

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the Committee-of-the-Whole (C.O.W.) 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, Laura Flores, Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmembers Jessie Espinoza and Bill Moore

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mainstreet Grandview – Alicia Fajardo, Mainstreet Grandview Executive Director, provided an update on Mainstreet Grandview’s 2023 calendar of events.

ARPA New Business Grant Recipient – Thania Labra with Juice Mae LLC was introduced as a new business grant recipient.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Housing Action Plan Update–Housing Needs Assessment – Byron Gumz, YVCOG Land Use Planning Manager

Byron Gumz, YVCOG Land Use Planning Manager, explained that the City has a Professional Service Contract with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) to develop a Housing Action Plan. The Housing Needs Assessment would help inform and guide the selection of actions to include in the Housing Action Plan. The Housing Needs Assessment provides an evaluation of current housing supply and housing needs in Grandview, across the full spectrum of household types and income levels. The data for this analysis was primarily from the United States Census Bureau, with some coming from the Washington State Office of Financial Management and Yakima County. That data would be combined with information gathered through community engagement to develop a Housing Action Plan for the City. The Housing Action Plan would identify goals and policies as well as opportunities to increase the housing supply and preferred types of housing based on community characteristics and anticipated needs. The key findings were:

- Vacancy rates were low.
- Housing prices have risen faster than household income.

- Households in Grandview were cost burdened.
- Low-income households were disproportionately affected.
- Workers were traveling long distances to their jobs in Grandview
- Grandview needs housing diversity.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

B. 2022 YVCOG Activities and Local Crime Lab Update – Vicki Baker, YVCOG Deputy Director

Vicki Baker, YVCOG Deputy Director, provided a summary of 2022 YVCOG activities and an update of the progress of the Local Crime Lab.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

5. RECESS & RECONVENE OF C.O.W. MEETING

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. recessed the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m., to reconvene following the regular Council meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, Council reconvened the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to discuss the following items at 8:25 p.m.

C. Resolution authorizing application to the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) Board to fund the Wine Country Road and Higgins Way Improvement Project

City Administrator Arteaga requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

D. ARPA New Business Grant

City Administrator Arteaga explained that in 2022, Council appropriated \$50,000 in ARPA funding to support five new business grants for anyone willing to either relocate and/or open a new business in Grandview. On March 16, 2023, the Council ARPA Committee met and reviewed the application from Cute Curvy Chely's Boutique. She was planning to take over a building lease from a current business located in the 200 block of Division to open her new store. She was currently working out of her home and the grant would help her meet her dream of owning her own store in Grandview.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. approved a \$10,000 new business grant request from Arasele Prieto to open the Cute Curvy Chely's Boutique in Grandview.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

6. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk