpaid administrative fines on the tax roll for 905 W. Main Street.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 2022-67 that imposes a special assessment on the tax roll for Assessor's Parcel Number 029-010-009 for abatement costs and unpaid administrative fines and requests the Nevada County Auditor-Controller collect that assessment for the City.

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

Virtual comment attached.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2022-67 that imposes a special assessment on the tax roll for Assessor's Parcel Number 029-010-009 for abatement costs and unpaid administrative fines and requests the Nevada County Auditor-Controller collect that assessment for the City 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

ADMINISTRATIVE

9. Continuation of Consideration for a School Resource Officer agreement with the Grass Valley School District

Recommendation: 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.

Public comments from: Brenda Jo English and Lisa Lowe

Virtual comments attached.

Motion made to approve the agreement between the Grass Valley School District and the Grass Valley Police Department to provide School Resource Officer services 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

10. Fire Department Response in Nevada County.

Recommendation: That Council 1) Receive a brief overview of fire department response models within Nevada County and 2) provide direction to staff for additional reviews of fire department response models, mutual support with partner agencies, resilience of services within Nevada County, and potential future challenges.

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

Public comment: Brenda Jo

Virtual attached.

Council gave staff the directions to bring back a more in-depth plan of how to handle the response problem for the City of Grass Valley, and look at hosting a meeting with all districts to have a conversation.

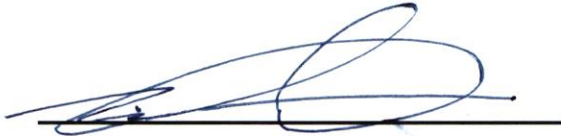
BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Branstrom went to the Saint Josephs Cultural Center open house, Thursday night market, Downtown Merchant meeting regarding the county wide sales tax and a Board of Supervisors meeting about the proposed county wide sales tax. Councilmember Hodge installed a water drip system to conserve water, and her mother got a new puppy. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended the NCTC TSC

meeting, National League of Leaders conference, REAL meeting, Mine Wine and Dine dinner, the National Night out, a Patsy Cline on off Broadway show, a Downtown Merchant meeting, and a Board of Supervisors Meeting. She will be attended the opening of the fair and National League of Women summer conference. Mayor Aguilar also attended the Mine Wine and Dine dinner, National Night Out, a Board of Supervisors meeting, and will be attending the opening of the fair grounds.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Ben Aguilar, Mayor

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Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Adoption Date: 8/23/2022

Taylor Day

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 41 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Yeah. Hi. My name is George Cruz. I live at 13624 N Bellevue Dr Grass Valley. Yeah, I do have a comment. First of all, I just read the fact that the you guys are trying to raise the sales tax in our area because of fire. I think what needs to be done before all this because I don't agree with the sales tax because we've already been taxed not that long ago. I think that needs to be done as maybe you guys need to build less stuff up here. We don't need to support more homes, more people in a area where we don't have the ability to even support the houses that are up here. We have fire danger. We all know that our environment has changed. Don't know that. But yet the greed is big. I do not agree with what's going on up here. I've watched this place change from a decent community and to damage. Just look at Roseville. I've seen Roseville when it was just a hog town. It's being destroyed. The environment, the air around there. And it's just like going down South. So if this is what you guys want with the greed and stuff, be my guest. But you're destroying our area. And I'm tired of listening to environmentalists talk about how we got to do this and that and our garbage. We can't even handle the garbage in this community right now. Your mccourtney landfill was a disaster. All right, that's my comment. Thank you. Goodbye.

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Taylor Day

From: joshua mcintosh [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Gracejeanmcintosh
Subject: Police attention needed on Brooks Rd traffic speeding, drug traffic

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Grass Valley city council,
I live at 14086 Brooks rd Grass Valley and I'm having concerns about traffic speeding and drug traffic in my neighborhood. I have reported these concerns to GVPD and CHP but still have not seen any presents in our neighborhood.

The speed limit is posted at 15 miles per hour and we routinely have people driver 40 MPH or above. We walk that road daily and we have to jump out of the way of cars every time we are out so we don't get hit.

We are also seeing more questionable activity with homeless parking overnight, cars be left on the road, needles on the ground, littering, and more aggressive interactions with people passing threw or just sitting in the neighborhood.

We have reached out to Police and CHP without getting a response and would like city council to step in and get some law enforcement to the area. We would also like city council to consider getting speed bumps installed to address the high speeds before there is an accident that may have consequences that can't be undone.

I will be attending the next City counsel meeting on 8/9/22 and would appreciate if you could spend a few minutes addressing my concerns.

Thank you,
Joshua McIntosh
925-285-0220
14086 Brooks Rd.

Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:21 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 5 seconds)
Attachments: audio.mp3

Hi, this is Matthew Coulter commenting on the fire response. At the Board of Supervisors meeting today. There was a discussion by someone from Chicago Park about the Chicago Park Fire Department also closing due to financing just referred to in Chicago Park. Think Pike has some things going on. So yeah, that we can extend farther and farther out. There's a new car accident out of Hanson Brothers, which is now Grass Valley 's area of expertise. We're running out of ambulances every day, too, and that seems to be a problem. I know that's not part of the Grass Valley system, but I think you guys need to be aware of that, then upgrade that system in some way shape or form so we're not constantly running out of ambulances every day. It's pretty disturbing to hear that from the scanner that I listen to all the time and post on my page. Concerned Citizen, just Google, Concerned Citizen, Nevada County. That should come up on Facebook. Have a good night.

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Taylor Day

From: WIRELESS CALLER [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:55 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 6 seconds)
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Hi, this is Matthew Coulter commenting on the school resource officer topic for the City Council meeting. I think a maybe a youth officer would be better and go where the kids are versus just concentrating on the schools because it seems like they get in trouble after school, correct? That's when most of the crime and different things happen. So that would probably be a good aspect to deal with, because I know in 2030 kids show up over here at Memorial Park they might want to visit from time to time, or down here at Tennessee school when they're thrashing the playground over it, any of the parks that they're thrashing and putting graffiti in because no one seems to talk to those kids for some reason. I know you don't want them in town, you don't want them in Elizabeth Daniels Park, but they're part of the community too, and be nice to give them some attention because I don't think it's happening at school. Thanks a lot.

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To: Public Comments
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This is Matthew Coulter commenting on the 905 W Main St situation. In that situation, there's been multiple people overdosing with death, as well as many overdose medical responses there. Kids are afraid to walk by it on the way to school, so they usually walk on the other side, which is under construction with the tomato farm destruction of Gilded Springs. What a name. And. It should have been dealt with a long time ago. I see that you're still soft pedaling the whole thing, but sad because this is what the city does. The police do what they do and you guys do what you do. So enjoy.

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Taylor Day

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Voice Mail (3 minutes and 16 seconds)
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Good evening, this is Matthew Coulter for the Grass Valley City Council meeting. Sorry I couldn't be there in person. I'm still at the Board of Supervisors meeting that started at 9:00 o'clock this morning for the county of Nevada. Public comment being that what is going on over at Memorial Park. The contractor one was granted an emergency restraining order. I was arrested and thrown in jail by Officer Herrera illegally off my property. Went to court last Monday and Tuesday the judge threw it out because they had insufficient evidence of me doing violence to them, which I've never done, never said anything violent, and officer Herrera continues to harass me and promote. Now they're going to get a harassment restraining order versus a workplace violence restraining order, and I'm going to be going to court because the mayor's got a restraining order against me, too So these restraining order is dropping like rain from the sky. Just amazing. From our elected officials. Back to Memorial Park, the Ender OT asked me to find him a rock Mason that could fix the rocks on the historic clock tower. He also said a lot of other pretty incredible things under oath, which I think the city should be very concerned about. Who they hire to do work in public spaces and the control they have over the people that they hire to come to our public spaces to conduct this work, they call it. Connected to that Project, Memorial Lane still hasn't been paved where the big holes ripped up, and then it creates a lot of dust. Every car that drives over all day long, all three thrive up is just gravel. And there's a guy living over at the park up against the Boy Scout, Girl Scout Building, building a fire. Just sleep over there because the sprinklers come on and chase them out of the veterans area at night, I guess. And Speaking of that, need to get those sprinklers off those veterans walls because every day they get wet and then the heat comes and expands and it's popping off all the tiles, so the sprinkler should not be running onto the walls. Also, there's dead trees in the veterans area. That's Elizabeth Poston, I think, planted those. And she's getting a restraining order against me too, because she can't water trees she puts in. Yet she charges the city a bunch of money to do it, and they die repeatedly. She says she calls herself the city horticulturist. I can't find anything about that anywhere in the documents that there is such a title or the pay grade for such a title. I'm very curious about that. I would like someone to give me that information, please. You know how to contact me. Thank you very much. That's my public comment for tonight. Have a great night.

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