

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2010**

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, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Attorney Jack Maxwell, Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Police Chief Dave Charvet, Fire Chief Pat Mason and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Alba.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hunter Kleinow and Anna Madrigal, students at Harriet Thompson Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Isaac Padilla, a student from Grandview Middle School, was presented with the March Youth of the Month award.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the February 16, 2010 study session
- B. Minutes of the February 16, 2010 regular meeting
- C. Claim check Nos. 95187-95365 in the amount of \$483,113.48
- D. Payroll check approval for the February 16, 2010 through February 28, 2010 payroll and March 1, 2010 through March 15, 2010
- E. Resolution No. 2010-14 authorizing the City Treasurer to write-off uncollectible Library receivable accounts
- F. Resolution No. 2010-15 declaring three Police vehicles surplus and authorizing The sale/trade of said vehicles
- G. 2010 Fuel Bid Award
- H. Grandridge Area Street and Watermain Improvements Project Acceptance

6. ACTIVE AGENDA

- A. **Presentation by Sunnyside Community Hospital Board (Jon Smiley & Jim Sewell) RE: Grandview Medical Center Expansion**

Jim Sewell, Sunnyside Community Hospital Board Member, distributed handouts and explained that Sunnyside Community Hospital employs approximately 255 full-time equivalent employees

with a 2010 payroll of approximately \$25.6 million dollars. In addition to the staffing at the Sunnyside Community Hospital, staffing was provided for Grandview Medical Center and Birch Street Medical Center. Mr. Sewell indicated these employees contribute significantly to the Grandview community. He then introduced Jon Smiley, CEO of Sunnyside Community Hospital. Mr. Smiley explained the hospital was currently expanding Grandview Medical Center in order to allow for two more physicians and a physician assistant. This extensive addition/remodel was expected to be completed in 2010.

B. Resolution No. 2010-16 authorizing the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with Mattel, Inc. for the use of the Grandview name and logo on toy fire trucks

Fire Chief Mason reported the Fire Department was approached by Mattel Toy Company to look into the possibility of using an apparatus and department logo as a basis to design a new toy truck. He explained the agreement would not have any impact on the City budget or personnel. The City's only contribution was the legal process needed to allow it to move forward and to provide some pictures to Mattel, Inc.

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 2010-16 authorizing the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with Mattel, Inc. for the use of the Grandview name and logo on toy fire trucks.

C. Resolution No. 2010-17 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Standard Agreement with Yakima Valley Community College for the use of the Grandview Campus Activity Center

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter reported that in October 2009, the City sold the Carl L. Stevens Senior Center to Yakima Valley Community College (YVCC) with the understanding that the City could utilize the facility through December 2011 to continue to offer existing senior programming and beyond. Staff from the City and YVCC worked together to formulate an agreement which outlined duties and responsibilities of both agencies as it pertains to allowing the City continual usage of the facility through 2011.

City Attorney Maxwell brought to Council's attention Section 2, paragraph G which stated "Reimbursement to YVCC for custodial services based on the YVCC Policy 3.02 Facilities Use as applicable" did not accurately reflect the dollar amount the City would be required to pay for custodial services. He recommended the specific amount of \$275.00 per month be included in this portion of the agreement in order to clearly state the amount due for custodial services.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously tabled this agenda item until the agreement could be revised to reflect the custodial services reimbursement fee of \$275.00 per month in Section 2, paragraph G.

D. Appointment of Public Works Director as Interim City Administrator

At the March 9, 2010 Council Retreat, a two part recommendation was made to assist in the absence of a city administrator. The first part of the recommendation was to appoint Public

Works Director Arteaga as the Interim City Administrator. Mayor Childress endorsed this appointment and discussed the benefits to the City, community and staff.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Bren, Council unanimously appointed Public Works Director Cus Arteaga as the Interim City Administrator.

E. Salary Adjustment for Interim City Administrator

The second part of the two part recommendation at the March 9, 2010 Council Retreat was for direction to be provided regarding a recommended salary adjustment for implementation during the interim appointment of Public Works Director Arteaga as Interim City Administrator. Interim City Administrator Arteaga reported that in January 2008 Council adopted a new Personnel Policy Manual which included a method for adjusting an employee's salary during a temporary assignment found on page 12, Section 4.08, number 3. In part, the policy stated "An employee who has been temporarily reassigned receives their normal rate of pay and benefits, unless assigned to a higher classification for a period in excess of one work week, after which they are paid at that classification's range and step, similar to the employee's current step..." Interim City Administrator Arteaga's current range and step was 23J (\$7,575 per month) and as per this section the range and step would be 26J (\$8,766 per month).

On motion by Councilmember Palacios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council unanimously approved a salary adjustment for Interim City Administrator Cus Arteaga to range 26 step J.

7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Benefit (TIB) District

Interim City Administrator Arteaga reported that at the direction of the Council he contacted Ted Pooler with Huijbregtse Louman Associates regarding a presentation for an April 2010 Council meeting. Arteaga anticipated a presentation to be ready by the first Council meeting in May.

B. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) Canal Piping

Interim City Administrator Arteaga advised that Jim Trull, Manager of Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID), would be at the first Council meeting in April to discuss the planned SVID canal piping project and its impact to the City's irrigation system.

C. Fire Station Sprinkler Grant

Interim City Administrator Arteaga shared information concerning a grant for installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Fire Station. This grant application was submitted for \$86,000, but the funding agency indicated the funding would possibly be reduced to \$45,000. Arteaga advised that the economy had created a low bidding climate and part of the installation of a service line could possibly be funded through an amendment to the Fire Department's 2010 budget through the use of an inter-fund loan.

On motion by Councilmember Bren, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously instructed Fire Chief Mason and Interim City Administrator Arteaga to communicate with the agency to secure the reduced amount of this grant request.

D. Yakima County Home Consortium Meetings

Councilmember Palacios agreed to attend the Yakima County Home Consortium meetings with Interim City Administrator Arteaga.

E. Introduction of new Librarian

Mayor Childress introduced the new Librarian, Geraldine de Rooy. Librarian de Rooy indicated she was glad to be in Grandview and welcomed everyone to visit her at the Library.

8. COUNCILMEMBER MEETING REPORTS

Yakima County Development Association Annual Meeting – Councilmembers Souders and Jennings attended the Yakima County Development Association’s Annual Luncheon on March 10th.

Grandview Boys Basketball Place 8th at State – Councilmembers Bren and Palacios reported Grandview’s Boys Basketball team placed 8th at the State competition and this was the 13th time Grandview has placed in the top ten.

Graffiti Removal – Councilmember Palacios again 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 City could evict tenants from dwellings of known graffiti/gang activity if the landlord was unwilling to evict. City Attorney Maxwell advised there were public nuisance laws available for neighbors to initiate the eviction process. Councilmember Palacios indicated an additional means of enforcing graffiti activity could be the use of a camera. Interim City Administrator Arteaga indicated this was already in process of being utilized as Police Chief Charvet donated a camera for this use.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining (30 minutes) & Potential Litigation (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, Interim City Administrator and Police Chief present. The executive session was extended an additional 30 minutes at 8:20 p.m., and an additional twenty minutes at 8:50 p.m. A second executive session convened at 9:15 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes to discuss potential litigation with the aforementioned Mayor, Councilmembers, City Attorney, and Interim City Administrator. The Police Chief and Councilmember Palacios excused themselves from the second portion of the executive session. The meeting resumed at 9:40 p.m., with the aforementioned Mayor, Council and staff present.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Horner, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council unanimously adjourned the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Elizabeth Alba, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer