

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 25, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Moore 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 Pro Tem Moore and Councilmembers David Diaz, Jessie Espinoza and Joan Souders (6:05)

Present via teleconference: Councilmember Robert Ozuna

Absent: Mayor Gloria Mendoza and Councilmember Javier Rodriguez

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Grandview Chamber of Commerce – Cody Goepner with the Grandview Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the following:

- Grandtoberfest was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Downtown Trunk or Treat would be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the United Family Center and Grandview Rotary Club
- Cocoa & Carols would be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Community Awards and Auction
- Board of Director Elections would be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the General Membership Meeting and Social
- Grand opening/ribbon cutting for Hayden Homes at Pappy's Landing would be held on October 27<sup>th</sup>

Mainstreet Grandview – Laura Flores with Mainstreet Grandview Association provided an update on the following:

- Holiday Market would be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Casa Tequila and the downtown mural
- Mainstreet Grandview new website
- Board of Directors Elections would be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Juan Moreno Memorial Scholarship Foundation

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance levying the 2023 ad valor property taxes and excess levy taxes**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that pursuant to legislation RCW 84.52.020, the City's certification for the purpose of levying 2023 property taxes was to be filed with the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on or before November 30, 2022 or the City would receive no funding from this source. As a result of Referendum 47, the City would need to pass an ordinance

for the levy amount up to the full 101%. The regular levy request in the amount of \$1,789,542.00 was a \$113,307.00 increase from the 2022 levy amount and a 1% increase of that same 2022 levy amount, plus any amount allowed for new construction and increase in state assessed value. He presented an ordinance levying the 2023 ad valor property taxes and excess levy taxes.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Espinoza, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance levying the 2023 ad valor property taxes and excess levy taxes to the November 8, 2022 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**B. Ordinance increasing the 2023 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the “limit factor” up to 101 percent**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that as a result of Referendum 47, the City would also need to pass a second ordinance increasing the property tax levy to the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) as the City’s population was over 10,000.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Espinoza, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance increasing the 2023 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the “limit factor” up to 101 percent to the November 8, 2022 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**C. Small Business ARPA Grant Program – Request for Additional ARPA Funds**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that at the September 27, 2022 C.O.W. meeting, he reported that 32 small business ARPA grant applications had been received to date. He stated that Council previously allocated \$150,000 to fund 15 businesses in the amount of \$10,000 each. He suggested Council consider allocating additional ARPA funds to fund more grants. When the application closing date of October 10<sup>th</sup> arrived, the City received a total of 64 applications. Staff requested Council approve a second round of funding in the amount of \$200,000. This amount would go towards funding 40 additional businesses at \$5,000 each. If Council agreed with staff’s recommendation, a budget amendment would be prepared as follows:

- American Rescue Plan Act Fund: Increase appropriations for Small Business Grants. Net effect would be a decrease to estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved to approve an additional \$235,000 of ARPA funding to fund the remaining eligible ARPA Small Business Grant applicants and directed staff to prepare a budget amendment for consideration at a regular Council meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Laptops – City Treasurer Cordray reported that he received an email from Vision IT that several of the Council laptops had not been turned on for months. He recommended Councilmembers return their City issued laptops if they were not using them for use by City employees.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Espinoza, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.**

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Mayor Pro Tem Bill Moore

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk