

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 27, 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: None

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Parks and Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Vining, 1430 Wilson Hwy, Grandview, WA, Grandview MainStreet and Grandview Museum Board, provided comments, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Darren Still, 1211 NW Crescent, Sunnyside, WA, explained that his family owns property across the road from Bleyhl Farm Service and he thanked the Council for their consideration of extending utilities to the commercial properties to the north as part of the Wine Country Road and McCreadie Road roundabout project.

Dale Swager, 207 Jefferson Drive, Grandview, WA, thanked the Police Department for being a pleasure to work with. He questioned the homelessness that was taking place on East Wine Country Road entering the City.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Grandview School District and the City of Grandview regarding supervised afterschool activities for students**

Parks and Recreation Director Chronis explained that over the past several years, the City and School District have forged a strong partnership to promote afterschool activities for students. The programs include the Frenzy Friday program held at the Grandview Middle School on early release Fridays and currently the "Group Fun & Fitness" program held at the Grandview Community Center weekday afternoons/evening. This Interlocal Agreement would allow the Superintendent and City Administrator authorization to execute letters of understanding with respect to these programs. The programs encompassed in such letter agreements shall be

substantially similar to those that have operated in the past. The School District would reimburse the City \$8,500 per year for services rendered for the Frenzy Friday and \$10,000 per year for the community center programs.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Espinoza, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the Grandview School District and the City of Grandview regarding supervised afterschool activities for students 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 Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**B. 2022-2023 Marketing Plan – Sheri-Lou Creson, Account Manager, Field Group Marketing and Advertising**

Sheri-Lou Creson, Account Manager with Field Group Marketing and Advertising presented the 2022-2023 Marketing Plan.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. directed staff to negotiate a contract with Field Group Marketing and Advertising for the 2022-2023 Marketing Plan for consideration at the October 11, 2022 regular meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**C. Councilmember Mike Everett Resignation and Advertisement of Vacant Council Position**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Councilmember Mike Everett submitted a letter of resignation from his Council position effective September 20, 2022.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. accepted Councilmember Everett's resignation.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. directed staff to advertise for the vacant Council position with Declarations of Interest placed on the November 22<sup>nd</sup> regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – No
- Councilmember Souders – No

**D. Resolution accepting the bid for the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with American Rock Products**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that bids for the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project were opened on September 21, 2022. A total of three (3) bids were received with American Rock Products of Pasco, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$251,745.00. The low bid was approximately two (2) percent above the City Engineer's estimate of \$246,800.00.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid for the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with American Rock Products 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 Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. directed staff to prepare a budget amendment for the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project for consideration at the October 11, 2022 regular meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**E. Council Retreat Overview Report**

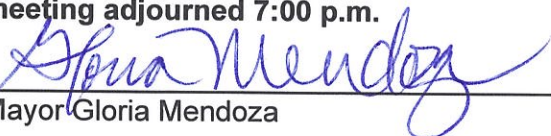
City Administrator Arteaga presented the Council Retreat Overview Report.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, 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

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In the Spring of 2021, I noticed a FB thread that got my attention. "There is nothing to do in Grandview". My personal reaction has always been, "What no litter, the food banks are full, all the elderly have clean yards, no weeds in the rose garden, and all the dog poop has been picked up in the city parks.

I know, not very helpful is it. So I asked on FB what would you like to see. An outpouring of about 75 unique ideas flooded in. While I was pondering on this the opportunity to form something called Mainstreet came along.

We started in following the National Mainstreet program and have arrived at what I will call a **proof of concept**. That is things can happen in Grandview by applying the proven concepts of the Mainstreet program and fiscal management.

Our mission is the revitalization of the downtown sector of Grandview. We enter the coming year with 12 strong monthly events. That's 12 days out of about 300 normal shopping days. But that is but  $\frac{1}{3}$ , 33% of the Mainstreet program.

As I continue, I recognize that ideas new to us are difficult to assimilate and make them our own. Here is what the Mainstreet Program calls for that we want you to know about. I ask for your careful consideration.

1. Historic preservation of buildings, while finding new and innovative uses. Why? People want to remember their special place. Grandview is that special place for thousands who live here and tens of thousands who once called it home. We are nostalgic for the place we call home. The place we love. This program has started with the Art in Windows project designed to reduce the empty feeling of vacant buildings, this is phase I, Phases II and III enter the realm of facade and building remodel.

We would like you the council to consider Mainstreet as the vehicle for bringing the private sector together for facade improvement. Our plans for a business matching grant program involve promotion of the present facade ordinance while helping business. This program requires businesses have some "skin in the game". They work with our team in designing the facade renewal, we help them find loans to carry out approved work, they apply for reimbursement for 50% of the completed work.

I understand the city has a proposal for undertaking a facade improvement program. I believe it would be to the benefit of Grandview Property owners for the City of Grandview and Mainstreet Grandview to partner in this effort. It may be instructive to consider how far available funds can be stretched by comparing the amount of both Staff costs and the costs of





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doing work at the mandated state prevailing wages to cost of Mainstreet staff and volunteers and businesses hiring contractors. I believe the difference to be substantial.

2 Is economic development, for this we are working to provide would be entrepreneurs with skills needed to develop sound business plans and matching them with funding sources. Included in our vision are incubator buildings for deserving business candidates.

You have witnessed the success of  $\frac{1}{3}$ , 33% of our program in our proof of concept year. Please consider working with us to initiate the remaining  $\frac{2}{3}$  or 66 % of the Mainstreet Program in Grandview.

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#### A Quick Word From the Museum

Last winter while reviewing the documents stored away from long gone rural ladies clubs, we found a play written around 1930 about 1910 and the Grandview District. The play written in longhand was delivered to the drama teacher at GHS in the hopes that the thespians of Grandview could one day present this short play.

It is to be, (or not to be) performed Saturday October 8, admission \$6.00

I think it important that you know your support of the Grandview Museum not only links the past to the present but also links youth to adults. I'd tell you more, but then you might not want to listen to me introduce the play. Hope you can make it to see our youth in action and the results of your good work is supporting the Grandview Museum.

