# GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BUDGET NOVEMBER 1, 2021

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was held in person and was also available via teleconference.

Present in person: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Bill Moore, Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders (6:05)

Present via teleconference: Councilmember Mike Everett

Absent: Councilmember Diana Jennings

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Police Chief Kal Fuller, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Parks & Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis, Library Director Elizabeth Jahnke, Assistant Police Chief Seth Bailey, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios

## 2. <u>2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET</u>

## 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Estimates

Mayor Mendoza began the meeting by reading the "Mayor Budget Message," a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

City Treasurer Cordray continued the presentation of the 2022 preliminary budget. He advised at the last budget meeting that the Current Expense Fund was still \$550,000 over budget and reductions would be necessary to balance the budget.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council eliminated the Council Retreat in the amount of \$15,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council reduced Executive/Administration travel by \$300.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes

- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council eliminated Code Enforcement in the amount of \$32,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council eliminated Professional Services (grant writing) in the amount of \$50,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett No
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez No
- Councilmember Souders No
- Mayor Mendoza Yes (tie vote)

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council eliminated the Economic Development & Communication Director in the amount of \$82,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett No
- Councilmember Moore No
- Councilmember Ozuna No
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes
- Mayor Mendoza No (tie vote)

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council amended the previous motion to eliminate the Economic Development & Communication Director in the amount of \$82,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postpone the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz No
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez No
- Councilmember Souders No
- Mayor Mendoza Yes (tie vote)

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council reduced the Parks Department FTE in the amount of \$10,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council eliminated the Dykstra Park pathway paving in the amount of \$10,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, Council eliminated the Dykstra Park irrigation phase-5 in the amount of \$5,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council eliminated the playground chips in the amount of \$5,000 and the tree planting in the amount of \$1,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Souders, Council eliminated the Country Park building maintenance in the amount of \$25,000 and the Dykstra Park restroom improvements in the amount of \$11,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

City Treasurer Cordray noted that the electronic sign was moved from the Current Expense Fund and to the ARPA Fund.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, Council eliminated the Police Department Clerk position in the amount of \$60,000 and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council eliminated the Police Department Investigation Detective position in the amount of \$75,000 from the 2022 preliminary budget and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council eliminated the Police Department Dispatch position in the amount of \$51,000 and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes

Councilmember Souders – Yes

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council eliminated the October Police Officer new hire in the amount of \$16,500 and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Everett, Council eliminated the three Police Officer new hires until April 2022 and postponed the item to February 2022 for reconsideration.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, Council moved the Fire Department Training Officer position in the amount of \$25,000 from the Current Expense Fund to the EMS Fund.

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes
- Councilmember Souders Yes

City Treasurer Cordray noted that the transfer out to Street Fund was previously eliminated from the 2022 preliminary budget.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, Council changed the Current Expense Fund Reserve goal from 15% to 10%.

## Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz Yes
- Councilmember Everett Yes.
- Councilmember Moore Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez Yes

Councilmember Souders – Yes

## 3. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk



## **Mayor Budget Message**

I want to share some of my efforts during this budget cycle.

Economic development is important to moving the city forward. In an effort to do that, I invited council members to meet with me one-on-one at their convenience. I want to get to know each of you better and hear your ideas of improving the city.

All of your voices are important. My hope is to unite the council so we can move the city forward. I want to thank council members Moore, Everett, Ozuna, Souders, and Diaz for taking the time to meet with me and share their perspectives.

We have three great projects that have been proposed and they all complement one another. I want to thank council members Everett, Souders and Ozuna for proposing these positive projects that I believe would help foster growth, improve our economy, and better inform the public.

Having a reader board at city hall is a great idea. It informs residents, displays transparency of city doings. This would be inviting to any new business or resident interested in Grandview.

Having a devoted grant writer would help with project development, infrastructure vital to new business, and upkeep of current infrastructure. And that supports council member Everett's economic development plan.

The city has an opportunity to be a pillar for new business, a place where developers and business owners want do business because of clean streets, attractive downtown and our proximity to both Yakima and the Tri-Cities. We could be the city that developers look forward to working with.

So we need to unite as a council, see the value in each other's ideas and hammer out a plan to make it happen. That's why retreats are so important. Next year we can plan a retreat earlier to prioritize projects and determine a timeline for each one over the next five years. We may not be able to do them all at once, but we can get them all done. Let's put on our YES, WE CAN ATTITUDE and WORK TOGETHER to make it happen!