

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the Committee-of-the-Whole 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.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present via teleconference: Councilmembers Diana Jennings and Mike Everett

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Police Chief Kal Fuller, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Curt Still, 1880 Alexander Extension, Grandview, WA, thanked the Council for tabling the COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

4. NEW BUSINESS

**A. ARPA – YVCOG Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program – Vicki Baker,
Regional Program Manager, YVCOG**

Vicki Baker, Regional Program Manager with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, requested Council consider long term benefits to the City with an infrastructure revolving loan program by taking one time money from the City's ARPA allocation and convert to long term money. She requested Council consider whether 20% of the ARPA money being passed down was a long-term investment the City would want to make. She provided the following Q & A:

Q – Is a revolving loan program even allowable?

- Waiting on Final Rules

Q – Other cities are spending ARPA – why shouldn't we?

- Risk to pay back once final rules come out
- The State then aligns Federal rules with State rules
- Not a "ask for forgiveness" situation
- Entitlement cities/counties have different rules

Q – How will your city be guaranteed to get at least the 20% you invested in the Revolving Loan Fund?

- Rules – Cities who participate set these rules. If it isn't fair to every city, YVCOG will not do it

Q – If the new program was a competition application process, how would YVCOG assure each participant would be guaranteed an amount equal to and/or greater than what was appropriated.

- Rules – Cities who participate set these rules. If it isn't fair to every city, YVCOG will not do it

Q – What would be the interest rate for each participant?

- Let's look at SIED money and the interest rate structure they use. Is it fair? Is it how we would want to structure this program or not?

Q – How much would YVCOG charge to administer this program?

- We charge the cost of an employee. We do not add a 'profit' margin to our cost.
- Best guess to get the program setup it will cost more than administering the program long term.
- If a revolving loan program is allowable, YVCOG will develop a cost sheet based on how many cities participate. Pooling the costs is a huge break in costs

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

B. Housing Action Plan Grant – Vicki Baker, Regional Program Manager, YVCOG

Vicki Baker, Regional Program Manager with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), explained that the Washington State Department of Commerce awarded a consortium of cities in the Yakima Valley region including Grandview, Toppenish, Union Gap, Wapato, Zillah and Tieton with \$450,000 in grant funds to assist with increasing urban residential building capacity and streamlining regulations. YVCOG would perform the housing study along with the City to develop a Housing Action Plan. The City of Union Gap would administer the majority of these funds on behalf of the participating cities.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Union Gap, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, and the City of Grandview for the administration and development of a Housing Action Plan to the November 23, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 8 located on Grandridge Road

City Administrator Arteaga explained that at the March 24, 2020 meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-13 approving the Grandridge Estates Subdivision 227-lot preliminary plat. Following approval of the preliminary plat, the developer proceeded with the infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates subject to the conditions as outlined in the Hearing Examiner's report and per Grandview Municipal Code Section 16.24 Design Standards and Section 16.28 Improvements. Phase 1 consisting of 25 lots was approved by the Council on September 8, 2020. Phase 2 consisting of 47 lots was approved by the Council on November 10, 2020. Phase 4 consisting of 22 lots was approved by the Council on April 13, 2021. The infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates Phase 8 consisting of 27 lots has been completed to the City's standards. The final plat map for Phase 8 was presented.

Discussion took place.

Councilmember Everett moved and Councilmember Diaz seconded a motion to move a resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 8 located on Grandridge Road to the November 23, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – No
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – No
- Councilmember Moore – No
- Councilmember Ozuna – No
- Councilmember Rodriguez – No
- Councilmember Souders – No

Motion failed.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, Council moved a resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 8 located on Grandridge Road to the November 9, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – No
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement with the Grandview School District

Police Chief Fuller explained that Grandview has had a School Resource Officer (SRO) for many years. SRO wages were paid half by the City and half by the Grandview School District. The SRO program has always been supported by the Council and benefits both the public, School District and Police Department. The current School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement expires December 31, 2021. The School District would like to continue the program an additional three years.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the School Resource Officer Interlocal Agreement with the Grandview School District to the November 23, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Yakima County District Court for Probation Services

City Clerk Palacios explained that the Grandview Municipal Court contracts with Yakima County District Court for court services. In the past, probation services was included in the court contract. In 2018, Yakima County District Court separated probation services from the court contract. The City entered into a separate four-year agreement with Yakima County District Court for probation services. A renewed Grandview Probation Services Agreement with Yakima County District Court effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025 was presented.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Yakima County District Court for Probation Services to the November 23, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes

- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

F. Ordinance amending cemetery regulations – Councilmember Diaz

Councilmember Diaz outlined the amendments being recommended to the cemetery regulations, as follows:

2.48.080 Floral, other decorations and landscaping.

Clear and precise signage shall be posted at the main entrance of the cemetery in English and Spanish showing the City's ordinance.

A. Floral and Other Decorations.

2. All funeral designs, or flowers of any kind, placed on a grave or niche will be removed as soon as they become unsightly or deteriorated. It shall be the right and duty of the Public Works Director or his designee to remove the items.

3. Artificial flowers are permitted on graves from November 1st until March 1st, subject to removal after a reasonable time, or when they become faded, soiled, unsightly, or deteriorated. It shall be the right and duty of the Public Works Director or his designee to remove the items.

2.48.110 Prohibited acts.

In addition to any prohibited acts set forth herein in prior sections, no person shall disturb the peace or be disorderly or any other criminal activity. No activities involving preparation or provision of food or beverage, including, but not limited to barbecues, meals, buffets or similar activities shall be permitted.

2.48.150 Rates-Advance Payments.

A. Rates to be charged at the Grandview Cemetery shall be as follows:

Headstone settings

Flat stone	12 x 24	\$ 265.00
	12 x 36	\$ 355.00
	12 x 48	\$ 400.00
Upright stone	12 x 24	\$ 400.00
	12 x 36	\$ 450.00
	12 x 48	\$ 535.00
Oversize stones (height/weight)		\$1,000.00
Bench setting (5 x 5 concrete slab)		\$ 400.00

2.48.160 Miscellaneous.

G. Memorial celebrations; e.g., personal holiday, deceased's birthday, annual anniversary, shall be coordinated with the City within 48-hours in order to prevent interference with a scheduled interment at the cemetery.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Sections 2.48.080 Floral, Other Decorations and Landscaping, 2.48.110 Prohibited Acts, 2.48.150 Rates-Advance Payments and 2.48.160 Miscellaneous regarding the City Cemetery to the November 23, 2021 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

G. Responding to local small businesses impacted by COVID-19 – Councilmember Ozuna

Councilmember Ozuna explained that at the October 26, 2021 meeting, Council heard compelling testimony from two local small businesses owners asking for assistance as they were encountering operational and financial challenges as a result of COVID-19. The testimony reminded him and reinforced his belief that elected officials need to represent and help the community when in need. This was an opportunity to discuss if there were any ways the City might help the Grandview small businesses in these unprecedented times.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk