

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 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 Jessie Espinoza (6:05), Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmember David Diaz

Absent: Councilmember Javier Rodriguez

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Vining with Grandview Mainstreet provided comments, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Jose Luis Vasquez, 201 Pleasant Avenue, Grandview, requested the City's assistance in locating a gym to rent for indoor soccer. Councilmember Diaz offered his assistance.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update

Fire Chief Mason explained that the Yakima County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was last updated in 2015. This was a County-wide plan that identified possible hazards that could occur throughout Yakima County. The plan then looks at how often that hazard could occur, identifies how significant of a problem those hazards could be and then identifies possible action plans to try and mitigate those hazards. The plan was supposed to be updated every 5 years. The Yakima Valley Emergency Management Office hired Integrated Solutions Consulting to lead the process of completing the 5-year plan update. They then invited all jurisdictions and fire districts in the County to participate in the update process. Participation in updating the plan means that the City of Grandview's hazards were identified and addressed in the plan. It also allowed the opportunity to use this information to improve the City's chances of receiving grants in the future if they become available to address any of these types of hazards. Chief Mason was participating in these meetings as a representative for the City of Grandview. The monthly meetings started in March and concluded this month with a draft plan. The draft plan was then forwarded to Washington State for review and then to FEMA for review. Once the draft plan was returned from FEMA and any concerns were addressed, the plan would be presented to Council in March or April of 2023 to be adopted by the City. This agenda item was for presentation

purposes only to make the Mayor and Council aware of what was being developed.

Discussion took place. No action was required at this time.

B. Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to sign a Specific Project Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the Grandview Fire Department and the Sunnyside Fire Department to share the services of a Sunnyside Fire Department employee

Fire Chief Mason explained that the Interlocal Agreement Among and Between City of Grandview, City of Mabton, City of Prosser and City of Sunnyside regarding the Cooperative Use of Facilities, Equipment and Personnel was agreed upon and signed into existence in November 2011. In “Section 4. Master Agreement”, the Interlocal Agreement allowed for the different cities to execute a “Specific Project Agreement” once approved by the appropriate legislative bodies and signed by the appropriate City Administrator/Managers. This Specific Project Agreement would allow us to share an employee and designate cost/fee. During the process of compiling and approving the 2022 Budget, Council approved the concept and funding for the Fire Department to pay for two part-time employees to oversee and implement the training programs and record keeping for the Fire Department. One of those two people would be a Sunnyside Fire Department employee and the other would be a part-time employee/contractor that would work in-house. The first step of implementing this program was partnering with the Sunnyside Fire Department. This part of the process was delayed due to staffing shortages in Sunnyside. They now have the staffing available and want to move this project forward. The revenues to do this project were included in the 2022 Budget in the EMS category.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to sign a Specific Project Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for the Grandview Fire Department and the Sunnyside Fire Department to share the services of a Sunnyside Fire Department employee to the October 25, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Fire Department as surplus and authorizing disposal

Fire Chief Mason explained that the Fire Department purchased a self-contained breathing apparatus air compressor in October 2005 through an Assistance to Firefighter’s Grant. The SCBA was a MSA Hypres #HP7000-NA6-E1 compressor, 6,000 PSI, Serial # 2A070501. The compressor has needed repairs over the years on multiple occasions, but overall has served the Fire Department well. The compressor broke down again in 2021. It was determined at that time that it was not financially feasible to repair. After discussions with Yakima County Fire District #5 (YCFD5), it was decided that YCFD5 would partner with the City to purchase a new compressor.

A new SCBA compressor was approved by Council last year and included in the 2022 budget. The new compressor was purchased, installed and operational. The old SCBA compressor needed to be surplus and disposed.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Espinoza, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution declaring certain City property from the Fire Department as surplus and authorizing disposal to the October 25, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D. Yakima County EMS Levy

Fire Chief Mason advised that a proposal to continue the countywide Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy would be on the November 2022 general election ballot. Yakima County voters first approved the EMS Levy in 1991 at 25-cents/\$1,000 of assessed property value. The Levy was renewed in 1995, 2001, & 2012. He provided the following facts regarding the EMS Levy:

- The purpose was to renew the current EMS Levy at a rate of 25-cents/\$1,000.
- Renewing the EMS Levy would ensure the continued level of emergency medical and trauma care by local fire departments throughout Yakima County.
- The law requires that EMS Levy funds could only be used for emergency medical care, medical training, and supplies to provide EMS and rescue operations.
- Fire departments throughout Yakima County respond to nearly 20,000 medical emergencies annually.
- The EMS Levy provides annual EMS training to firefighters.
- The total costs to certify our firefighters as Emergency Medical Technicians was paid using EMS Levy funds.
- EMS Levy funds also support the Yakima County Department of EMS, which provides training, continuing medical education, EMS certifications, quality assurance, and EMS system analyses throughout the County.

E. Resolution authorizing application to the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Board to help fund the Wine Country Road and McCreddie Road Roundabout Project

Mayor Mendoza recused herself as the chair as she owns commercial property that would benefit from the utility extension as part of the Wine Country Road and McCreddie Road Roundabout SIED application.

City Administrator Arteaga recommended that the City submit an application for a \$500,000 half loan half grant to the Yakima County Supporting Investment in Economic Development (SIED) Program. SIED provides assistance to municipalities with infrastructure funding to assist private development in order to help create growth and new jobs for the County. The application was to help with infrastructure improvements for the Wine Country Road and McCreddie Road

roundabout project.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution authorizing application to the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Board to help fund the Wine Country Road and McCreadie Road Roundabout Project to the October 11, 2022 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – 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 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk