

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 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 Steve Barrientes, Laura Flores, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez (6:15) and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmember David Diaz

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Shafer, 309 Westridge Drive, Grandview, Washington, expressed concerns regarding the Mayor presenting a key to the City of Grandview to Marjon Beauchamp, copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution approving the City of Grandview Housing Action Plan

Present was Byron Gumz, Land Use Planning Manager with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments.

City Administrator Arteaga explained that on October 28, 2021, the Department of Commerce informed that the consortium of cities in the Yakima Valley region including Grandview, Toppenish, Union Gap, Wapato, Zillah and Tieton were awarded \$450,000 in grant funds for the 2021-23 Biennium to assist with increasing urban residential building capacity and streamlining regulations. The funding would support cities as they study their housing needs and develop strategies to meet those needs with a Housing Action Plan. At the November 23, 2021 meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 2021-48 authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between City of Union Gap, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments and the City of Grandview for the administration and development of a Housing Action Plan. At the January 25, 2022 meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-03 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Service Agreement with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments for the Housing Action Plan. At the March 28, 2023 and April 25, 2023 Committee-of-the-Whole meetings, Council held informal sessions on the development of the Housing Action Plan. The final draft of the Housing Action Plan was emailed to Council for review on August 3, 2023. The purpose of the Housing

Action Plan was to create a set of strategies and concrete steps to meet local housing needs.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving the City of Grandview Housing Action Plan to the September 12, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Yakima County District Court for Consolidated Probation Services

Present was Therese Murphy, District Court Administrator with the Yakima County District Courts.

City Clerk Palacios explained that the Grandview Municipal Court contracts with Yakima County District Court for court services. In the past, probation services was included in the court contract. In 2018, Yakima County District Court separated probation services from the court contract. The City entered into a separate four-year agreement with Yakima County District Court for probation services. On November 9, 2021, the Grandview Probation Services Agreement with Yakima County District Court was renewed for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. On July 17, 2023, the City received the attached letter from District Court Judge Alfred Schweete regarding the financial allocation of costs to the City for probation services provided by Yakima County District Court.

District Court Administrator Murphy explained that the agreement between the City and District Court Probation Services allows for a review of the cost assessed if it was determined that it was not adequate to cover the costs associated with supervision. At this time, the Probation Services requested a review to discuss the budgetary constraints that continue in Probation Services.

The actual cost of managing the City's probationers for 2021, 2022 and the expected cost for 2023 was as follows:

	Total <u>Actual Cost</u>	% of City <u>Cases</u>	City <u>Cost</u>
2021	\$1,542,760	2.02%	\$31,163.75
2022	\$1,591,963	4.22%	\$67,180.84
2023	\$1,677,044	4.45%	\$74,628.46

Revenue collected from the City probationers in 2021, 2022 and expected in 2023 was as follows:

	Revenue from <u>Probationers</u>	Revenue from City <u>Contract</u>	Total <u>Revenue</u>
2021	\$42,998.92	\$4,480.00	\$47,478.92
2022	\$32,744.11	\$3,920.00	\$36,664.11
2023	\$40,663.42	\$4,620.00	\$45,283.42

Revenue to cost comparison:

	Total <u>Revenue</u>	Total <u>Cost</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2021	\$47,478.92	\$31,163.75	\$16,315.17
2022	\$36,664.11	\$67,180.84	(\$30,516.73)
2023	\$45,283.42	\$74,628.46	(\$29,345.04)

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Yakima County District Court for Consolidated Probation Services to the September 12, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

C. Resolution accepting the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project as complete

City Administrator Arteaga explained that American Rock Products completed the construction of the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project. Staff recommended Council accept the project as complete once the requirements in the July 28, 2023 letter from HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., were satisfied.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the Dykstra Park and Rocky Ford Road Resurfacing Project as complete to the September 12, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-07 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Mike Bren Memorial Park Restrooms

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Task Order No. 2023-07 was originally approved by City Council by Resolution No. 2023-44 on July 11, 2023. The Task Order stated that HLA would provide comments on the plans created by Lower Valley Drafting and Design, specifications, and a bid package for the project in order to advertise for bids for construction. HLA provided comments on the project plans and specifications originally provided by Lower Valley Drafting and Design per the original Task Order. Per the City's request, this amendment was to add design engineering services to perform the required revisions to the bid documents. He presented Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-07 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Mike Bren Memorial Park Restroom with an estimated lump sum fee of \$33,000 (\$30,000 original fee plus \$3,000 for Amendment No. 1).

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Barrientes, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-07 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Mike Bren Memorial Park Restrooms to the September 12, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the City contracted with American Rock Products as the contractor for the West Fifth Street and Elm Street Resurfacing. Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$63,776.00 with American Rock Products was to add water taps and stubs which would allow for future water main improvements to be completed without cutting into the new asphalt on Elm Street.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing to the August 22, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

F. Ordinance amending the 2023 Annual Budget

City Treasurer Cordray explained that staff monitoring and review of fund and department budgets identified numerous budget accounts to be amended. An ordinance was prepared to provide for the amending of the 2023 Annual Budget to accommodate the changes in sources and uses. By Fund the highlights of the budget changes were:

- Current Expense Fund: Increased revenues for Contributions to Library – Legends grant. Increase appropriations for Legislative Travel and Library Operating & Office Supplies. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund: Increased appropriations for Council Chambers Sound System and New Small Business Grants. Decreased appropriations for School Resource Officer. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- TBD Fund: Increased appropriations for West Fifth and Elm Street Overlay. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Barrientes, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2023 Annual Budget to the August 22, 2023 regular meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

G. Wine Country/McCreadie Road Roundabout Construction Update and Center Island Improvement Presentation

Present was Stephen Hazzard, PE with HLA Engineering and Surveying, Inc.

City Engineer Hazzard presented the Wine Country Road Roundabout Update and Center Island

Treatment. He explained that HLA coordinated with HBB Landscape Architecture (HBB) regarding treatment options and design aspects the City desired in their roundabout center island which included exposed concrete, extruded curb, City of Grandview sign, low maintenance landscaping, fountain features with basalt columns and flagpole sizing and placement. Utilizing design input from the City and HLA, HBB prepared a design layout for the center island treatment of the roundabout featuring an illuminated flagpole in the center, surrounded by sectioned exposed aggregate concrete and rock mulch and additional illumination. A draft change order was sent to Culbert Construction on June 23, 2023, for their review and pricing and as of August 7, 2023, the City and HLA received the contractor's change order, but due to high prices HLA has requested additional information from the contractor to include pricing for a 80' flagpole rather than a 100' flagpole.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. directed staff to negotiate a final change order estimate with Culbert Construction for the Wine Country/McCreadie Road roundabout center island treatment.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

6. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Mayor Gloria Mendoza



Anita Palacios, City Clerk

Good evening, Madam Mayor, City Council,

My name is ...

On August 2nd, Non-Stop Local Yakima reported MarJon Beauchamp would be visiting Yakima for a series of events and celebrations, including community givebacks and giveaways. In the same report, it was announced that he would be receiving a key to the city from the mayor. Now, as you read the press release, with the event taking place in Yakima, one would assume the key was to the city of Yakima. However, in the days after the event, the residents of Grandview found out that the key to Grandview was awarded to Beauchamp instead of the key to Yakima. This was first reported by the Mayor of Grandview, Gloria Mendoza on her personal Facebook page and then spread through community groups on social media. Once the actions of our mayor were questioned, a civic conversation continued for several days in which hundreds of people questioned the actions and intent of our leadership presenting the key to the city to an individual that is neither from our community nor contributed to it in anyway. Because many of the comments got out of control, the post was removed, and citizens were encouraged to come to the City Council and address the issue head on. So, on behalf of the concerned citizens of Grandview, I am here to ask a few questions that were posed by them:

Why was the key to Grandview presented to an individual that is not from, nor contributed to the community of Grandview?

Were other individuals considered for this highly esteemed honor?

How was this decision made by our city's leadership? Was it the sole decision of the mayor or was it decided by the administration and/or the City Council?

Is there precedence for a such an honor in the long history of Grandview? And if not, what were the qualifying events that swayed the Council's decision to present this individual with this honor?

Also, in response to the negative feedback from the community of Grandview, the Mayor of Grandview says she was personally invited to the ceremony to present the key to Grandview to Mr. Beauchamp. With that information further questions came up including:

Was the Mayor invited in her capacity as Mayor to represent Grandview and present the key or was this a decision she made personally? Was this decision made with City Council's approval and if so, how do you justify these actions that clearly do not align with the voices of dissent in our community.

I recognize this is simply a moment for public comment, but I believe the citizens of Grandview deserve answers to these valid questions and would appreciate insight into this unprecedented event and the qualifications that tie the recipient to our great city of Grandview. Thank you.