

MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
ON FEBRUARY 10,2015

Jason Fouyer Mayor
Lisa Swarthout

Jan Arbuckle

Howard Levine, Vice Mayor
Vacant

NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRASS VALLEY WILL HOLD A CLOSED SESSION MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 IN THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM OF GRASS VALLEY CITY HALL, 125 EAST MAIN STREET, GRASS VALLEY, CA 94945

Public Comments for Closed Session Items Only

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Council Members Arbuckle, Levine, Swarthout and Mayor Fouyer were all present.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned into open session without motion and by consensus at 6:50 pm.

1.

**Conference with Legal Counsel; Existing Litigation
(Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1))**

The City Council / Agency Board finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.

- Name of Case: City of Grass Valley et al. v. Matosantos et al..
Names of Parties or Claimants: City of Grass Valley and Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency; California Department of Finance
Case No. or Claim No. Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001580

2.

Personnel

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code § 54957)

Title: City Manager

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRASS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL,
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT “SUCCESSOR
AGENCY”**

7:00 P. M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Former Grass Valley Mayor Dee Mautino
ROLL CALL: Council Members Arbuckle, Levine, Swarthout and Mayor Fouyer were all present.
- B. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**
The Council unanimously authorized the City Attorney to appeal the trial court decision in the Department of finance case.
- C. AGENDA APPROVAL**
No changes were made
- D. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
None
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Robin Galvin Davies, Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center came forward and presented the City Council with certificate from True West Magazine for being chosen as the Best Architecturally - Preserved Western Town for 2015 by the Editors of True West Magazine. Vice Mayor Levine commented that the Historical Commission has done a lot to preserve the Architecture in Grass Valley. Paul Haas 206 Hill Street, Grass Valley came forward to express his gratitude to Veronica Bringolf of the City's Public Works Department for her service in a problem he had with his water bill. Steve Rosenthal, GVDA spoke regarding the Foothills Celebration scheduled for March 7th in downtown Grass Valley and the upcoming St. Piran's Day celebration on March 14th.
- F. CONSENT ITEMS** – (roll call vote).
Council Member Arbuckle moved and Vice Mayor Levine seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. The

motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

1. Approval of Action Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 27, 2015
RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as submitted.
2. W. Main/School and Church Pedestrian Improvements Project - Authorization to Bid
RECOMMENDATION: That Council; 1) approve the findings that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), 2) authorize the advertisement for bids; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute any budget transfers.
3. ADA Transition Plan Adoption
RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt an Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan and Self Evaluation.
4. Update Superintendent Job Description
RECOMMENDATION: That Council review and approve the updated job description for Superintendent.
5. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R5-2015-0505 - Violations of Waste Discharge Requirements
RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive a status update on the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint alleging violations of Waste Discharge Requirements.
6. Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Vehicle and Equipment
RECOMMENDATION: Approval for City Manager and Fire Chef to temporarily transfer reserve fire engine 1386 for use by the North San Juan Fire Protection District via an agreement.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARING

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. City Council Seat Interviews
RECOMMENDATION: To conduct interviews and provide any necessary direction to staff.

The Council had each applicant answer the interviews questions and at the end thanked everyone for participating. The Mayor opened the item for Public Comment and Ron Luddy came forward to complement the applicants for participating and hopes that the City will get back to where it was before the recession.

8. Reorganization of City Operations
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution and update the City's Salary and Classification Plan and New Job Descriptions for the purpose of reorganization.

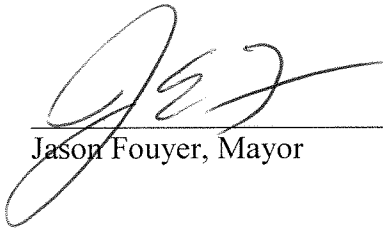
City Manager Bob Richardson presented this item to Council. The Mayor opened the item for Public Comment. Nancy, 11548 Bernadine Court and read a prepared statement against reorganization plan; Dee Mautino, also spoke against the reorganization; Bill Litchfield, 4 Seasons Trail, spoke against the reorg and the loss of experience and dedication it will cause; Katie Wolf, Bernadine Court read the rest of the prepared statement that Nancy had written; Sue Colbert, Lenoria Court, former employee read a prepared statement against the reorganization; Jim Green, former City Employee spoke against the reorganization and Ron Luddy spoke against the reorganization. The Mayor closed the public comment period.

J. BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS


Council Member Swarhout spoke about the Economic Resource Council's Economic Summit and commented that the reorganization steps that were taken tonight by the Council and staff were not easy. Vice Mayor Levine spoke about the Sedcorp meeting he attended. Council Member Arbuckle spoke about attending the ERC Summit, today's GVDA meeting and Julia Jordan resigning as the Executive Director of the GVDA and moving on to greener pastures. She also spoke about the upcoming St. Piran's Day celebration.

K. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm by Mayor Fouyer.



Jason Fouyer, Mayor



Kristi K. Bashor, City Clerk