



GRASS VALLEY

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

Tuesday, November 22, 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

Marty Lombardi led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council Member Bob Branstrom
Council Member Tom Ivy
Vice Mayor Jan Arbuckle
Mayor Ben Aguilar

ABSENT

Council Member Hilary Hodge

AGENDA APPROVAL -

Motion to approve the agenda as approved by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

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

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Award Ceremony

Mayor Aguilar presented Marty Lombardi with the Mayor's Award.

2. Proclamation for the 31st annual Nevada County Toy Run

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Virtual public comments attached.

In person public comments by: Robin Davies, Susan Brant,

CONSENT ITEMS -

Councilmember Branstrom requested to pull item # 7 regarding the Facility Dog Program for discussions.

Motion made to approve the consent with #7 removed by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Arbuckle.

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

3. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Assembly Bill 361 Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt resolution R2022-84 authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the City Council and other legislative bodies of the City pursuant to government code section 54953(e)

5. Local Emergency Proclamation (COVID-19)

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

6. Local Emergency Proclamation (Drought Conditions)

Recommendation: Drought Conditions proclamation declaring a Local State of Emergency

7. Certification of eligibility list for lateral and entry level Firefighter and Firefighter Paramedic.

Recommendation: That Council 1) certify the newly developed eligibility list for Firefighter and Firefighter Paramedic.

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

8. Facility Dog Program

Recommendation: That Council 1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 4 Paws 2 Freedom and the City of Grass Valley, subject to legal review; 2) authorize Mayor to sign the MOU; 3) authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement between the City and the handler regarding the terms for splitting of dog expenses and responsibilities; 4) authorize Mayor to sign the agreement; and 5) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any budget Adjustments and/or transfers associated with the Facility Dog Program.

Tim Kiser, City Manager, gave overview to the council of the Facility Dog Program to the council.

Councilmember Branstrom has a question regarding the veterinary bills and whos responsibilities it would fall to.

Motion made to 1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 4 Paws 2 Freedom and the City of Grass Valley, subject to legal review; 2) authorize Mayor to sign the MOU; 3) authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement between the City and the handler regarding the terms for splitting of dog expenses and responsibilities; 4) authorize Mayor to sign the agreement; and 5) authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any budget Adjustments and/or transfers associated with the Facility Dog Program by Council Member Branstrom, Seconded by Vice Mayor Arbuckle.

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

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

ADMINISTRATIVE

9. Update to Council related to Police Department use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology

Recommendation: Informational

Alex Gammelgard, Police Chief, gave presentation to the council.

Council discussed working with the company to be able to possibly retain high level overview of the aggregate data for longer than 30 days, and if this will help change the view over time of whether or not a criminal will choose this town to do crime.

10. Approval of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to complete consultant services for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2022 Community Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant.

Recommendation: That Council: 1) Approves the attached PSA Agreement with Geocon Consultants to complete consultant services for the 2022 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant; 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement subject to legal review; and 3) Approve and authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any necessary budget amendments and/or transfers to complete this transaction or associated with the Grant.

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

Motion to 1) Approves the attached PSA Agreement with Geocon Consultants to complete consultant services for the 2022 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant; 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement subject to legal review; and 3) Approve and authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any necessary budget amendments and/or transfers to complete this transaction or associated with the Grant by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Branstrom.

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

11. Short-Term Rental Restrictions

Recommendation: That Council delay the decision to enact a cap or new restriction on the number of short-term rentals within the City

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

Council discussed the need for affordable housing. They also discussed the need to have continuous monitoring and to have a trigger number to have a further discussion of what is occurring at 35 rentals.

Motion to to place a number of 35 vacation home rentals to trigger bringing back to Council this item to discuss further about putting a cap on short-term rentals by Mayor Aguilar, Seconded by Vice Mayor Arbuckle.

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

12. Close City Hall to the Public the week of 12/26-12/30

Recommendation: That Council approve the motion to close the City Hall office to the public during the week between Christmas and New Years (12/26-12/30) to allow for flexible staff schedules during this period.

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk, gave the overview to the council.

Council discussed making sure that the public has options to get ahold of staff during emergencies.

Council approved the closure of City Hall during the week between Christmas and New Years by unanimous consent, without motion.

13. Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - Contract Amendment

Recommendation: That Council 1) receive a brief update on the project, 2) authorize a contract amendment in the amount of \$122,450.00 for costs associated with custom planter construction and for adding a second work shift to expedite construction time, and 3) authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute the necessary budget transfer to fund the contract amendment

Tim Kiser, City Manager, discussed the requested contract amendments with council.

Public comments: Maryanne Polseas, Robin Davies

Motion made to 1) receive a brief update on the project, 2) authorize a contract amendment in the amount of \$122,450.00 for costs associated with custom planter construction and for adding a second work shift to expedite construction time, and 3) authorize the Administrative Services Director to execute the necessary budget transfer to fund the contract amendment by Vice Mayor Arbuckle, Seconded by Council Member Ivy.

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

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Ivy went to the Habitat House Opening, and a League of Cities EV Charging meeting. Councilmember Branstrom attended a League for Broadband meeting, a Legislative Update meeting that discussed bills that have passed, a Veterans Days event, and the

Ribbon Cutting for a new home for Habitat. Vice Mayor Arbuckle attending the Transportation Services Commission and NCTC meeting, JEDI meeting, Nevada County Law Council and said there will be a Red Light Ball this upcoming year, a Center for the Arts Gala, the Kansas Cities Nation League of Cities summit and she now sits on the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities. Mayor Aguilar is participating in No Shave November she attended the Mayors Managers meeting, and a toy run photo shoot.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Ben Aguilar, Mayor

Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

Adopted on: _____