

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Horner called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember McDonald led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the May 16, 2009 regular meeting**
- B. Claim check Nos. 93349-93435 in the amount of \$58,769.18**
- C. Payroll check approval for the May 16, 2009 through May 31, 2009 payroll**
- D. Ordinance No. 2009-4 amending the City of Grandview 2009 Non-Union Salary Schedule**
- E. Resolution No. 2009-17 authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with A & B Asphalt, Inc., for the Grandridge Area Street and Watermain Improvements**
- F. Resolution No. 2009-18 authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with A & B Asphalt, Inc., for the Pathway Improvements at Country Park Event Center**

5. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Centennial Celebration – The final Centennial oral presentation took place on May 26th with the topic of local government. The Centennial Committee's next meeting was scheduled for June 17th. The next Centennial event would be the Fourth of July Centennial Flag Raising Ceremony at Stokely Square.

Senior Center Purchase – Councilmember Souders reported that she attended a meeting with the Senior Advisory Committee and the American Legion to discuss the potential purchase of the Senior Center by YVCC and the City's contingency plan to relocate the Senior Center.

Leadership Lower Valley – Councilmember Jennings attended the Leadership Lower Valley graduation ceremony on May 28th.

GHS Site Council Meeting – Mayor Pro Tem Horner reported that she attended a site council meeting at the high school. The site council discussed the concept of a closed campus for freshmen students during the lunch hour. Discussion included the negative impact to local merchants and the need to increase funding for staff enforcement.

6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Country Park Playground Structure – City Administrator Staples advised that the City received a grant from the Seattle Seahawks Play 60 Legacy Project that would be the main source of funding for a playground structure at Country Park. The total cost for the proposed playground structure was \$44,502.72. To date, the City received funding from the following to help pay for the unit: Seattle Seahawks \$25,000, anonymous donor \$10,000, Teddy Bear Corner Day Care \$2,000 and Wal-Mart DC #7021 \$2,000 for a total of \$39,000. In addition, the City has received commitments from Huibregtse Louman and Associates to donate survey work and Columbia River Steel & Construction to assemble and install the unit. Following was the proposed timeline: purchase the unit in July, assemble and install the unit in September and grand opening on October 6th with representatives from the Seahawk organization. He recommended Council approve a budget amendment to cover the shortfall in the amount of \$5,502.72 from the capital improvement fund.

Council discussed the possibility of raising additional funds to meet the shortfall amount from local civic groups or donors.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously instructed staff to prepare a budget amendment in the amount of up to \$5,502.72 from the capital improvement fund for the Country Park playground structure.

Intergovernmental Recreation Services – City Administrator Staples advised that staff members from Grandview, Prosser and Sunnyside recently met to discuss recreation services. Currently, the group was working together in the area of aquatics and had developed a joint training program for lifeguards. The group was also coordinating the creation of a youth resource guide for all three communities in 2010. As it relates to future financing for parks and recreation services, the group was researching the concept of an independent parks district that encompasses all three cities which would be approved by the voters and funded by a tax levy.

Downtown Revitalization Project –

- CDBG Federal Recovery Funding – City Administrator Staples reported that the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) received \$4.1 million in federal recovery funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The City submitted a letter of intent to apply for CDBG recovery funds for the downtown revitalization project. In May, CTED received federal guidance on the use of funds and also learned the state must submit its CDBG recovery grant projects to HUD by June 29th. The City was invited to apply on June 1st with applications due by June 8th. The 106 Historic Preservation Report for the downtown revitalization project has been approved. This report was required in order to apply for federal funding.

- WSDOT Federal ARRA Tier 2 Project Funding – City Administrator Staples reported that the State Review Panel would be meeting and prioritizing the Tier 2 projects for funding from surplus Recovery Act funds. Grandview’s downtown revitalization project has been identified as one of eight projects statewide for the next round of funding in August.
- Meeting with Downtown Property and/or Business Owners – On May 28th, staff held an informational meeting with downtown property and/or business owners regarding the downtown revitalization project. Staff reviewed the status of project funding, possible timeline for construction, and final design details regarding sidewalk, street lighting, landscaping, etc.

July Council Meetings Cancelled – City Administrator Staples suggested that with the July 4th holiday and the Council planning session scheduled for July 23rd, that the July 6th and July 20th regularly scheduled Council meetings be cancelled.

Councilmember Souders expressed concern with cancelling the July 6th meeting as citizens would not have an opportunity to provide comments to Council regarding the use of fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday.

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Palacios, Council agreed to cancel the July 6th and July 20th regular Council meetings. Councilmember Souders voted in opposition.

Grandridge Area Street and Watermain Improvements – Councilmember Souders questioned the design and construction specifications of installing curb and gutter and not incorporating a turn-around on the 200 block of Avenue D. She was also concerned with the removal of the residents’ dogwood tree and shrubs which were planted in the City’s right-of-way.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining

Mayor Pro Tem Horner adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:30 p.m., for approximately 90 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with the aforementioned Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers and City Attorney present. The meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor Pro Tem, Council and staff present.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam Horner

Anita Palacios, City Clerk