

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 2022**

**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, Jessie Espinoza, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmember 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 – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Mainstreet Grandview – Street Sound System**

Ray Vining, President and Laura Flores, Vice-President of Mainstreet Grandview made a presentation on a street sound system for the downtown business core. Speakers for the sound system would be located on Division from Wine Country Road to Third Street and Second Street from Avenue A to Ash Street. The cost was estimated at \$30,000.

Downtown business owners from Herb's Bar and Grill, Casa Tequila Family Mexican Restaurant, J's Sweet Shack, and Imagine Educational Toys and Gift Shop spoke in favor of the sound system.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. directed staff to prepare information for a street sound system for consideration at the September 27, 2022 regular meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**B. Resolution waiving the requirements of the State bid law to allow a purchase involving special facilities or market conditions – 1999 International 4900 Boom Truck**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution waiving the requirements of the State bid law to allow a purchase involving special facilities or market conditions – 1999 International 4900 Boom Truck to the August 23, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC**

City Clerk Palacios explained that the City contracts with Yakima County District Court for municipal court services. Under the terms of the Yakima County District Court contract, the City was to provide indigent defense services to indigent defendants. The City has contracted with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC for indigent defense services since September 2012. Following the Wilbur v. City of Mt. Vernon decision (W.D. Wash. 2013), the City assessed the current system of providing indigent defense services and the current Public Defender Agreement reflects a caseload limit, the reimbursement of costs for investigators and experts, warranty of public defender and quarterly reporting requirements. Staff requested the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC, submit a proposal for renewal of the Public Defender Agreement. They proposed a two (2) year contract renewal with a ten (10) percent year over year escalation. The annual increase in compensation was necessary to account for the cost of living/inflationary environment of the current economy and their experience. The Public Defender Agreement with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC was renegotiated for an additional two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for Indigent Defense Services with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC to the August 23, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes

- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010122GV Amendment #1 with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments**

City Clerk Palacios explained that each year, the City contracts with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments to provide technical assistance to staff regarding planning and land use applications. On January 25, 2022, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-02, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010122GV with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) in the amount of \$10,000. Due to the increased volume of land use applications being processed since January 2022 and contracting with YVCOG to facilitate the Council Retreat held on August 3, 2022, the City expended the original contract amount of \$10,000. The Council Retreat was budgeted and would be paid through ARPA funds. Staff recommended increasing the contract amount an additional \$20,000, bringing the total amount of the original contract to \$30,000.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010122GV Amendment #1 with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments to the September 13, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**E. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2022-02 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Source Well Improvements**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Grandview's source well capacity has declined from 5,420 gpm when originally constructed to 3,299 gpm in 2022. Well performance issues due to poor water quality and biofouling are primary causes of the drop in well capacity. The City applied for and received a \$3.5 million loan from the Department of Health (DOH) for the construction of a new well. Council approved the loan agreement with the Department of Health on April 26, 2022. The City has experienced a large amount of new residential construction and a decline in water production. Funding for construction of a new well was received from the DOH and Council also appropriated \$500,000 from the ARPA funding to help support the new well project. He presented Task Order No. 2022-02 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for the Source Well Improvements in the amount of \$15,000 for environmental, historical and cultural review, \$309,525 for design engineering, \$312,000 for construction engineering, \$96,525 for electrical design and programming, and \$57,750 for

hydrogeological services with a total fee for services in the amount of \$790,800.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Task Order No. 2022-02 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Source Well Improvements to the September 13, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**F. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2022-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Water Telemetry System Improvements**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that in 2022, Council approved \$500,000 from the ARPA appropriations to be used towards the upcoming well improvement project. One of the components of this project was the computerized telemetry system which helps operate the well motors and also helps monitor and maintain the appropriate water levels in the reservoirs. The Water Department has an outdated telemetry system that was considered obsolete because parts were no longer available. Staff was experiencing failures with the current system and at times have seen low water levels in the reservoirs. The current system was in need of replacement to insure the operations of a safe water system. He presented Task Order No. 2022-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for the Water Telemetry System Improvements. All work shall be performed on a time-spent basis at the normal hourly billing rates included in the General Agreement, plus reimbursement for non-salary expense, for the estimated total fee of \$8,800, broken down as follows:

HLA Project Administration/Management Services:	\$5,525.00
CEI Electrical Engineering and Programming Services:	<u>\$40,975.00</u>
Phase1.0 Total:	\$46,500.00

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Espinoza the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Task Order No. 2022-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Water Telemetry System Improvements to the September 13, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes

- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**G. Resolution declaring Police firearms as surplus and authorizing destruction of the firearms**

Police Chief Fuller explained that Grandview Police Department (GPD) acquired several firearms over the years that would fire more than one shot at a time when pulling the trigger. GPD currently has eight (8) such firearms. House Bill 1054 (passed by the House on April 23, 2021) now classifies these firearms as “military weapons.” HB1054 declares that these firearms must be destroyed prior to December 1, 2022. Four (4) of the firearms on this list were issued to officers. After their destruction the firearms would need to be replaced the following year. Rifles were an item on the Police Department’s capital items replacement list.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring Police firearms as surplus and authorizing destruction of the firearms to the September 13, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**H. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade**

Police Chief Fuller explained that the Police Department has the following vehicles which were no longer needed for the conduct of City business and were being recommended for surplus:

- 1996 Dodge Ambulance, VIN #1B6MC36W1TJ128563, License #40713D, (PD/9997)
- 2003 Ford Explorer, VIN: 1FMZU73K83ZB14857, License #71522D (PD/9999)
- 2007 Dodge Charger, VIN: 2B3KA43H27H758718, License #44100D, (PD210)
- 2008 Dodge Charger, VIN: 2B3KA43H78H199118, License #46522D, (PD/211)
- 2008 Dodge Charger, VIN: 2B3KA43H98H199119, License #46523D, (PD/212)

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Espinoza, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade to the September 13, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.**

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Mayor Gloria Mendoza

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk