

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2010**

STUDY SESSION – CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

Prior to the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m., the following Councilmembers, staff and the Grandview Centennial Committee members, along with Police Chief David Charvet gathered in the basement of City Hall to officially seal the Centennial time capsule.

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 Pam Horner, Diana Jennings, Jesse Palacios, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders. Councilmembers Mike Bren and Bill Moore were absent.

Staff present were: City Administrator Scott Staples, City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Deputy Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis and City Clerk Anita Palacios. Also present was Shawn Conrad, Planner with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Genesis Prieto, student at Smith Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

4. 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 January 4, 2010 regular meeting
- B. Claim check Nos. 94892-95007 in the amount of \$612,196.73
- C. Payroll check approval for the January 1, 2010 through January 15, 2010 payroll
- D. Resolution No. 2010-4 authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2009-2011 Washington State Capital Budget Small Communities in Rural Counties Grant Program Contract No. CJ09-951-108 between the City and Public Works Board for the “Alive” Downtown Improvements Project
- E. Resolution No. 2010-5 accepting the bid for the Alive Downtown Improvements Phase 1 and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with P.O. W. Contracting, Inc.
- F. Resolution No. 2010-6 adopting a Non-Discrimination in Community Athletics Policy
- G. Resolution No. 2010-7 authorizing application submittal to the State of Washington Department of Commerce for funding assistance to construct a Multi-Use Community Center Project, and adopting the City of Grandview Grievance Procedure and Title VI Certification

5. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. **Resolution No. 2010-8 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Second Amendment to Sunnyside Division Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Additional Point of Diversion and Conservation Water)**

Jim Trull, District Manager–Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District and General Manager–Sunnyside Division distributed handouts (attached) and explained that the Sunnyside Division Water Rights Settlement Agreement was signed on May 12, 2003 among the Sunnyside Division Board of Control, the State of Washington Department of Ecology, the United States of America, and the Yakama Nation, and was amended and signed on or before July 31, 2003. The negotiated settlement concluded the adjudication for the Sunnyside Division by quantifying its water rights and committing all parties to a water conservation program funded under the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Act. The Sunnyside Division was actively participating in conservation activities under the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Act, which provided for 82.5% grants to implement conservation measures. In exchange for the grant funding, the Sunnyside Division must agree not to divert 2/3 of the saved water. Benton Irrigation District, one of the Division members was participating in these activities as well as pursuing its own conservation program, which provided a pressurized system to all district lands. The amendment authorized a second point of diversion so that Benton Irrigation District could divert its water from the Yakima River near Benton City instead of through the Sunnyside Canal to supply water to 4,630 irrigable acres within its district boundaries. The amendment also provided the authority for the Sunnyside Division to further reduce its diversion in an amount up to 100% of conserved water for in-stream use in exchange for 100% grant funding upon future agreement amongst the Division entities and Reclamation. This provision was especially important to the Sunnyside Division and its members as it allowed the conservation program to proceed as rapidly as state and federal grant funds were available without the financial strain on the Sunnyside Division to provide the 17.5% local match.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Horner, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-8 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Second Amendment to Sunnyside Division Water Rights Settlement Agreement (Additional Point of Diversion and Conservation Water).

B. **Resolution No. 2010-9 approving Task Order No. 2009-4 with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for the Euclid Road Reconstruction Improvements from South City Limits to Groom Lane**

City Administrator Staples explained that Euclid Road was a road improvement project identified as one of the top priorities in the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and in the D.R.Y.V.E. priority listings that would be presented to Washington State Senators during the 2010 Washington, DC trip. In addition, it was anticipated that a second round of stimulus funding for transportation projects would be approved by the federal government. Staff recommended Council approve the same approach as the "Alive" Downtown Improvement Project when requesting and submitting funding applications. He explained that if the City has an engineering task order in place as with the "Alive" Downtown Improvement Project and engineering work had begun, it enhanced the City's opportunity to secure funding especially if it was a shovel ready project. He recommended Council approve Task Order No. 2009-4 and

authorize staff to work with the engineers on Phase 1 and Phase 2 and complete the remaining phases when additional funding becomes available.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-9 approving Task Order No. 2009-4 with Huibregtse, Louman Associates, Inc., for the Euclid Road Reconstruction Improvements from South City Limits to Groom Lane.

6. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Graffiti Removal – Councilmember Palacios expressed concern with the amount of graffiti that has occurred during the past month and the local tax dollars being spent on clean up. He questioned whether the individuals being caught defacing public/private property were also receiving public assistance to purchase the products (i.e., spray paint, etc.) being used. He requested that the City's delegation attending the AWC Legislative Conference stress the importance of denying public assistance to those individuals caught in the act of graffiti.

Rose Garden Relocation Project – Councilmember Palacios reported that the Rose Garden relocation project to the east entrance was tentatively scheduled for March 15th.

Leadership Yakima Valley – Councilmember Horner filled in for Mayor Childress as the day leader for the Leadership Yakima Valley "Government/Politics" day held on January 13th.

Grandview School District Replacement M & O Levy – Councilmember Horner advised that the Grandview School District Special Election for replacement of the maintenance and operation levy would take place on February 9th. Ballots would be mailed on January 20th. Passage of the special election was a simple majority.

AWC Weekly Legislative Conference Calls – City Administrator Staples reported that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) lobbyists were hosting weekly Legislative conference calls, providing AWC members with important information on the week's legislative activities. He would be participating in the conference calls which occur every Friday beginning at 3:00 p.m. during the Legislative session.

AWC 2010 Legislative Priorities–Street Utility – City Administrator Staples reported that one of the three major legislative priorities for the 2010 session adopted by the AWC Board of Directors was a street utility. AWC was pursuing a permanent transportation funding source for basic street maintenance and preservation. Similar to a sewer or water utility, the proposal would create a street maintenance utility that would charge different user classifications based on trips generated and a City's cost to maintain and preserve its existing system. This City option was more equitable than other approaches such as increased property taxes and would help avoid costly street reconstruction. It also would have public involvement during the creation of the utility and included accountability measures to assure the public that the funds would be dedicated to preserving City streets.

Joint Library Project Funding – City Administrator Staples reported that the City had received an e-mail from U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell regarding FY2011 appropriation requests. During the annual budget process, she submits requests to the Senate Appropriations Committee for congressionally directed spending that benefits Washington State. He suggested that the City

and YVCC submit a request for the balance of the funding needed for the joint library project. Council concurred.

7. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS** – None

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining (30 minutes)**

Mayor Childress adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:50 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney and City Administrator present. The executive session was extended an additional 20 minutes at 8:20 p.m., and an additional five minutes at 8:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk