

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2009**

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, Diana Jenings, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Police Chief David Charvet, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, Fire Chief Pat Mason and Deputy City Clerk Elizabeth Alba.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Donavin Moreno, student at Arthur H. Smith Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the February 5, 2009 planning session**
- B. Minutes of the March 2, 2009 regular meeting**
- C. Claim check Nos. 92777-92898 in the amount of \$198,708.66**
- D. Payroll check approval for the March 1, 2009 through March 15, 2009 payroll**
- E. 2009 Fuel Bid Award**

5. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2009-5 approving an Interlocal Agreement among and between City of Sunnyside, City of Grandview and City of Prosser regarding the cooperative use of facilities, equipment and personnel**

The City Councils of Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside met in October 2008 to discuss service areas in which the three cities could work together. Six areas were identified including animal control, purchasing, information services, master personnel and equipment agreement, legislation advocacy and recreation.

The interlocal agreement regarding the cooperative use of facilities, equipment and personnel was quite similar to the City's current agreement with the Grandview School District which has worked quite well. The agreement would permit the three cities to share facilities and resources when it was to the mutual benefit of all parties. Examples of potential benefits included temporary use of staff, buildings or equipment and joint services, where authorized. It also enabled all parties to agree to waive charges for the use of facilities, where applicable.

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-5 approving an Interlocal Agreement among and between City of Sunnyside, City of Grandview and City of Prosser regarding the cooperative use of facilities, equipment and personnel.

B. Resolution No.2009-6 approving an Interlocal Agreement for animal control services between the Cities of Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser

After the October 2008 meeting of the three City Councils, staff members from the three cities met to pursue the area of animal control services. After review, the three Police Chiefs recommended that the most cost effective and efficient approach to animal control was through a joint contract with the Humane Society. The Sunnyside City Manager and two City Administrators from Grandview and Prosser agreed. None of the three cities could afford a full time animal control program. Grandview would receive an average of 16 hours of service per week at a cost of approximately 15% less than if the City had an independent program.

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No.2009-6 approving an Interlocal Agreement for animal control services between the Cities of Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser.

C. Public Hearing - 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing to receive comments on an amendment to the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program to include the Euclid Road resurfacing project from Forsell south to Stassen Way by reading the public hearing procedure.

Public Works Director Arteaga explained that normally the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program was revised in July, however, since the federal government released the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), an economic stimulus program, there was funding available that needed to be identified in the plan. The funding allocated as part of the ARRA to the Yakima Valley were for transportation projects and would be distributed through the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and administered through the Washington State Department of Transportation.

The City of Grandview submitted two projects: Euclid Road resurfacing and Alive Downtown. The Euclid Road resurfacing project was qualified for the funding in the amount of \$400,000 and the Alive Downtown project has been placed on the second tier of projects should additional funding become available. In order to use the funds allocated for the Euclid Road resurfacing project, the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program needed to be amended to show that project funds have been secured.

He recommended Council accept the amended 2009-2014 TIP.

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

D. Resolution No. 2009-7 amending the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-7 amending the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

E. Resolution No. 2009-8 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for Certification Acceptance Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign all required documents for the implementation of the ARRA funds for the Euclid Resurfacing Project

The City submitted a funding request in the amount of \$400,000 for Euclid Road through the new federal stimulus funding program known as the American Reinvestment and Recovery Account (ARRA). The project was approximately 4,000 lineal feet from Forsell Road south to Stassen Way and would consist of an asphalt grind and asphalt overlay. The ARRA funding required that the City advertise the project within 120-days from the March 3, 2009, start date or the funds could be forfeited. In order to utilize the funds, the City would need to process the following documents:

- Amend the Six Year TIP
- Complete the Project Prospectus
- Complete the Local Agency Agreement
- Complete the Environmental Coordination Process
- Prepare a Certification Acceptance Program
- Prepare the construction funding

The Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for the Certification Acceptance Program was presented. In addition, staff recommended Council authorize the Mayor to sign the other five documents as they were prepared in order to avoid and/or minimize any delays which could jeopardize the project.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember McDonald, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-8 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County for Certification Acceptance Services and authorizing the Mayor to sign all required documents for the implementation of the ARRA funds for the Euclid Resurfacing Project.

F. Resolution No. 2009-9 approving an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Hanford Fire Department

Fire Chief Mason explained the Grandview Fire Department and Hanford Fire Department currently have a mutual aid agreement in place. The Hanford Fire Department requested the agreement be renewed with additional wording. They requested that the City add "emergency medical and disaster response" to the list of situations that the party's could request each other's aid. By adding this language to the list, both agencies were widening the scope of emergencies that each could request the services of the other. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. The agreement imposed no new impacts on the city.

On motion by Councilmember Bren, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-9 approving an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Hanford Fire Department.

G. Resolution No. 2009-10 approving an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement between the Prosser Fire District #3 and the City of Grandview Fire Department

Fire Chief Mason explained the Grandview Fire Department and Prosser Fire District #3 have been providing mutual aid to each other as requested for a long period of time, however, no formal agreement was in place. The agreement provides the ability to assist each other current with legal standards. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. The agreement imposed no new impacts on the city.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-10 approving an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement between the Prosser Fire District #3 and the City of Grandview Fire Department.

H. Resolution No. 2009-11 approving a General Services Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Washington State Patrol for fire marshal services

Fire Chief Mason explained the Grandview Fire Department was tasked with the responsibility of plan review and inspections of all commercial development that involve the International Fire Code. Due to the limited amount of exposure fire personnel have to this type of work and the size of the department, the potential existed that a project could be received that was beyond staff capabilities from a technical or size standpoint to be able to do an adequate job representing the City. The agreement would provide staff the ability to contract with the Washington State Patrol Fire Marshal's office for assistance with any project that was beyond staff capabilities. It also allowed staff the opportunity for a third party review of any project that might be of a sensitive nature to the City. The agreement imposed no new impacts on the City because the Grandview Municipal Code allowed for any fees involved to be passed on to the person or entity requesting the plan reviews or inspections.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-11 approving a General Services Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Washington State Patrol for fire marshal services.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - None

7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Yakima County Development Association – YCDA will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 24th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Yakima Convention Center. Invitations were sent to various Grandview business owners. Councilmembers were invited to attend.

Priority City Fiscal Flexibility Bills – City Administrator Staples summarized several bills that did not make it past the cut off in Olympia to be considered for this upcoming legislative session.

Joint YVCC-City of Grandview Library Project – City Administrator Staples reported that after a recent meeting with Dr. Linda Kaminski and Bryce Humpherys of Yakima Valley Community College, a revised schedule was presented to discuss new timelines. A new timeline would be put together through year one or two.

Alive Downtown Project – City Administrator Staples met with ten legislators last week in Olympia to keep the Alive Downtown Project on the minds of the legislators. This project has been designated as a regional priority through the Yakima Conference of Governments.

Oral History Series – Councilmember Palacios reported the third oral history presentation would be held on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. at The Vineyard. The topic would be Immigrants.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director – Councilmember Souders reported that Thursday, March 19th, the final candidate for the Executive Director position would be meeting with the Chamber Board. An announcement regarding the selection would follow soon.

East Entrance – Councilmember Palacios explained that dirt was moved to the east entrance to begin filling up the area in the hopes that roses could be planted in the fall.

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments – Mayor Childress invited councilmembers to attend the YVCOG General Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Sunnyside.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember McDoanld, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Elizabeth Alba, Deputy City Clerk