

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF GRASS VALLEY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OF APRIL 22, 2014**

Dan Miller, Mayor  
Lisa Swarthout

Jan Arbuckle

Jason Fouyer, Vice Mayor  
Howard Levine

**NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRASS VALLEY WILL HOLD A CLOSED SESSION MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 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**

**Roll Call: Council Member Arbuckle, Fouyer, Levine, Swarthout and Mayor Miller were all present**

**I. Conference with Legal Counsel**

The City Council 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; Grass Valley Redevelopment

Agency Successor Agency; California Department of Finance Case No. or Claim No.:

Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001580

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

**7:00 P. M., TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

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**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
**ROLL CALL: Council Members Arbuckle, Fouyer, Levine, Swarthout and Mayor Miller were all present.**
- B. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**  
No reportable action was taken.
- C. AGENDA APPROVAL**  
No changes were made to the agenda.
- D. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
1. Presentation of Proclamation in Recognition of the 11th Annual "Keeping Kids Safe" Festival  
RECOMMENDATION: Mayor to present Proclamation to Allen Schafer  
The Mayor read and presented the proclamation to Allen Schafer of the Gold Country Kiwanis Club. Allen spoke about the event and encouraged parents with young children to attend.

2. Presentation by Rochelle Jenkins, Public Information Officer for Cal Trans about the Raise 80 Project

RECOMMENDATION: Informational item only, no action required

Rochelle Jenkins, Public Information Officer for Cal Trans presented a presentation using PowerPoint to the Council about the I-80 project and approximately when and how it will affect Grass Valley.

#### **E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julia Jordan, Executive Director of the Grass Valley Downtown Association spoke regarding the Car Show that is coming up this Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Michael Cobden, resident of Nevada City spoke regarding the Nevada Union High School's Academic Sport Debate being held on April 30th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at 151 Union on Mill Street and encouraged citizens to attend and support the Debate Boosters and that this is being sponsored by the Nevada County Bar Association.

#### **F. CONSENT ITEMS (roll call vote).**

Council Member Arbuckle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Vice Mayor Fouyer seconded. The motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

3. Approval of Action Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes as submitted.

4. Warrant Register

RECOMMENDATION: Approve warrant disbursements in the amount of \$840,391.63 for the period April 1, 2014 through April 15, 2014.

5. Purchase of Ford F 250 Command Vehicle for Fire Department Chief

RECOMMENDATION: Approval for City Manager to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a Fire Chief Command vehicle from the 13/14 CMAS bid process.

6. Resolution 2014-06 urging the Governor, State Legislators and the California Parks and Recreation Department to reject all State Senate Budget Subcommittee accepted Staff Recommendations for consideration of the Sale of the Empire Mine State Historic Park Located in Nevada County and to continue Funding to Operate and Maintain the Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution 2014-06 and Direct City Staff to forward this Resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Ted Gaines, State Senator Jim Nielsen, State Assembly member Brian Dahle, Resource Secretary John Laird and Parks Director Anthony Jackson.

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

#### **H. PUBLIC HEARING**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

7. Authorization to File Applications for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds

RECOMMENDATION: That Council: 1) authorize the filing of applications for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds for various pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects; and, 2) authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer, on behalf of the City, to execute any agreement and documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to comply with the acquisition and use of these funds.

Zack Lake, Associate Civil Engineer presented this item to Council. By consensus Council authorized the filing of applications for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funds for various pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects; and, 2) authorized the Public Works Director/City Engineer, on behalf of the City, to execute any agreement and documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to comply with the acquisition and use of these funds.

8. Council Discussion Regarding Single-Use Plastic Bag Restrictions

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff

City Manager Robert Richardson presented this item to Council with a PowerPoint presentation. The Mayor opened the floor for public comment and the following persons came forward: Mark Hall 328 Columbia Avenue spoke in favor of a bag ban; Dave Wilsbock spoke against a bag ban; All of the following persons spoke in favor of a bag ban: Suzanne Bader, 211 Eureka Street; Pamela Osgood 13234 Ride Road; Greg Thrush 220 Lloyd Street; Allison Miller 10492 Whispering Oaks, Nevada City; Jessie 311 Bernice Drive; Sue Roberts Emery, Nevada City; Shirley Osgood 13234 Ridge Road; Junie 311 Bernice Drive; Jen Harmon, Nevada City; Sierra Gordan, 13847 Toby Trail; Tim James, from the Grocer's Association; Saman Lemoncello, Penn Valley. Mayor Miller requested that Council Member's Arbuckle and Levine meet with representatives of Nevada City and Nevada County and discuss having the same ordinance for all three jurisdictions and bring back suggestions at the next City Council Meeting on May 13th.

**J. BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

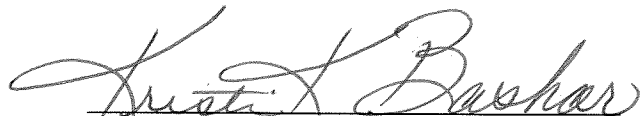
Council Member Levine was on vacation but attended the SedCorp meeting by phone; Council Member Arbuckle will be attending the Legislative Action Days in Sacramento tomorrow; Council Member Swarthout attended ERC meetings and an ERC Board meeting is scheduled for May 1st. Mayor Miller spoke at the Nevada City Rotary meeting.

**K. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by Mayor Miller.



**Mayor Dan Miller**



**City Clerk Kristi K. Bashor**