

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 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 Jennings, Jan McDonald, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios and Joan Souders.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cub Scout Pack 643 led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. June Homes of the Month, Beautification and Enhancement Awards

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

West:	Chang & Pong Kim, 506 Broadview
South:	James & Shirley Caskey, 1100 South Euclid #14
Central:	Luis & Edelmira Mendoza, 904 West Third Street
North:	Scott & Ann Manley, 219 Jackson
East:	Francisco & Salud Prieto, 310 Ash

B. June Beautification Award

Mayor Childress presented the June Beautification Award to The Gemstones Leisure Hall, 801 Grandridge Road, owned by Gloria Mendoza.

C. June Community Enhancement Award

Mayor Childress presented the June Community Enhancement Award to Cub Scout Pack 643 for their dedicated effort to help clean up Eastside and Westside Parks.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the June 1, 2009 regular meeting
- B. Claim check Nos. 93436-93543 in the amount of \$524,353.39
- C. Payroll check approval for the June 1, 2009 through June 15, 2009 payroll

- D. **Ordinance No. 2009-5 adopting amended Design Standards set forth in Grandview Municipal Code Section 15.06**
- E. **Resolution No. 2009-19 authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with A & B Asphalt, Inc., for the Euclid Road Resurfacing Improvements**
- F. **Resolution No. 2009-20 authorizing the Mayor to sign an Industrial Wastewater User Contract with Conrad & Gilbert Fruit, LLC**

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Public Hearing – 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mayor Childress opened the public hearing to receive comments on the 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program by reading the public hearing procedure.

Public Works Director Arteaga explained that each year the City was required to update the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He explained that in the past, Council direction was not to include additional streets unless funding was available. With funding received from a community development block grant for the Grandridge area improvement project, Avenue D, Avenue C, Third Street to Avenue E and Fourth Street to Avenue E were removed from the TIP. The Grandridge/Fifth Street intersection and Euclid/Fifth Street intersection signalization projects were also removed because these intersections did not meet the warrants for a signal. With funding received from the federal stimulus package, the Euclid/Fifth Street intersection would receive new curb, gutter and sidewalk ramp additions, as well as an asphalt overlay. He presented the updated 2010-2015 TIP.

Councilmember Palacios reiterated his recommendation that the Council implement the \$20 vehicle license tab fee to raise additional revenue for residential street repairs and questioned when staff would be presenting the proposed street improvement plan.

City Administrator Staples explained that the proposed street improvement plan would be presented to Council at a future study session for consideration. The issue would be discussed at the Council planning session scheduled for July 23rd.

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

B. Resolution No. 2009-21 adopting the 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-21 adopting the 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

C. Resolution No. 2009-22 adopting the updated Water System Plan

Public Works Director Arteaga explained that the City has to have an approved Water System Plan updated every six years. The last one was approved in 2002, and staff had been working on the new plan for over a year. The City was notified by the Department of Health (DOH) that the plan was ready for their formal approval once Council had approved the plan as submitted

to DOH. He recommended Council formally approve the Water System Plan, which would then be approved by DOH.

On motion by Councilmember McDonald, second by Councilmember Souders, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2009-22 adopting the updated Water System Plan.

D. Joint Fire Truck Purchase

Fire Chief Mason presented information regarding the possibility of working with Yakima County Fire District #5 (YCFD #5) to purchase a new fire truck to replace Engine 13. He began by presenting the following background information.

The Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB): The City currently has a class rating of 5. WSRB completed a survey and scored the community on a system of demerit points which once tallied determined the class rating. Based on the size of the community and the types of building structures, WSRB used the following three areas to rate the City: the number of trucks, total pumping capacity of the trucks, and age and dependability of the trucks. During the last survey in 2007, the City was credited with having adequate pumping capacity and equipment, although received demerit points for the age of the equipment. At that time, Engine 13 had not passed the annual pump test.

Engine 13: Engine 13 was a 1978 Ford VanPelt fire truck with a rated pumping capacity of 1250 gallons per minute. Fire Chief Mason explained that when he was hired, Engine 13 had not passed the annual pump test for the last two years. It was determined that the pump had too much internal wear to be able to pass the test. After having the pump repaired, the motor did not have the power to run the pump at full capacity. The truck had surpassed its life expectancy and additional repairs would not be cost effective. The level of safety standards for an older model truck provided a liability to the firefighters operating the equipment.

Purchase Information:

- YCFD #5 Chief Brian Vogel discussed the joint fire truck purchase with the Fire District Commissioners who were in favor of pursuing the venture. YVFD #5 has done similar endeavors with Sunnyside and Mabton.
- The City would receive full credit from the WSRB for owning a fire truck jointly with YCFD #5. The City would not receive credit for a mutual aid agreement or by having a truck solely owned by YCFD #5 parked at the Grandview station.
- A new fire truck would cost approximately \$260,000 to \$300,000 depending on when purchased. Each year, new regulations and requirements from the regulatory agencies involved increase the cost. It was also unsure when the individual manufacturers that make different components involved would have price increases. The purchase would be a 50/50 split with YCFD #5.
- YCFD #5 would pay for their share immediately. The City would need to secure financing for the City's share as determined by Council and implemented into future budgets. If the option to finance was a lease agreement with the truck manufacturer, the truck would be used as the collateral for the lease. This option concerned YCFD #5 should the City default on the lease. The preferred option would be to pursue financing that would not require the truck to be used as collateral.
- The decision to purchase a new truck in the next 2 to 3 months would allow the City to purchase a 2009 model which would eliminate the higher cost of new regulations that

would take effect in the 2010 models. The purchase of a fire truck would usually take approximately one year from start to delivery, which would allow us to make the purchase this year and then address payment beginning in next year's budget.

He recommended the City pursue the joint purchase of a fire truck with YCFD #5. He believed it offered the greatest potential to improve the City's aging fleet for the least financial impact on the citizens of Grandview. The City has the potential to lose the current ISO rating and YCFD #5 may not be in a financial position to pursue this option in the future. Should the City purchase a new truck this year, he believed the City would have approximately nine years before needing to purchase another fire truck.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously instructed staff to pursue the joint purchase of a fire truck with Yakima County Fire District #5.

E. School District Correspondence RE: Outdoor Advertising – Alcoholic Beverages

Paul Jepson, Student Assistance Professional of the Grandview School District explained that on October 6, 2008, he attended a joint meeting with the Council and School District. At that meeting, the group discussed a grant that the School District had applied for on behalf of RUaD (reduce underage drinking). Grandview School District, in addition to Granger and Sunnyside School Districts, received a small grant that would be used to augment programs that educate youth regarding media influence and encourage healthy decisions. One of the coalition goals was to reduce the amount of alcohol related signage that was visible from public parks and playgrounds, churches, or school property. On behalf of the coalition, he requested that the Council review Sunnyside Municipal Code 15.36.045 prohibited signs – outdoor advertising – alcoholic beverages and consider enacting a similar code for the City of Grandview. He added that the Washington State Liquor Control Board had issued proposed changes to WAC 314-52 regarding alcohol advertising rules and were accepting public comment until June 15th with a public hearing scheduled for August 25th or September 2nd. The proposed rule change would reduce alcohol related signage and exposure.

Following discussion, Council consensus was to monitor the Liquor Control Board's proposed rule changes to WAC 314-52 before considering a similar municipal code enactment regarding outdoor alcoholic beverage advertising.

7. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

DRYVE Transportation Action Committee Meeting – Councilmember Palacios reported that he would be attending the DRYVE Transportation Action Committee meeting on June 25th. The Committee would be prioritizing two separate project priority lists for both Federal and State legislature consideration.

Centennial Committee Meeting – The next Centennial Committee meeting would take place on June 17th, 6:30 p.m., at The Vineyard.

Yakima Valley Fair Centennial Parade – Councilmember Souders announced that the Yakima Valley Fair Centennial Parade would take place on Thursday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

AWC Annual Conference – Mayor Childress, Councilmembers Diana Jennings, Bill Moore and Joan Souders, along with City Administrator Staples will be attending the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference on June 23-26 in Spokane.

Student Resource Officer (SRO) Funding – City Administrator Staples reported that the School District had advised that funding for the SRO for fiscal year July 2009 through June 2010 had been eliminated. The financial impact to the City would be a loss in revenue of approximately \$20,000 in 2009 and \$52,000 in 2010.

Police Dispatcher Testing – City Administrator Staples explained that at the April 20th meeting, Council instructed staff to proceed with the testing process for a police dispatcher position in order to reduce overtime coverage. With the loss in revenue from the elimination of funding from the School District for the SRO position, staff recommended Council defer the testing process at this time. This matter would be discussed further at the July 23rd Council Planning Session.

Joint Library Project Meeting – Dr. Linda Kaminski and Grandview Campus Dean Bryce Humphreys would be hosting a luncheon meeting with Council on June 17th, 12:00 Noon at YVCC Grandview Campus to discuss the joint library project.

Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo Goat Barn Proposal – City Administrator Staples advised that the City had received a letter from the Yakima Valley Fair & Rodeo Board requesting permission to construct a goat barn at the fairgrounds on property leased by the Fair & Rodeo Board.

Grandridge Area Street & Watermain Improvements and Country Park Pathway Improvement Projects – City Administrator Staples reported that the notice to proceed on the Grandridge Area Street and Watermain Improvements and the Pathway Improvements at the Country Park Event Center should be issued next week.

Downtown Revitalization Project – City Administrator Staples reported that the Washington State CDBG program received an additional \$4.1 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, referred to as CDBG Recovery (CDBG-R) grants. CTED reviewed the applications received for CDBG-R funding and the City received notification that the downtown revitalization improvement project was on the proposed funding list for \$550,000. CTED would be submitting the proposed award list to HUD on June 29th and HUD would have 45 days to review and approve the state's plan for use of its recovery funds. Once the state receives approval from HUD, the CDBG program would execute grant agreements with the local government recipients of the recovery funds.

George Young Building Improvements – Councilmember Jennings commended the Public Works Department for the excellent job remodeling the George Young Building.

East Entrance Improvements & Rose Garden Relocation – City Administrator Staples reported that he met with Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter and Public Works Director Arteaga regarding an alternative site for the relocation of the rose garden at the east entrance. Staff would be preparing a revised cost estimate and map for Council consideration at the August 3rd meeting.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

Design Standards Review Committee Appointment – The Design Standards as adopted provided for a Design Standards Review Committee to be established to assist city staff during the review process. The committee would be comprised of one city councilmember and two community members. Councilmember Palacios volunteered to serve on the committee. Staff was instructed to advertise for letters of interest to fill the two community member positions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk