



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

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AGENDA

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**Mayor Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Jan Arbuckle,
Councilmember Joe Bonomolo, Councilmember Tom Ivy**

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL - *The City Council reserves the right to hear items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.*

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY UPDATE

1. Police Department Update

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 5pm. Comments received after 5pm will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Council will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person for all emailed, voicemail, or in person comments, and only one type of public comment per person. Speaker cards are assigned for public comments that are on any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City. Speaker Cards can be pulled until the opening of public comment at which time sign ups will no longer be allowed. These cards can be found at the City Clerks desk. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item is announced. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional). Thirty minutes of public comment will be heard under this item in order of the speaker card assigned and the remaining general public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting. We will begin with number one.*

CONSENT ITEMS - *All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Council and/or Agency, staff or the public request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action but Council action is required to do so (roll call vote). Unless the Council removes an item from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, public comments are invited as to the consent calendar as a whole and limited to three minutes per person.*

2. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14th, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. **Title:** Appointment of Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) authorize the City Manager to execute an addendum to the agreement with Smith & Newell, CPAs for independent audit services for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in an amount not to exceed \$51,530; and 2) approve the use of a sole-source procurement pursuant to Section 3.08.140(B) of the Grass Valley Municipal Code for the one-year extension of independent audit services with Smith & Newell, CPAs.

4. Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by Planning Commission

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the award of a contract for the Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project to the lowest responsive bidder up to \$1,730,000, subject to the bid protest period, 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, subject to the available budget.

5. 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 “Existing Facilities”

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive bidder, subject to the bid protest period, 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.

6. Professional Services Agreement - Authorization to Approve Change Order

CEQA: N/A - CEQA review will be completed as part of the project work

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Engineer to approve a contract change order up to \$125,000 with GHD for added design and environmental work associated with the City’s decision to revert to a signalized design alternative on the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of The City Council, scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2026.

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk



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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodge called to order the meeting at 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hodge led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Jan Arbuckle

Councilmember Joe Bonomolo

Councilmember Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli

Mayor Hilary Hodge

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion made by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No closed door meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CITY UPDATE

Update from Fire Chief, Mark Buttron

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual comments attached.

In person comments: Speaker 1 thru 7 (no speaker #2), unnamed, Matthew Coulter

CONSENT ITEMS -

Motion made by Councilmember Bonomolo, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.
 Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Approval of the Special Council and Planning Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2026.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

3. Three (3) month extension of Agreement for Public Safety Dispatch Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Authorize Interim City Manager/Police Chief to sign the 3 month extension to the Agreement for Public Safety Dispatch Services

4. **Title:** City of Grass Valley Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Information Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: Pass a Motion to receive and file the City of Grass Valley Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.

5. **Title:** Park Restroom Maintenance Services and Parks Division Staffing

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Approve the addition of one full-time Maintenance Worker I position in the Parks Division, effective August 1, 2026. 2) Authorize the Finance Director to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget by transferring appropriations from the Ultimate Building Maintenance contract to the appropriate salary, benefit, and contractual services accounts.

6. Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project - Authorization to Bid

CEQA: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by Planning Commission

Recommendation: That Council authorize the advertisement for bids for the Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project

7. 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Bid

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the findings that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 2) authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project.

8. Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study- Nevada County

Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with Nevada County to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting;

- 2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review.
9. Consideration of a School Resource Officer Agreement with the Grass Valley School District

CEQA: Not CEQA

Recommendation: Approve the Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley School District to provide School Resource Officer services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

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REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

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

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.7% based on the December 2025 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2026-45 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2026/2027 on the tax rolls.

Mark Buttron, Fire Chief, gave overview of the item.

Public Comment: Unnamed

Motion made to 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.7% based on the December 2025 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2026-45 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2026/2027 on the tax rolls by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

11. Adopt ten Resolutions confirming the Engineer's Reports, approving the assessment diagrams and annual assessment levies, and requesting the Nevada County Auditor-Controller to place the Fiscal Year 2026-27 assessments for the City's Landscaping and Lighting Districts (LLDs) and Benefit Assessment Districts (BADs) on the property tax roll.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council: Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27; and 1) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2026-37 - Confirming the diagram and

assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-39 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-40 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-41 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-42 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-43 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-44 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1

Jennifer Styczynski, Finance Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public comment: None.

Motion made to 1) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Commercial Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-35 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-36 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-1. 2) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Residential Landscaping and Lighting District (District No. 1988-2): a. Resolution No. 2026-37 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-38 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 1988-2 3) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch Unit 7 Benefit Assessment District (District No. 2003-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-39 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27 b. Resolution No. 2026-40 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2003-1. 4) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Morgan Ranch West Assessment District (District No. 2010-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-41 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-42 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2010-1. 5) Adopt the following resolutions related to the Ridge Meadows Assessment District (District No. 2016-1): a. Resolution No. 2026-43 - Confirming the diagram and assessment, and levying the assessment for FY 2026-27. b. Resolution No. 2026-44 - Requesting the County Auditor to place the assessment on the tax roll for District No. 2016-1 by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

12. Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Property Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2026-34 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the Nevada County property tax roll.

Jennifer Styczynski, Finance director, gave presentation to the council.

No public comment.

Motion made to hold a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2026-34 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the Nevada County property tax roll. by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Councilmember Ivy.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

Voting Nay: Councilmember Bonomolo

ADMINISTRATIVE

13. Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project - Project Approval and Environmental Document

CEQA: Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemptions - Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve that the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act under Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemptions and 2) authorize Staff to file a Notice of Exemption with Nevada County Clerk Recorder.

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

Public comment: Catherine Thompson, Craig Hamilton, Del Oro, Jeff Hansen, Larry Munoz, Jason Kert, Daniel Swartzendruber, Sean Jackson, Ben Aguilar, Robin Davis, Unnamed, Jonathan Keen, Matthew Coulter

Motion made to direct Staff and the consultant to revert to a signalized design option and delegate to Staff the preparation and filing of a revised CEQA Categorical Exemption for that design. Staff would explore funding options and return to Council for approval of a change order for the added consultant costs by Vice Mayor Caravelli, Seconded by Councilmember Arbuckle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

Voting Nay: Councilmember Ivy

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo gave props to Public Works, and attended the Skateboard Adhoc meeting, Housing Element Workshop. Councilmember Ivy had nothing to report. Councilmember Arbuckle attended the Jada open house, Housing Element Workshop, 4th of July parade, California League of Cities meeting, WIMIG, Summer Leadership Conference. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended a Historical commission update, 4th of July parade, and a meeting of round about mural project. Mayor Hodge announced an upcoming museum fundraiser, and concluded by wishing Howard Levine a happy birthday.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Adopted on:_____

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Lexi [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:40 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public comment

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I am a resident of Nevada County and I strongly oppose the use of flock cameras.

Lexi Clark

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Jason Scallin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:30 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Remove Flock from our Community

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Dear Mayor Hodge and Grass Valley City Council members ,

I am writing to urge the Council to remove the Flock camera system currently operating in Grass Valley and to end the City's use of automated license plate reader surveillance.

While public safety is an important responsibility, it should not come at the expense of the constitutional rights of the people you represent. Systems like Flock continuously collect and store information about the movements of law-abiding residents who are not suspected of any crime. I believe this type of mass surveillance is incompatible with the protections guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment and undermines the privacy and freedom that our Constitution is intended to preserve.

There have been documented instances of automated license plate reader systems being misused or accessed improperly, highlighting the risks that come with collecting and retaining vast amounts of location data. These concerns have led some communities to discontinue their use of these systems or to allow contracts to lapse after residents raised objections about privacy, accountability, and government overreach.

Continuing to operate this surveillance network also creates legal and financial risks for the City. As courts continue to evaluate the constitutional limits of emerging surveillance technologies, maintaining a system that raises significant privacy concerns could expose Grass Valley to costly litigation at taxpayer expense.

I respectfully ask the Council to remove the Flock camera system from our community and reaffirm that Grass Valley values both public safety and the constitutional liberties of its residents. We should not have to choose between security and freedom.

Thank you for your time and consideration, please protect the privacy of your community members

Sincerely,

Jason Scallin

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Maxwell Pingeon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:25 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Request to cancel to Flock contract

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Hello,

My name is Max Pingeon, I'm a resident of Grass Valley, and I'm here to ask the council to terminate our contract with Flock Safety. Beyond being used to violate the 4th amendment, the technology is unsafe and its data is insecure. The constitutional values of the United States were enacted to protect against government overreach. To give law enforcement power to surveil its citizens without warrant, and without probable cause, is a clear violation of the American commitment to limiting the power of government/

Public records obtained through the California Public Records Act show that the Flock cameras owned by Grass Valley PD have been searched over 7.5 million times by outside agencies, with more than five million of those searches coming from agencies outside California, which directly violates California Civil Code Section 1798.90.55(b).

The same data shows 1,175 searches of Grass Valley cameras by federal immigration enforcement, every one of them happening after the California Attorney General explicitly prohibited that kind of sharing in October 2023.

More than 80 communities have already ended their Flock contracts, with Santa Cruz becoming the first city in California to do so, and we are asking Grass Valley to be the next. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Max Pingeon

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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Rhys Crowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:11 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comments

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Hello Council, my name is Resa Crowell and I am here to talk about the way that Flock Cameras make all targeted individuals unsafe in our county. A few days ago, activist Stacey Patton woke up to a long message in her inbox:

I am reading a few clips of it and Trigger Warning! This message is cruel and I share clips of it to understand that targeted individuals in our County are not safe from the long legacy of white supremacy in this county. While this message didn't come from here, it highlights the depravity we live with and why subjecting our very locations to be visible to anyone, these people can be easily found, stalked and violated:

"Blacks are the dumbest race to ever live," "So pathetic, weak and hopeless" "Parasites in a white mans world, drinking our water, eating our food, living in our lands leftover slaves" "You're not American, you are Africans, leftover failure slaves who were too stupid and incompetent to go home where you belong" You are "negative value" "By staying in America you disrespect your bloodline and continue to be the biggest failures in human history"

This kind of message is what people around this county and students in our local schools are experiencing. Allowing the data of our movements is of utmost concern for those that are targeted individuals already. You make the vulnerable, more vulnerable with these cameras.

The ACLU says in July 2nd post titled Flock Safety Credibility Lost as it Repeatedly lies to City Councils, Police Departments and Public Across the Country, that "ultimately reputable governments should not do business with disreputable companies. While governments should think long and hard about not using ALPRs, they should adopt strong guardrails governing their use including strictly limiting data retention, data sharing and what crimes they can be used to enforce. And of course, they should refuse to partner with any company that regularly misleads the public, elected officials and even its own customers

Full article from ACLU here: <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/tracking-alpr-cameras/flock-safety-credibility-lost-as-it-repeatedly-lies-to-city-councils-police-departments-and-public-across-the-country>

Resa or Rhys Crowell
 (Mixed Pronouns)

I understand that I reside on Nisenan land that was never ceded and the original tribal families have yet to recover from the near genocide of their people. Learn more at ChirpCA.org

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Item # 2.

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Caitlin Enwright [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 5:01 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment for 7/14 City Council Meeting

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My name is Caitlin Enwright, a resident of Grass Valley. I'm submitting public comment today to urge our council and police department to end their contract with Flock. This past week the Los Angeles Police Department decided to suspend their contract with Flock while they review and investigate Flock's use of data gathered from surveilling the Los Angeles public. If the Los Angeles police department, who serve 4 million citizens, can pause their contract to conduct vital research into the constitutional validity of their contract with Flock, then I believe Grass Valley can follow suit. Thank you.

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Tara Marino [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 4:41 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Cancel Flock Contracts and Remove the Cameras

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Good evening, Mayor and Council,

I'm a resident of Grass Valley and I'm writing to urge you to cancel the Flock contracts and remove all the cameras immediately. The cameras are surveilling the public and the data can be accessed and used far beyond Grass Valley Law Enforcement. We continue to see documented story after story in the media of wrongly identified individuals, stalkers using the data to track their ex partners, incorrectly flagging stolen vehicles, and more. We had the forum over a month ago and every person raised their hand in that room when asked if they wanted the cameras removed. We were told that you get lots of emails in favor of the cameras but not one of those people were at the forum. Please follow the other cities and communities that have listened to their constituents and get rid of Flock.

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Tara Marino (she/her)
(510)755-6909

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Mark DeMartini [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 4:12 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Roundabout Proposal public comment

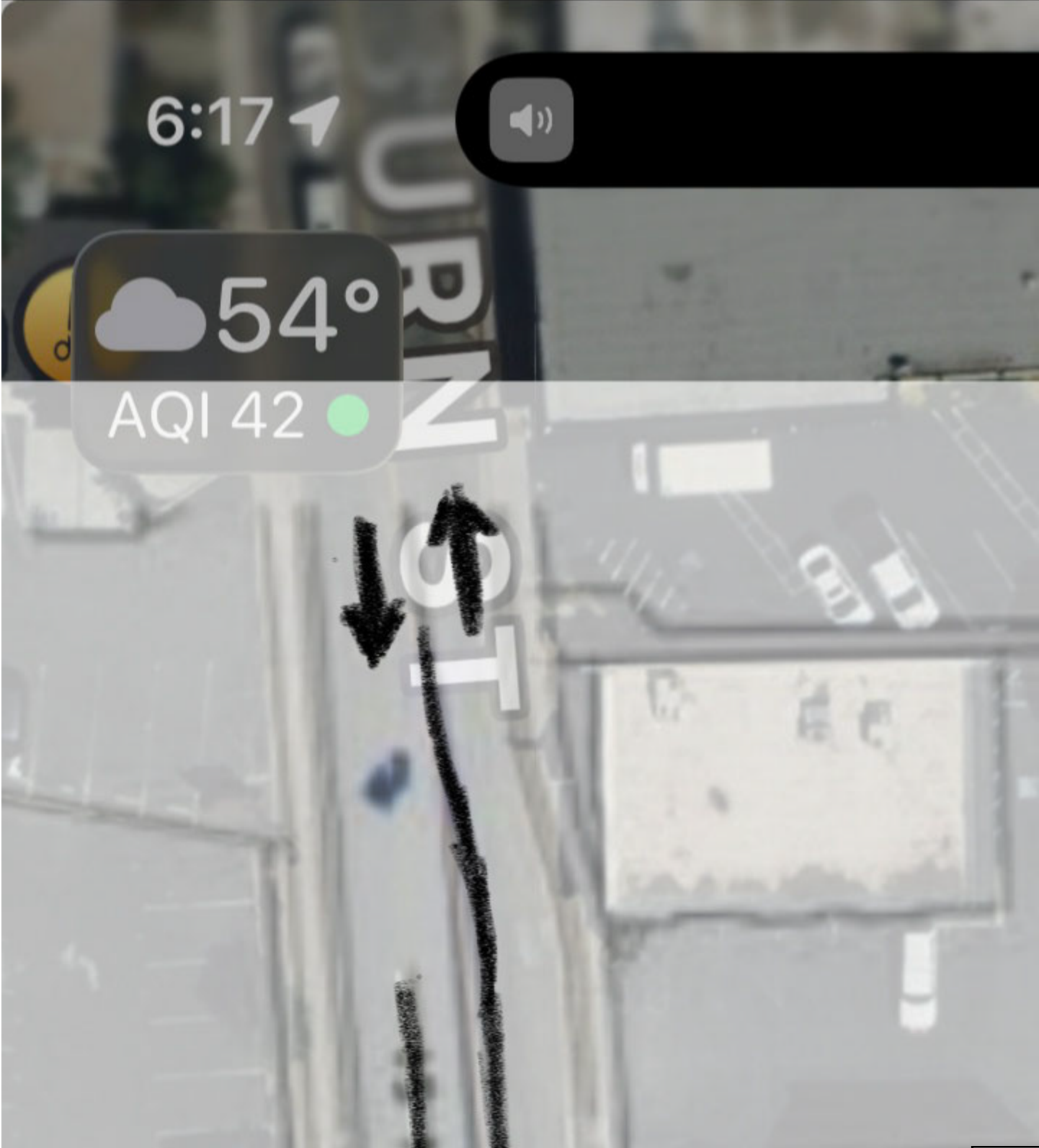
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I request that the comment below be included in public comment. Please print out the attached sketch and provide it at the public meeting as I have a prior commitment and can't be there.

I am a long time resident and a retired licensed registered civil engineer with significant highway design experience and offer the following opinion. Why can't the intersection be designed like this with a stop sign at the southbound South Auburn Street entrance to the roundabout? It's absolutely ridiculous to force southbound South Auburn Street traffic up Neil Street!! It would be better to leave the intersection as it is then to do something so inconsistent with drivers route expectations!! I am also concerned that the city may not be properly following the required steps of the CEQA process, which if is the case could expose the city to damages under a lawsuit.

Thank you
Mark DeMartini, PE



Sent from my iPhone

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Beth Moorehead [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 3:41 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: 7-14-2026 Item 13 I support

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7-14-2026 Item 13 on the agenda.
I SUPPORT THE ROUNDABOUT

Regards,
Beth Moorehead

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Michelle Layshot [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 2:26 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment regarding roundabout

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My name is Michelle Layshot and I'm a civil engineer and an owner of Millennium Planning & Engineering located at 159 S. Auburn Street. I am very concerned about the approved layout of the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project. The approved roundabout layout only allows a right turn onto Neil Street when traveling southbound from Auburn Street, cutting off primary access to the Southbound 49 entrance from downtown. While this solution may improve traffic flow within the roundabout, it does not appear to take into consideration the increased traffic that will occur on Neil Street, Church Street, Bank Street, Main Street, and Tinloy Street. These streets are already undersized for the traffic flow they experience. With a business located on S. Auburn Street, I see the traffic congestion in the area during peak traffic hours every day. Cutting off the main access point to Southbound 49 will exacerbate the situation. If there were ever an emergency evacuation, the results would be disastrous with the main road from downtown cut off to direct access to the freeway. Another unintended consequence of moving forward with right turn only onto Neil is vehicles using the businesses on Neil Street to make illegal U-turns.

The original design that has a signalized Auburn/Neal Street is a better solution than cutting off southbound S. Auburn Street. This would avoid causing unintended consequences of increasing already congested traffic on the streets surrounding S. Auburn Street. It is imperative that S. Auburn Street remains open to the freeway and to continue south on the street without routing additional vehicles through downtown traffic. An in-depth traffic study should be done that analyzes the effect the roundabout would have on surrounding streets before continuing with a detailed design. I encourage City Council to consider approving the original roundabout design with a traffic signal over the "right-in, right-out" from S. Auburn Street to Neil Street.

Thank you,

Michelle Layshot, PE, QSP/QSD
 Principal Engineer



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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Robert Wood [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 1:31 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Public Comment re: Grass Valley Roundabout - 7/14/2026

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Dear Grass Valley City Council Members and Staff,

Our company, Millennium owns the building located at 159 S. Auburn Street and will be significantly impacted by the proposed roundabout. I am writing to express my support for the request submitted by the Grass Valley Roundabout Property Owners Group dated June 9, 2026. I strongly urge the City Council to reject the currently approved Option (Right-In/Right-Out) design modification and either revert to the "Option #1 Original Oblong Roundabout, Signalized S. Auburn/Neal" plan or pursue a different design solution.

After reviewing both designs, Option #1 is clearly superior for traffic flow, safety, emergency access, and protection of local businesses and residents. Here are a couple of the key reasons:

1. Eliminates the "Right-Turn-Only" Problem from S. Auburn to Neal

- The approved Option creates a right-turn-only movement from S. Auburn onto Neal. This forces drivers who miss their intended route (or who are unfamiliar with the area) to either make illegal U-turns, turn around in Safeway parking lot or cut through the Del Oro parking lot behind the building to correct their path.
- Option #1 removes this problematic restriction entirely, keeping traffic movements logical and preventing unwanted additional traffic from being pushed up Neal Street.

2. Direct and Efficient Access to the Hwy 49 On-Ramp

- Option #1 allows traffic coming from S. Auburn to proceed directly onto the Hwy 49 on-ramp through the signal. This is a much more efficient and driver-friendly movement than what the current approved design provides.
- Forcing all S. Auburn Street (southbound) traffic to Neal Street ONLY will cause negative traffic issues and major inconveniences.

The original Option #1 design was developed with input from local stakeholders and was intended to balance traffic efficiency, safety, and business access. The Currently Approved Option appears to create more problems than it solves for the immediate neighborhood.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider returning to the original Option #1 plan. This change would better serve residents, local businesses, and emergency services.

Sincerely,

Rob Wood AICP
 Principal Planner



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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Katherine Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2026 3:43 PM
To: Public Comments
Cc: Reed Hamilton; Katherine Thompson
Subject: SEBC Comments on Develop Review Committee Agenda & City Council Agenda
Attachments: SEBC Comments GV Jul 14 2026 DRC Agenda.pdf; SEBC Comments GV Jul 14 2026 CC Agenda.pdf
Importance: High

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Attached are our comments. We appreciate you distributing them to the Council and Committee, as appropriate.

Best regards,
Katherine Thompson
President
Sierra Express Bicycle Club
of Nevada County
www.sierraexpress.org
916.835.1541



July 13, 2026

Subject: July 14 City Council Meeting, Agenda Items 7 and 13, Comments from Sierra Express Bicycle Club (SEBC) of Nevada County

Honorable Mayor Hodge, Vice Mayor Caravelli, and City Council Members:

SEBC has the following comments on agenda items 7 and 13:

1. City Council Consent Agenda Item 7: Resurfacing Idaho-Maryland Road.

Council is asked to authorize bids for resurfacing Idaho Maryland Road between Railroad Avenue and Centerville Road. The staff report says the work includes pavement removal/replacement, pavement markings/stripping improvements, sidewalk installation, and drainage improvements. Estimated cost is \$1 million, funded through RMRA, RSTP, and Gas Tax funds.

SEBC Comments: As noted in our previous comments, RMRA funding for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project on Idaho Maryland Road, particularly because the staff report identifies sidewalk improvements, curb ramps, bicycling facilities, Complete Streets elements, and implementation of the City's Active Transportation Plan.

We thank staff for discussing the details with us. Please note that this section of Idaho-Maryland Road is key bike commuter and pedestrian route. SEBC strongly recommends that the City use bicycle facility best practices to the maximum extent possible in the bike lane design, to include separated/protected bike lanes, green markings, and routing through intersections.

2. City Council Regular Agenda Item 13 Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout (South Auburn, Neal, Hansen, Tinloy, Highway 49 onramp.

SEBC comments: We support the active transportation elements of this project. As you know, this is a major active-transportation and safety project at a complicated downtown gateway. The right-in/right-out design may simplify conflict points and shorten pedestrian crossings, but it also changes local circulation and may shift some trips to Tinloy and Bank and may create new conflict points between bicyclists and vehicles. The design details matter for low-stress bike access, sidewalk continuity, ADA access, school/Park & Ride connections, crossings, lighting, and wayfinding. We request Council/staff to protect bicycle and pedestrian comfort in final design. We request to look at the design, mapping, typical cross sections, crossing design, bike routing

through/around the roundabout, ADA curb-ramp details, construction detours, and monitoring of any traffic diversion to nearby streets.

Item # 2.

About SEBC

Sierra Express Bicycle Club of Nevada County has about 150 members. It also communicates with an additional 100+ bicycle advocates and those interested in safer cycling. We host local recreational road and gravel rides, conduct outreach, and advocate for safer bicycling. The Club recently conducted a survey of bicycling conditions in Western Nevada County.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson
President, SEBC
(916) 835-1541
kathompson111@gmail.com

Reed Hamilton
Transportation Chair, SEBC
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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Miranda Bacon
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2026 12:09 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: FW: Voicemail from WIRELESS CALLER at [REDACTED] on Jul 8 2026 2:57 PM
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From: WIRELESS CALLER - Voicemail box 3166 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 3:04 PM
To: Dale Norvell <dnorvell@grassvalleyca.gov>
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Yeah, hi, my name is Lerick. I'm calling in I guess an outrage about the whole paid parking thing in town I Don't know what City Council is trying to do. I know that I talked to quite a few people Mainly employees, but even some business owners The thing is this you know, yeah, I just talked to it that she transferred me to you that Said well City Council passed it because of merchants that wanted it passed. Well only a small number of them showed up at the meetings anyways. I know about that and when a minority passes a major thing like that it's a major problem because it's not

the majority and you know I deal with things with the county and it's kind of same kind of things happen, you know, a lot of people don't show up and then so a tiny handful of people pass something that isn't really valid. But you know, I go to my doctor's right there on South Auburn and to park, to pay for parking, go through the kiosk and all this nonsense is exactly that, nonsense. So far, since it's been in place, I've driven by and observed, and the parking lots are half full, which if that, at best, actually less, and if there's that less people parking in them, that means that much less business in town. I don't know what the thought was. You put a bunch of money into the whole process of putting this kiosk and paying this outfit that put this all together and then have to pay for enforcement. I don't know where the **** the outcome is going to come out in the benefit of anything. Parking is a problem as it is, so people are going to avoid parking in those lots, primarily for the hassle of it you know like in cities where you have paid parking usually it's either a parking attendant or you know place where you drive up to and put in your card and drive in you don't have to go push in something at a kiosk and enter a license plate number and all this stuff that and people are waiting it even in the article in the paper talked about that people have to sit there and wait for the next person and the next person to go through the kiosk and not like myself I don't have I don't even have I got talking on my flip phone you know it's just again it's an attempt to what for money when it cost a bunch of money to implement this thing let alone enforcement and then the to enforce the tickets and what people are going to do let alone people tourists are going to come here and they're going to go what the you know WTF it's it's just a bunch of **** it's not realistic shouldn't have happened to begin with it should have been put up to not just at the City Council with a handful of but it should have been put up for a vote with the people. You're going to have the majority say that it's a bad idea, all the way around. Like I said, I've been around since the 70s. No people, merchants that have come and gone and done a lot of business and it's just employees especially. I've already talked to numerous ones. They're outraged by it. You know, they have to sit there and park somewhere far away and walk to work. Again, it's a joke. More like seeing my doctor. It's a joke. I mean, you know, one thing, maybe even the possibility of getting a pass so you just can park there. And I don't know what, I know my doctor is, she's already complained She came into your office the morning up that I had an appointment, whatever, whenever that was. But it's just not realistic. And then she has a lot of patients that already have complained to her about it, you know. And it's not realistic to do this to people. It's just a money grab that shouldn't be. It's a joke. All right, bye.

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Taylor Whittingslow

From: Claire Chapple [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 9:46 PM
To: Public Comments; Info@nevadacountyfair.com
Subject: In Support of High Sierra Music Fest Returning to Grass Valley

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Dear Council Members and Nevada County Fairgrounds Management,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing as a Grass Valley resident to share my enthusiastic support for the High Sierra Music Festival and to express my hope that it returns to our town.

My family and I had such a wonderful time that we joked we were on a "staycation" right here at home. We thoroughly enjoyed having such a high-quality event right in our own backyard. It was genuinely exciting to see our little area come alive with visitors, and I have to imagine many other local businesses saw the same kind of boost it contributed to. I understand some neighbors raised concerns about sound levels, and I want to acknowledge that their experience matters too. But from my perspective, the economic and cultural benefits of an event like this are hard to overstate. A few days of louder-than-usual evenings feels like a small tradeoff for the boost to local businesses, the sense of community, and the fun so many of us had.

I'd love to see the festival return next year, and I hope the fairgrounds and council will consider ways to keep it here while working with residents on any sound concerns, rather than letting a vocal few outweigh what was, for many of us, a truly special event.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to hear more about my experience.

Warm regards,
Claire Chapple
640 Morgan Ranch Drive
Grass Valley, CA

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Shawn Brower [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:46 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Flock Cameras

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Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

Mayor Hodge and Council Members,

I am a resident of Grass Valley writing to ask the Council to terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety.

Public records obtained through the California Public Records Act show our Flock cameras have been searched over 7.5 million times by outside agencies, with more than five million of those searches coming from agencies outside California, which directly violates California Civil Code § 1798.90.55(b). The records also show 1,175 searches by federal immigration enforcement (HSI, CBP, and Border Patrol), every one of them after the California Attorney General explicitly prohibited that sharing in October 2023.

More than 80 communities have already ended their Flock contracts, including Santa Cruz, the first city in California to do so by a 6-1 council vote. Mountain View, South Pasadena, Cambridge, Denver, Austin, and Eugene have followed.

I am asking the Council to make Grass Valley next. The full data is at deflocknc.org.

These cameras are a violation of our privacy and I surely never recall voting for them to be in our community.

This is about as unconstitutional as it gets!!!

Thank you,
Shawn Brower
19418 Mountain Lion Road
Grass Valley CA 95945

shawnbrower@live.com

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Corey Hayden [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Please terminate Grass Valley PD's contract with Flock Safety

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Corey Hayden
Born in Grass Valley California

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Thank you,
 [Your name]
 [Your address]

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From: Unique Skill Conference [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 1:26 AM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Accountability: Driving Positive Outcomes by Holding People Accountable

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From: COGV General Voicemail
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2026 8:51 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us



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Your name:
Brenda Rose Hall

Your e-mail:

[REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Message:

To the Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Chief of Police,
I am writing as a deeply concerned resident regarding the ongoing
conduct of one individual, Mr. Matthew Coulter, whose behavior in
public settings has become a significant concern for members of our
community.

Over an extended period of time, numerous residents have observed
incidents involving aggressive confrontations, harassment, intimidation,
profanity, public shaming, and the videotaping of individuals during
contentious encounters. Juveniles are often in the targets of these
interactions. Many community members believe that this behavior has
created an atmosphere of unease, particularly among city employees,
women, juveniles, and others who simply wish to enjoy downtown
Grass Valley without being videotaped or fear of confrontation.

Most troubling are reports of escalating behavior, including an incident
witnessed by GVPD and others in which an elderly woman was pushed
to the ground during a public confrontation. Regardless of the ultimate

legal disposition of any particular incident, the seriousness this situation and the pattern of conduct perceived by many residents raise legitimate concerns about public safety.

This issue is not about politics, personal viewpoints, or an individual's right to free expression. However, one's rights do not extend to behavior that causes others to feel threatened, harassed, intimidated, or physically unsafe.

Many residents have observed what they perceive to be a pattern of targeting individuals who may be less likely to respond or defend themselves, including city workers performing their duties, juveniles, women, and other residents. Such conduct undermines public trust, participation, and damages the sense of community that we all depend on.

Our town deserves an environment where accountability exists for unacceptable behavior, and where all residents can feel safe in public spaces.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to our community. I sincerely hope that meaningful steps can be taken to address these concerns before further incidents occur.

Respectfully,
Brenda Hall

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City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Appointment of Independent Auditor for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) authorize the City Manager to execute an addendum to the agreement with Smith & Newell, CPAs for independent audit services for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in an amount not to exceed \$51,530; and 2) approve the use of a sole-source procurement pursuant to Section 3.08.140(B) of the Grass Valley Municipal Code for the one-year extension of independent audit services with Smith & Newell, CPAs.

Prepared by: Jennifer Styczynski, Finance Director

Council Meeting Date: 07/28/2026

Date Prepared: 07/22/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background: Smith & Newell, CPAs has served as the City's independent auditor since Fiscal Year 2019-20 and has provided independent audit services through Fiscal Year 2024-25. Staff is requesting approval of a one-year addendum for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 audit in an amount not to exceed \$51,530.

The one-year extension will ensure continuity in the City's annual financial audit while allowing sufficient time to conduct a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process in early 2027 for future audit services. Completing the FY 2025-26 audit under the current auditor will provide a smoother transition to a new audit firm, allowing the selected firm to begin with the Fiscal Year 2026-27 audit.

Because this request is for a one-year extension to maintain audit continuity while the City completes a competitive procurement process, staff recommends approval of a sole-source procurement pursuant to Section 3.08.140(B) of the Grass Valley Municipal Code. The sole-source procurement is limited to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 audit and will provide adequate time for the City to complete the RFP process and select a firm for future audit services.

The proposed addendum is attached for Council's review.

Council Goals/Objectives: The annual independent audit supports the City's Strategic Plan goal of maintaining a High-Performance Government and Quality Service by promoting sound financial management, transparency, and accountability.

Fiscal Impact: The cost of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 independent audit will not exceed \$51,530. Funding is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget and is allocated

within the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Successor Agency Fund. No additional appropriation is required.

Funds Available: Yes.

Account #: 100-601-51113 - General Fund - Auditing Services
500-701-51113 - Water Fund - Auditing Services
510-801-51113 - Sewer Fund - Auditing Services
780-901-51113 - Successor Agency - Auditing Services

Reviewed by: Interim City Manager

Attachment: Addendum to Agreement for Auding Services

ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR AUDITING SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT ADDENDUM for additional professional auditing services is entered into by and between the CITY OF GRASS VALLEY, herein referred to as "CITY", and Smith & Newell Certified Public Accountants, hereinafter referred to as "AUDITOR", this ____ day of _____, 2026, and affects Scope of Services Required of the original contract approved on September 9, 2020 (copy attached).

WITNESSETH:

This contract is hereby amended as follows:

SCOPE OF WORK: AUDITOR shall audit the fiscal records of the City of Grass Valley for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with the duties imposed upon it as set forth in the original contract, plus compliance with all new applicable standards issued since the date of the original contract.

COMPENSATION: CITY shall pay to AUDITOR for services described herein a sum not to exceed the following:

<u>Required Audit Services</u>	<u>2026 Maximum Fee</u>
City Annual Financial Report	\$ 38,640
Single Audit Report (Includes up to 3 major programs)*	11,375
GANN Limit	<u>1,515</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 51,530</u>

*Additional major programs will be billed at \$2,000 each.

TERMS: The term of the original contract shall be extended until June 30, 2027 for the services contemplated in this contract addendum.

All other sections of this contract remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year herein first above written.

CITY OF GRASS VALLEY

By _____

Printed _____

Title _____

Date _____

ATTEST:

JENNIFER STYCZYNSKI, FINANCE
DIRECTOR

By _____

Date _____

SMITH & NEWELL CPAs

By Carrie Schreeder

Printed Carrie Schreeder

Title Partner

Date 7-22-26

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

By _____

Date _____



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by Planning Commission

Recommendation: That Council 1) authorize the award of a contract for the Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project to the lowest responsive bidder up to \$1,730,000, subject to the bid protest period, 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, subject to the available budget.

Prepared by: Bjorn P. Jones, PE, City Engineer

Council Meeting Date: 07/28/2026

Date Prepared: 07/22/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project involves the excavation and disposal of approximately 15,000 tons of contaminated fill soil at a City owned property on the south side of Joyce Dr, Assessor's Parcel Number 029-280-016. Also included is clean fill import, grading for future development and chain link fencing.

Bids are scheduled to be opened on July 30, 2026. The total project construction cost is estimated at \$1,600,000 with \$1,730,284.00 identified and available for construction in the Economic Community Revitalization Grant funding the project.

In order to expedite the award of a construction contract and stay on track with the schedule approved in the grant award, which calls for project work to be performed by the end of the year, Staff is seeking Council's authorization to award a contract to the lowest responsive bidder, subject to the bid protest period. If bids exceed the available grant amounts or otherwise are non-responsive or abnormal, Staff would return to Council for further direction.

Council Goals/Objectives: The Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - Economic Development and Vitality

Fiscal Impact: The Joyce Dr Soil Remediation Project is fully funded in the FY 2026/27 Capital Improvements Project budget by an Economic Community Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$1,987,000.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 300-406-61470

Reviewed by: Interim City Manager

Attachments: N/A



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project - Authorization to Award Contract

CEQA: Categorically Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"

Recommendation: That Council 1) award a contract for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive bidder, subject to the bid protest period, 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.

Prepared by: Bjorn P. Jones, PE, City Engineer

Council Meeting Date: 07/28/2026

Date Prepared: 07/22/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project involves pavement resurfacing of Idaho Maryland Road between Railroad Avenue and Centerville Road. Project work includes hot mix asphalt removal and replacement, pavement markings/stripping improvements, sidewalk installation, and drainage improvements.

Bids will be opened on the afternoon of the Council meeting date, July 28, 2026. A bid summary will be compiled and provided to Council at the meeting. The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$1,000,000.

Staff recommends that Council authorize the award and execution of a contract for the 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project to the lowest responsive bidder and authorize the City Engineer to approve construction change orders for up to 10% of the contract amount.

Council Goals/Objectives: The 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - City Infrastructure Investment

Fiscal Impact: The 2026 Annual Street Rehabilitation Project was fully funded to a budgeted construction amount of \$1.3 million in the FY 26/27 CIP Budget with a combination of RMRA, RSTP and Gas Tax funds.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 300-406-61330

Reviewed by: Interim City Manager

Attachments: Bid Summary



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Professional Services Agreement - Authorization to Approve Change Order

CEQA: N/A - CEQA review will be completed as part of the project work

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Engineer to approve a contract change order up to \$125,000 with GHD for added design and environmental work associated with the City's decision to revert to a signalized design alternative on the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project

Prepared by: Bjorn P. Jones, PE, City Engineer

Council Meeting Date: 07/28/2026

Date Prepared: 07/22/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: On July 14, 2026, Council directed Staff to proceed with a signalized design alternative for the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project. As discussed at the meeting, reverting to this design does entail some design and environmental rework of a number of technical memos and drawings already prepared and accepted by Caltrans.

GHD, the City's consultant providing the engineering, project management and environmental services for the Downtown Grass Valley Roundabout Project, is discussing the scope of the needed changes with Caltrans and will present a request for contract cost adjustments to the City early next week.

In an effort to expedite approval of a change order and keep GHD working expeditiously on the design work and in order to stay on track with the tight grant delivery schedule, Staff requests that Council authorize the City Engineer to approve a change order up to \$125,000 for the added work.

Council Goals/Objectives: A contract for Engineering Services executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - High Performance Government and Quality Service

Fiscal Impact: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 were recently added to the project to cover Project Approval and Environmental Document phase costs. A positive balance was originally anticipated after completion of this phase of work; instead the fund balance will be likely be largely expended with this and other added work. However, sufficient grant funds remain to fund the estimated change order cost.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 300-406-63455

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: N/A