

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 16, 2008**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Norm Childress called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Mike Bren, Pam Horner, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders. Councilmember Diana Jennings was absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

Also present was Senior Planner Drew Miller of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Childress led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. June Homes of the Month and Beautification Awards**

Mayor Childress presented the June Homes of the Month Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

East:	703 Esperanza Drive	Edgar & Rosemary Perez
South:	1101 Carriage Square	Phillis Phelps
North:	126 N. Birch	Freda Keelin
Central:	1204 West Fourth Street	Don Thomas
West:	614 Arteaga Circle	Mike & Dora Fletcher

Mayor Childress presented the June Beautification Award to the Grandview Medical Center, 208 North Euclid.

**B. Wastewater Treatment Plant Award**

Rick Frye of the Washington State Department of Ecology presented the City of Grandview Wastewater Treatment Plant employees with the 2007 "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant" award.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:**

- A. Minutes of the June 2, 2008 regular meeting
- B. Claim Check Nos. 90958-91071 in the amount of \$604,729.19
- C. Payroll Check approval for June 15, 2008 payroll

- D. Resolution No. 2008-18 declaring police firearms as surplus and authorizing the trade of said firearms to a federal firearms licensed dealer

**6. ACTIVE AGENDA**

**A. Public Hearing – 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing to receive comments on the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program by reading the public hearing procedure.

Public Works Director Arteaga explained that each year during the month of June, the City was required to update the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He presented the 2009-2014 updated TIP. All of the construction estimates were increased by 5% to accommodate the higher construction costs. Projects 5, 6, 7, and 8 were identified as funds being secured through the Community Development Block Grant with construction scheduled for 2009. He recommended Council accept the proposed 2009-2014 TIP.

No comments were received during the public hearing or by mail and the hearing was closed.

**B. Resolution No. 2008-19; Adopting the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Councilmember Palacios encouraged Council to implement the \$20 vehicle license tab fee to raise additional revenue for residential street improvements.

City Administrator Staples explained that the City Engineer was in the process of developing a long-range street improvement plan with financing options for utilizing the \$20 fee.

**On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2008-19 adopting the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.**

**C. Public Hearing – Shoreline Master Program**

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing to receive comments on the Shoreline Master Program Development Regulations update by reading the public hearing procedure.

Senior Planner Miller presented the following staff report:

**History:** The Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58.100) requires an integrated use of the natural and social sciences, the environmental design arts, and utilization of all available information regarding hydrology, geography, topography, ecology, economics, and other pertinent data to preserve shorelines of the state for future generations.

Pursuant to RCW 90.58, the City of Grandview adopted the Yakima County Regional Shoreline Master Program (SMP), on September 5, 1974, with subsequent amendments on March 26, 1981 and November 1, 1981.

To comply with RCW 90.58.100 and WAC 173-26-201, Yakima County concluded a review of the natural and social sciences, and the environmental design arts, and utilization of all available information regarding hydrology, geography, topography, ecology, economics, and other pertinent data and released a draft document in March of 2004. The Board of Yakima County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted the revised SMP on December 18, 2007.

To comply with state regulations, the City of Grandview has reviewed the materials in consideration of continued participation in a Regional SMP. The City of Grandview has conducted SEPA review with a required 14-day public comment period and a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued on May 19, 2008.

**Request:** The City of Grandview was proposing to update its SMP development regulations. These documents would be adopted regionally to allow Yakima County and all of the cities in Yakima County with shoreline jurisdiction to comply with state law and to provide regulatory consistency for residents and developers across jurisdictional boundaries.

**Jurisdiction:** In accordance with GMC 14.03.030 the Grandview City Council may adopt or make amendments to development regulations. The updated SMP development regulations must be reviewed and approved by the Washington State Department of Ecology before the regulations take effect (WAC 173-26-120).

**Staff Recommendation:** Based on the above findings of fact, a review of the SMP development regulations, comments from affected agencies and neighbors, staff recommended approval of the updated Regional SMP development regulations.

No comments were received during the public hearing

Written comments received by mail included a letter dated June 11, 2008 from the Washington State Department of Ecology which provided that "Before the SMP can be approved by Ecology, the Master Program will need to require critical-area protection measures over and above those in the existing CAO (Critical Area Ordinance)."

Senior Planner Miller explained that all of the cities adopting Yakima County's Regional SMP have received the exact same comment from Ecology. He indicated that there was a misunderstanding between the County, who developed the Regional SMP, and Ecology concerning the SMP's use of the 1995 CAO environmental documentation being referenced for best available science. The County and DOE have discussed the issue and have cleared up any technical misunderstanding.

The hearing was declared closed.

**D. Ordinance No. 2008-12; Pertaining to Shoreline Management Planning and Implementation, Adopting Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Yakima County Regional Shoreline Master Program**

**On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2008-12 pertaining to Shoreline Management Planning and Implementation, Adopting Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Yakima County Regional Shoreline Master Program.**

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Charter Communication Response to Franchise Requirement for Office**

At the May 19, 2008 meeting, Council instructed the Mayor and City Administrator to meet with Charter representatives to negotiate a financial contribution that would benefit the community to offset the closure of the Charter office downtown. Subsequently, a meeting was held on June 4, 2008. In follow-up to the meeting, the City received a letter from Charter dated June 10, 2008 requesting that the City disregard Charter's current proposal to amend the franchise agreement as they believe the arrangement with the local Grandview Marketplace to receive payments in combination with the toll free customer service telephone number satisfies the franchise requirements and does not breach the franchise agreement.

City Attorney Maxwell indicated that the office and phone arrangements probably meet the letter of the law and definition of the franchise agreement, however, that certainly was not the intent. The intent was to have the store front in Grandview where residents could do business face-to-face with a Charter employee. He added that it would not be worth pursuing litigation against Charter.

**8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS**

Concert in the Park – The Concert in the Park series will conclude on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> with the Kiwanis Club co-sponsoring the Rolling Hill Chorus and salmon dinner.

Downtown Revitalization Project – On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a delegation of City representatives met with Senator Jim Kastama of Puyallup, who chairs the Senate Economic Development, Trade and Management Committee and also Marty Brown, the Governor's Legislative Director, to discuss funding options for the downtown revitalization project. Staff was in the process of scheduling a meeting with Senator Lisa Brown of Spokane, democratic majority leader. In addition, a dinner meeting has been tentatively scheduled with senators and representatives of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts for Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Cancelled – **On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Horner, the Council unanimously cancelled the July 7, 2008 regularly scheduled Council meeting.**

Special Budget Meeting – The special budget meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk