

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Johnson, Roberts, Calderon, Sanchez, Farr
Absent: None
Arriving after roll call: None

Staff Present: Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator
Todd Farr, Police Chief
Anthony Galyean, City Attorney
Martin Pineda, Finance Director
Chip Fowler, Fire Chief
Ross Pippitt, Utility Director
Dave Harden, City Engineer
Ruth Moreno, Recording Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES - None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The community forum was opened, and seeing no one was present to speak, was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes

City Council review and approval of regular meeting minutes for the February 3, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Council meeting minutes: February 3, 2025

2. RSG's contract renewal for FY 2025-2026

City Council to consider the contract renewal for FY 2025/2026 for consulting services with RSG, Inc. for the Successor Agency of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Gridley

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve the contract renewal for RSG, Inc and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract

ROLL CALL

Motion: Roberts

Second: Sanchez

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

3. Parkland Estates – Establishing a Maintenance Assessment District

City Council to consider the approval of Resolution No. 2025-R-005 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Establishing a Maintenance Assessment District for the Maintenance of Various Improvements, said Maintenance District being Designated as the City of Gridley Maintenance Assessment District No. 7

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Introduction of Public Hearing (by Mayor)

Mayor Farr called the public hearing to order and provided a brief introduction regarding the purpose of Resolution No. 2025-R-005. The resolution establishes the Maintenance Assessment District No. 7 to fund ongoing maintenance of various improvements within the Parkland Estates development.

- b. Presentation by Staff

City Administrator provided an overview of the assessment district, tentatively approved at the Feb 6th, 2025 regular Council meeting, outlining the improvements covered, assessment methodology,

and anticipated costs. Administrator Arteaga explained that the district would ensure the ongoing maintenance of landscaping, street lighting, and other public infrastructure within Parkland Estates.

c. Council Questions to Staff

No questions from Council for the record.

d. Open Public Hearing

Matt Norbe, 810 Oregon St., inquired about the purpose of creating maintenance assessment districts and how revenue is generated for older areas that do not have such districts.

Administrator Arteaga explained that maintenance assessment districts (MADs) are established to fund necessary maintenance within designated areas. For areas not covered by a MAD, maintenance is funded through the appropriate municipal resources.

e. Close Public Hearing

With no other public comments noted for the record, Mayor Farr closed the public hearing.

f. Council Discussion

No further Council discussion for the record.

g. Council Action: Approve Resolution 2025-R-004 approving the declaration of intent for form a maintenance assessment district for Parkland Estates

ROLL CALL

Motion: Roberts

Second: Calderon

Action: to approve Resolution 2025-R-005 approving the creation of Maintenance Assessment District No. 7 - Parkland Estates.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. FY24/25 Mid Year Budget Review

Council to consider the approval of Resolution 2025-R-006: A Resolution of the City of Gridley Authorizing the Modification of the 2024/2025 Budget by Appropriating Supplemental Funds

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve and adopt Resolution 2025-R-006 authorizing the budget modifications and authorize the Finance Director to implement the necessary budgetary modifications; or
- b. Provide direction to staff if additional clarifications or modifications are needed

Finance Director Martin Pineda presented the staff report, providing an overview of the City's current budget status and outlining necessary modifications. He reviewed the revision summary, which detailed changes by department.

Pineda explained that the significant mid-year budget increase was primarily due to the required Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) payment. Excluding the UAL payment, the overall budget would see a reduction of approximately \$200,000. He requested approval of **Resolution 2025-R-006**, which would authorize the FY 2024/25 budget modifications by appropriating supplemental funds.

Councilmember Calderon inquired about the listed election administration costs. Pineda clarified that these costs stemmed from the City receiving the invoice for the consolidation election with Butte County.

Councilmember Sanchez asked about the recreation department's administration budget. Pineda explained that the adjustment was due to a reallocation of funds within the same department.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Sanchez

Second: Johnson

Action: to approve Resolution 2025-R-006

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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5. Closed session discussion with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code 54957.8 – CASE REVIEW & PLANNING (3 Cases):
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Reportable Action : No reportable action
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Reportable action: Claim has been negotiated and closed.
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Reportable Action: Motion by Roberts, Seconded by Johnson to reject the claim of Jesse Meza vs. City of Gridley. By unanimous vote the motion passed. (5-0)

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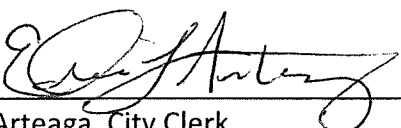
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