



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, May 10, 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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Aguilar.

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 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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. American Legion Poppy Days Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENT -

In person: Sandra Spargo, gave packet to council.

Virtual: Attached.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Public comments for consent are attached.

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 April 26, 2022

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

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

4. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions 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. Second Reading of Ordinance #815

Recommendation: Hold a second reading by Title Only and Adopt Ordinance #815

7. Initiate Annexation Proceedings and Approve the Boundary Map for Annexation of Loma Rica Ranch-Phase 1 to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1988-2

Recommendation: That Council approve Resolution 2022-22 initiating annexation proceedings and approving the boundary map for Annexation 2022-1 of Loma Rica Ranch-Phase 1 into the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District No. 1988-2.

8. Slate Creek Road Improvements Project - Final Acceptance

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the final payment and accept the Slate Creek Road Improvements Project as complete, and 2) authorize the City Engineer to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

9. Condon and Scotten Turf Installation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the award of a contract for the Condon and Scotten Turf Installation Project 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.

10. Condon and Scotten Turf Replacement Project- Authorization to Award Contract

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the Condon and Scotten Turf Replacement Project to Goodland Landscape Construction, 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.

11. Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2022/23 Overall Work Program Approval

Recommendation: That Council: 1) review the projects proposed for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission FY 2022/23 Overall Work Program, 2) adopt

a Resolution 2022-20 approving the projects for inclusion in the Nevada County Transportation Commission Overall Work Program

12. Appointment of Vice Mayor Arbuckle Nominee, Debbie Thomas, for the Measure E Oversight Committee

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint Measure E Oversight Committee Member Thomas to a term ending December 2022

13. Gilded Springs Development - Approve Final Map

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Final Map 18PLN-46 for Gilded Springs Subdivision and 2) approve Resolution 2022-23, accepting the public utility easements and rejecting a roadway dedication

14. Modification to the Building Official salary range.

Recommendation: That Council approve the increase in the salary range of the Building Official job class.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fees - Annual Inflation Increase

Recommendation: That Council: 1) hold a public hearing; and 2) adopt a Resolution approving an annual inflation increase to the existing regional transportation mitigation fees.

Bjorn Jones, City Engineer, gave presentation to the council. Mike Woodman from NCTC answer questions of funding and how the program works for the City.

Public comment attached.

Motion made that Council: 1) hold a public hearing; and 2) adopt a Resolution approving an annual inflation increase to the existing regional transportation mitigation fees 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

16. Annual Inflation Increase for Water, Sewer, and Development Impact Fees

Recommendation: That Council: 1) hold a public hearing; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022-21 approving an annual inflation increase to the existing water, sewer, and development impact fees

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave presentation to the council.

Council discussed the upcoming rate study and pushing off the fee increase until after the study is done and comes before the Council.

Council took no action on this item.

17. Approval of new fees for the following: 1) Animal Control Microchipping; 2) Animal Control Turn-in fee for unaltered cats & dogs; 3) Animal Control adoptions for Feral and working Cats; and 4) Fire fee for Sprinkler Modification

Recommendation: Conduct the public hearing and approve the attached Resolution 2022-24 to adopt new use and service fees.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave presentation to the Council. Alex Gammelgard clarified some questions in regard to the Animal control fees.

Motion made to Conduct the public hearing and approve the attached Resolution 2022-24 to adopt new use and service fees 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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Branstrom attended the ERC tour of Nevada County, Cal Cities Speaker, Cal Cities Solid Waste Commission, Mayor's Prayer breakfast, the Smartsville pioneer days, Joy Luck Club production, went to a breakfast group in auburn, attended the first Wild Edges Project showing, visited his mom for Mother's Day, and is excited for Armed Forces Day on May 21st. Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Hodge attended a Center for the Arts development productions meeting, and is looking forward to the Sierra Cast ale festival coming up and working in her garden. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attended a League of Cities Public Safety meeting, a League of Cities Policy Committee meeting, a Solid Waste Committee Meeting, National League of Racial Equity and Leadership meeting, a Women of Municipal Government meeting, the Mayors Prayer Breakfast, the Law Enforcement Appreciation dinner. She is excited for the upcoming Armed Forces day, and is excited to welcome her new Measure E oversight committee, Debbie Thomas, who is Ed Thomas daughter and is willing take his place on the committee. She is also pleased to say that her granddaughter will be born soon. Mayor Aguilar gave a presentation at the Mayors Prayer breakfast, and mothers day was fun to be around family. He attended the Contractors Golf Tournament, and is excited to attended the armed forces day celebration which is on May 21st from 11 to 4 in Downtown Grass Valley. Lastly the ballots are coming out and he encourages everyone to vote.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.



Ben Aguilar, Mayor



Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Taylor Day

From: Emerald Pearson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Emerald Aries Pearson, a 10th grader attending Ghidotti Early College High School. We as a class had just witnessed a presentation demonstrating the inevitable future our town faces if we do not grow with the new generation. Apparently, our General Plan detailing the future of this town has not been updated in decades, which defeats the purpose of planning for the future. It is up to the City Council to look out for the community and upcoming climate crises that we will face if Grass Valley does not continue to grow. Environmental protections should be detailed and enacted to protect the tranquility of this homely town. I am a Grass Valley resident worried about my future and the future of everyone around me.

Sincerely,
Emerald Pearson

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Taylor Day

From: Julia Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update Grass Valley's General Plan

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Hello,

My name is Julia Katz and I'm a sophomore at Ghidotti Early College High School. I have lived in Alta Sierra for 2 years now, and I absolutely love it. Our Nevada County is a beautiful and fulfilling place to live, lush with nature and beautiful historic sites. My love for Nevada County extends to its environmental health, which has already been endangered by wildfires and drought conditions, both of which are direct results of global climate change. Grass Valley's General Plan is made to protect its land, people, and future, which is why it must be updated. The updated version of Grass Valley's General Plan ought to protect us from manmade harm against the environment, specifically the Idaho-Maryland Mine, as we already have enough to protect against (i.e. fires and drought). Please strongly consider including environmental protections in an updated version of Grass Valley's General Plan.

Sincerely,
Julia Katz

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Zachary Setting. I live in Grass Valley and attend Ghidotti Early College High School. I am concerned about how the opening of this ancient mine will negatively affect our community and our lives. I know that the climate crisis is rapidly getting worse and growing and needs to be taken care of. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Zachary Setting.

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Hello my name is Sidney and I live in Grass Valley and attend Ghidotti high school. I have a strong concern for my community as a youth and see a huge incoming problem. The reopening of the mine will cause further ecological damage. The root of the problem can be solved by updating the outdated General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation plan, and emission reduction measures.

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From: Julia Barbieri [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 11:16 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council

My name is Julia Barbieri. I am a student at Ghidotti early college high school. I have lived here for 16 years, which is basically my whole life. I want to see our county stay beautiful and safe for years to come, so I can always come back and enjoy this wonderful place that I grew up in. Allowing the mine to operate would greatly impact my quality of life, as well as many others. Don't let it happen. Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Julia Barbieri, just a concerned youth

Taylor Day

From: Caroline Fike [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:53 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update general plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Caroline Fike. I live and go to school in Grass Valley. I wanted to talk to you about some concerns for our community. As you should be aware there is a climate change crisis in Grass Valley. Fire likelihoods have increased up to 1/3 in the past few years, and we have seen the effect of these extreme temperatures on our county. One example of these extreme temperatures is the snow storm that happened this winter, here we have never had a snow storm that extreme. Our summers keep getting hotter and hotter, and we have noticed the general plan includes nothing about climate change. I would like to ask you if you can please update the general plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely

-Caroline Fike

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From: Max Galvin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:49 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Max Galvin and I go to school in Grass Valley. Our community is very tight knit and has been a great reflection of our history. However, it is very old fashioned. For example, the General Plan hasn't been updated in 20 years. Our community, though it is very close, has to change in some way to adapt to the current problems. Our current plans do not accommodate for increased danger in terms of climate change and large environmental impact caused by our own actions. We need to change that. Take action against those that wish to do our community more harm like the Idaho Maryland Mine and update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation and emission reduction measures.

A student for the future,

Max Galvin

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From: Dylan Finkler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Dylan Finkler, I attend school at ghidotti early college high school, and as I'm sure you know, the climate crisis has been drastically getting worse over the past couple years. Friends and family of mine who may not have seen or acknowledged the issue of climate change in years past have steadily begun to feel the effects of climate change on our beautiful county and the areas around. Please update the general plan to include climate change measures, wildfire risk, mitigation and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Dylan Finkler.

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From: Maleki Waters [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Maleki Waters

I live in Grass Valley, I attend school in Grass Valley and I am concerned for the opening for the Idaho Maryland mine. The Climate Crisis affects each and every one of us. It greatly affects our ozone and temperature overall. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely, Maleki Waters

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From: ForestNynja [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Wyatt Cox.

I attend Ghidotti Early College High School in Grass Valley & am concerned about our community. The General Plan has been not been updated since 20 years ago & does not include information about climate change. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, & emission reduction measures. This includes not building the Idaho-Maryland Mine.

Sincerely,
Wyatt Cox

Taylor Day

From: AJ Janow [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is AJ. I attend Ghidotti located in Grass Valley. I am concerned about environmental health in general. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures. An issue I have is the Idaho Maryland Mine reopening.

Thank you for taking your time to read this

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From: Kate Fore [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: update the general plan

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Hi Grass Valley City Council,

my name is kate fore and i live as well as attend school in grass valley and i'm concerned about the reopening of the idaho maryland mine. considering that the mine will cause pollution and destroy the living areas of residents that live near the mine. please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

sincerely,
kate fore

Taylor Day

From: Caliana Raiche-Kott [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:43 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council, my name is Caliana Raiche-Kott. I live in Grass Valley, attend school here (Ghidotti), and love this town. I am concerned for our community and how we impact the climate. Please update the general plan to include measures to reduce climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission. Thank you very much. Sincerely, a concerned student.

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From: Theodore Aronow [REDACTED]
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To: Public Comments
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Dear Grass Valley City Council,

Hello, My name is Theodore Aronow. I live in Nevada County and attend School in Grass Valley. I am concerned about the current state of our city. There is a climate crisis and we need to take action. Please update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Theodore Aronow

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From: Isla Blue [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the general plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Isla and I attend school in Grass Valley. The climate crisis is a growing danger and I am emailing you with the hope that you will update the general plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigations, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Isla Blue

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From: Aela Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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My name is Aela, I go to school in grass valley and I think that it's really important to please update the general plan.

Thank you!
Aela

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From: Jonah Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Public Comments
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Jonah Russell and I am a Junior at Ghidotti Early College High School. Climate Change has become possibly the biggest problem that the world is currently experiencing. Here in Nevada County, we see that impact in the form of wildfires. My dad recently retired from Calfire last November after over two decades of wildland firefighting. Every summer for most of my life he has been gone all over the state, and each year the fires get worse. The last two summers have been so bad that the air quality was well above hazardous for most of the fire season. Nevada County is one of the most affected locations in California, so we should be doing the most about it. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

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From: Sascha Roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Update the General Plan

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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Sascha Roberts and I have lived in Grass Valley for most of my life. I am a Junior at Ghidotti Early College Highschool and wanted to express my concern for my community. As climate change becomes more of a concern in our present day world it is time to take action. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Sascha Roberts

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From: Sage Fowler [REDACTED]
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Sage Fowler. I currently live, work, and attend school in Grass Valley. I am concerned for our community and its future concerning the climate crisis. Since the 1960s, each decade has averaged higher than the previous one. This last decade has been the hottest in 125,000 years. Please update the General Plan to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,
Sage Fowler

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From: Emmeline Retzler [REDACTED]
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Emmy Retzler. I attend high school in Grass Valley and I am concerned about the environmental state of the city. Please update the General Plan to include climate change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Thank you and sincerely,
Emmy Retzler

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From: Tenaya Anderson [REDACTED]
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Tenaya Anderson and I am a junior at Ghidotti Early College High School. I have lived in Nevada City/Grass Valley for my entire life, and I attend school and extracurriculars in Grass Valley. The climate crisis is global, but must be addressed on a local scale. Our beautiful and historical town deserves to be preserved, and in order for this to be done, the General Plan must be updated to include Climate Change acceptance, mitigation, and emission reduction measures.

Sincerely,

Tenaya Anderson

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From: Kimberly Aguilar Diaz [REDACTED]
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Hello Grass Valley City Council,

My name is Kimberly Aguilar Diaz,

I attend school in Grass Valley California, at Ghidotti Early College high school. I am concerned about our community, specifically the climate crisis upon us, and how some decisions may affect those of us who live here. Thank you.

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May 10, 2022

To the City Council:

We have lived at this address for twenty-two years. Originally, the parking at the top of North Auburn Street was marked and restricted to three-hour parking all the way up to Washington Street with a police officer that checked regularly for offenders. The parking on North Auburn Street was also limited to one side only because of how narrow the street is especially going up the hill.

Today, it's common for neighbors and shoppers to park on both sides of the street and facing in either direction. It's also common to find people parked in the red zones, on the sidewalks and where signs clearly prohibit parking. There is no police officer checking that the rules are being followed.

Many times, I have reported via the city's website when offenders leave their cars for over three days. Usually, my requests are ignored. When cleaners and gardeners work for us, they need somewhere to park but the street is often lined with cars. A lot of the problem is due to the city not enforcing that people have off-street parking for renters and not providing adequate parking for downtown visitors. Each time that I've contacted the city staff about relief from the parking situation, I've been told that it's out of their control and they can do nothing about it.

Several years ago, the city painted the curb red ten feet from our driveway to prevent parked cars from obstructing our view. The curb needed to be repainted. Twice, I contacted the city via email and never got a reply. I ended up painting it myself.

Why was the patrol halted on North Auburn Street? Why is the parking no longer limited on North Auburn Street? When someone parks where they shouldn't the road is only 10 feet wide which makes it difficult for a fire engine to access the hill. Recently, with a home improvement project a few doors down from us, we had trucks blocking the road and parked all day at the narrowest section. We were unable to access our driveway without getting out of the car to contact the neighbors who were blocking the way.

Our streets are narrow due to the historical charm and that shouldn't be destroyed. Again, I request that the city take an active role in enforcing fair, safe, and limited parking on North Auburn Street as it did in the past and show that it truly is interested in "providing quality services to our citizens."

Joyce and Larry Hoffman
266 North Auburn Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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Yes, Matthew Coulter. Public comment on the transportation funding. I think the city isn't taking this seriously. Anything to do with traffic and mitigating the deadliness of our streets that seem to be scarier by the day to walk on, drive on, cross people off, to run across crosswalks even when they have a green light to cross the street My request is that all of you ride the bus, go ride the bus for an hour, and you come back and you tell me if you feel safe. Thanks a lot.

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It's too much like you just violated the brown Act by doing that, right? I'm allowed public comment on each item not gramham together. So I'd like to public comment on the military equipment for the police and say that is a bad move by Grass Valley. Bad move, all that comment, police equipment, bad move. Anything else?

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Matthew Coulter, public comment on your rubber stamp number thirteen item on the agenda, which is Gilded Springs. I'm confused with you guys giving a final map to a place that doesn't have a turn lane going into it off of West Main. There's definitely going to be accidents there. Actually, that push out concrete push out keeps people from getting off the road and turning in so they have to come to a complete stop almost before turning in on West Main. And we know that stretch to there's about a fifty mile an hour stretch stand there and watch ten cars. I'll guarantee you once going fifty in the first ten you see fifty through a school zone and around a blind corner. So the gilded spring situation as well as the Creek situation at Gilded Springs that they continue to violate water rights for pushing right up and into the Creek with their heavy equipment they're supposed to stay back thirty feet from waterways but it doesn't seem to be an issue with Grass Valley about any water rules water is to be abused in Grass Valley put in pipes taken off a maps which they did on this map here for gilded springs they tried to say that was a not even a Creek. Yet a multi \$1,000,000 project was then just downstream on the same Creek. So maybe American rivers need to go find real creeks instead of fake creeks, put millions of dollars into up against Condon Park there. So Gilded Springs is a freaking nightmare. They got a water issue out front. When it does rain, it comes up through the ground right at the entrance there it's a spring. There's going to be water issues, drainage issues and the mud settles right on the Braille pad for the sidewalk. And there's no crosswalk. So how can you finalize stuff that isn't finished? Thank you.

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Yes, it's a public comment on the rubber stamp item number 12, appointment of Vice Mayor Arbuckle nominee Debbie Thomas for Measure E Oversight Committee. It seems like there should be civilians on the oversight Committee, not people that are benefiting from it in some way, shape or form there and giving friends contracts, just like with the police Oversight Committee that seemed to fall apart and disappear I think more oversight would be key for this town. And I think the people doing the oversight should be the citizens, not the fox. Watching the Hen House comment for number 12 on the rubber stamp agenda. Thank you.

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Matthew Coulter comment on number 10 on your rubber stamp agenda continents cotton turf replacement project. Just like the number 9, but where money and the 10% of the contract amount up to. So have you guys ever not used that 10%? I guess that's my question. It doesn't seem like anything ever comes in below. It always comes in above. And again, I disagree with the plastic fields that only lasts 10 years and have cancer warnings on them. Thank you.

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City Council meeting comment on #9 Condon and Scott and Turf installation project. Authorization to award contract. As long as all your folks know that these are cancer causing materials and they have a 10 year lifespan and it will need to be replaced in 10 years as far as all the turf 'cause, that's the lifespan is. It breaks apart into tiny little pieces, gets into the water system and that's where all the pieces of the artificial grass end up more plastic in the water system all the way in the ocean. I'm sure you've heard about the plastic in the ocean. There's plastic in the ocean. Do that and it doesn't all create. It's created by the ocean. It comes from upstream places like here. So please consider not doing this. I know you will 'cause you love this kind of thing? None of you people play sports or go outside, so it's all good for you to have plastic stuff for kids to play on and get cancer. So that's #9. Thanks a lot. Totally disagree with it.

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Yes, Matthew Coulter on #7 on your rubber stamp agenda is a. Annex proceedings about lighting and the city really needs to get a grip on their lighting. These LED lighting is going up everywhere. I mean, literally, I can't have a garden in my backyard because all the Eli D lighting at Memorial Park now floods over here and my plants grow tall and spindly because there's just too much light going on without proper shielding to push the light down where you need it not up into the stars, where you ruin your night sky and make it look like a prison camp. That's what's going on around town. I live over by Memorial Park. The brightest lights in town are on the side of the Bret Hart building. They're like 10 times brighter than anything else in town. It's incredible. So that's #7. I'll call back on some others. Thank you.

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This is public comment for the City Council. May 10th, 2022. This is Matthew Coulter calling and I'm just public comment section. I'd like to explain my dismay for what's going on at Memorial Park, the destruction of the historic trees that the roots are being ripped out with backhoes. Every one of those roots needs to be cut with a saw or apparel loppers so it can heal properly and not just rocked and get root rot on. This is happened to numerous trees in the park as well as the historic clock tower. It survived 100 years without being damaged and now it's all broken up. It's even house subsidence from driving heavy equipment up close to it. It's very bad shape The Historical Commission meeting today. They're unaware of the damage that has been done over there. I would like them to be able to get access inside the chain link because they have access issues to be able to see the damage that is done to that historic clock tower. Also in the park, please remove the leaves. It was going to be drying out and we need the leaves removed and the fire danger removed and not just pushing over towards my house which seems to be what publicworks likes to do. Also today again my water was turned off by the city without any warning, any notice or anything. This is like the fourth time that they've done this and this is all connected. I believe that what's going on at Memorial Park. If anyone thing knows anything about what's going on over there, I see the engineers over there. They seem to be perplexed by what's going on. So please everyone on City Council physically go to Memorial Park, walk through the construction zone and see if that's a good look for Grass Valley for the last three years. That's my public comment. Thank you.

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Hi, this is Matthew Coulter at 3:00 o'clock on the 10th of May 2022 and I'm calling for the historic Commission meeting. Couldn't get any feedback from the city on the meeting, so I'm hopefully getting comment in on the second item on the agenda, the Clock Tower project at Memorial Park. I hope everyone on the historical Commission goes over to Memorial Park and see the destruction that's taken place or historical items over there. All these things should have been fenced off so these animals couldn't destroy him with backhoes and tractors and cause subsidence. And it's just really sad what's happened to Memorial Park, and it's sad that the historical Commission has just turned a blind eye to it. There's going to be 17 lockable cages in the park, with a lot of noise. That's more than all the other parks combined. So please consider protecting what's left. Please consider going over there physically and looking at the damage. Getting a walk through and look at the memorials that have been moved and that are being used as trash piles in storage areas and the damage to the historic trees by just digging their roots up without severing them properly with a saw or loppers to have them heal in the future. There's just roots sticking out of the ground everywhere. It's very, very sad. So please consider saving any history that's left here because it's just being gobbled up by the bulldozers by the day. Thank you.

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May 10, 2022

Sandra Spargo
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City Council Members
City of Grass Valley
125 East Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Re: INFORMATIONAL NOTICE/I have no control over the City's landscape easement on my Morgan Ranch lot.

Dear City Council Members:

The City emailed my sewer bill on May 2. Attached to the bill was Chief Mark Buttron's Informational Notice regarding flammable vegetation on private property. A copy of the Notice is attached.

Please note that although the Notice was signed on March 23, I did not receive it till one day after the deadline of May 1.

Please know that I have no control over my lot's portion of the City's mandated landscape easement that parallels Ridge Road. The easement runs a full block from the corner of Ridge Road and Woodcrest Way to the corner of Ridge Road and Morgan Ranch Drive. My easement portion is one of 19 that comprise the block-long easement.

Attachment 1: Morgan Ranch Subdivision, Site Plan, Lot 363, signed on May 21, 1999, mandating the landscape easement. My easement portion measures approximately 74 feet wide and 50-foot long, measuring uphill from Ridge Road.

■ I respectfully request that you inspect this block-long landscape easement for fire hazards.

■ I respectfully request that you empower the City's funding of the *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act*.

Note: The Act is based on *Article XIII.D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218)* and the *Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act*.

The Act's funding's goals, as stated in the 2020/2021 Engineer's Report, were to accomplish the following maintenance for Zone 1, Morgan Ranch:

1. *The repair, removal or replacement of any improvement.*
2. *Landscaping, including cultivation, weeding, mowing, pruning, tree removal, replanting, spraying, fertilizing and treating for disease.*
3. *Irrigation, including the operation, adjustment and repair of the irrigation system.*
4. *The removal of trimmings, rubbish, debris and solid waste.*

These goals were good only on paper. During 2020/2021, 14 of 19 easement portions were not maintained--as they have not been for the 5-1/2 years that I have lived at 230 Elysian Place. Five easement portions located near the Morgan Ranch entrance were maintained. Note: No public record defines partial funding of the landscape easement, nor a preference of which easement portions are maintained.

Attachments 2 through 12: Pictures of 14 easement portions that were not maintained.

1. Tree branches limbed less than six feet from the ground or never limbed.
2. Tree branches overhanging backyard wooden fencing.
3. Trees not meeting minimum vertical nor horizontal spacing.
4. Pine needles and cones creating thick ground cover.
5. Decaying tree limbs laying upon pine needles and cones.
6. Vegetation more than four inches tall above mineral soil.
7. Laddered trees and bushes.
8. A huge, dense blackberry bush, representing years of non-maintenance.

Reasons why I have no control to enforce *Ordinance No. 787, Section 1*

1. **The City approved the developer's backyard fencing without gates.** None of the 19 easement portions that comprise the block-long landscape easement have gates to the easement. The City blocked homeowner access.

Attachment 13: *Drainage Exhibit of Lot 363.* The Nevada City Engineering survey shows the location of my backyard fencing, which has no gate to the easement. (Please note actual easement placement, "L. E." City-approved fencing was built in the middle of the easement.)

Attachment 14: *Assessor's Map Bk. 8, County of Nevada, 1999,* showing private lots that comprise the block-long landscape easement. Please note my non-survey addition of the lots' easement portions in orange.

2. **421 homeowners are taxed under the *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act* to maintain Morgan Ranch's front entrance and its city-mandated easements.**

Attachment 15: In 2021-2022, Morgan Ranch's 421 lots were each taxed \$64.58 for lighting and landscaping maintenance. Total taxes collected were \$27,188.18.

If \$27,188.18 is insufficient for payment to Scope Landscaping to maintain the block-long landscape easement, it is the responsibility of the City Council to find a solution that will fulfill funding and maintenance goals of the *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act*.

In summary,

Homeowners who live on Elysian Place and Samantha Way own lots that each comprise a portion of the City's block-long landscape easement that parallels Ridge Road.

Developer-built and City-approved backyard fencing allows no gates for homeowner access to the landscape easement.

Morgan Ranch owners pay tax to maintain this landscape easement.

The Engineer's Report outlines Morgan Ranch, Zone 1's landscape funding and maintenance goals.

The City Council approves the Engineer's Report under California's *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act*.

Year after year, funding and maintenance goals of the *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act* are not met.

Year after year, pine needles and pine cones and decaying limbs accrue, forming a thick ground layer.

Year after year, trees are not limbed nor meet horizontal nor vertical distancing.

Year after year, tree limbs grow over wooden backyard fencing. The fencing meanders the upper end of Morgan Ranch, like a fuse waiting to be lit.

In addition,

The City of Grass Valley has not publicly addressed the landscape easement's original, 1987 plantings, which are not drought tolerant.

Attachment 16: Josephine McProud's, City-approved, 1987, landscape plan for the block-long landscape easement. The second page shows drip irrigation, control valve and spray head.

Homeowners have no say regarding the plantings. Current plantings appear to be originals and volunteers among dead remnants.

In conclusion,

- I respectfully request that you inspect this block-long landscape easement for fire hazards. The neglected easement endangers 421 Morgan Ranch homes, Nevada Union High School, the First Baptist Church, Grace Lutheran, the Ridge Racquet Club and medical facilities on Sierra College Way.
- I respectfully request that you empower the *1972 Lighting and Landscaping Act* in order to maintain the block-long landscape easement paralleling Ridge Road, as contracted with the people of Morgan Ranch.

Sincerely,

Sandra Spargo