

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was held in person and was also available via teleconference.

Present in person: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers Steve Barrientes, Laura Flores, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmember David Diaz

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council excused Councilmember Diaz from the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council approved the August 22, 2023 regular meeting agenda as amended to include the following item under Active Agenda:

- C. Resolution No. 2023-51 authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes

- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. **PRESENTATIONS** – None

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Shafer, 309 Westridge Drive, Grandview, Washington, continued to express 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.

Cody Goepfner, Valley Wide Cooperative, expressed concern with potholes and the wear and tear on Elm Street and Highland Road from the Wine Country/McCreadie Road Roundabout project detour route.

City Administrator Arteaga advised that Elm Street and Highland Road would be considered for a grind and overlay project as part of the City's annual street maintenance program.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- A. **Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting**
- B. **Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Council meeting**
- C. **Payroll Check Nos. 13416-13479 in the amount of \$145,672.23**
- D. **Payroll Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Nos. 61104-61110 in the amount of \$112,138.61**
- E. **Payroll Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Nos. 61117-61121 in the amount of \$98,094.36**
- F. **Payroll Direct Deposit 07/16/23-07/31/23 in the amount \$146,578.64**
- G. **Payroll Direct Deposit 08/01/23-08/15/23 in the amount \$132,423.71**
- H. **Claim Check Nos. 127000-127198 in the amount of \$1,013,642.19**

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. **ACTIVE AGENDA**

A. **Resolution No. 2023-50 authorizing the Mayor to sign a City Administrator Employment Agreement with Shane Fisher**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council approved Resolution No. 2023-50 authorizing the Mayor to sign a City Administrator Employment Agreement with Shane Fisher.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. **Ordinance No. 2023-15 amending the 2023 Annual Budget**

This item was previously discussed at the August 22, 2023 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council approved Ordinance No. 2023-15 amending the 2023 Annual Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. **Resolution No. 2023-51 authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing**

This item was previously discussed at the August 22, 2023 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Barrientes, Council approved Resolution No. 2023-51 authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS** – None

9. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS**

City Council Retreat – City Administrator Arteaga reported that the City Council Retreat would be held on August 28th and 29th at the Grandview Library.

Local Parks Maintenance Grant – City Administrator Arteaga reported that the City would be applying for a Local Parks Maintenance Grant through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The Washington State Legislature provided one-time funding to help local parks departments maintain their working facilities to meet the needs of their residents. This grant would focus on helping communities in need address maintenance backlogs for key local parks facilities and capital improvements. Grants could be used for general maintenance of things such as trails, restrooms, picnic sites, playgrounds, signs, and kiosks. The maximum grant amount was \$100,000 with no local match. Applications were due on September 18th.

10. **MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Mainstreet Grandview – Councilmember Laura Flores, Mainstreet Grandview Liaison, reported that the “Summer Heat” 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held this past weekend was well attended with 114 teams participating. The next downtown community event would be Grandview Days “Picoso Fiesta” to be held on September 15th & 16th.

“Together Grandview Can” Community Event – Mayor Mendoza reported that the “Together Grandview Can” (National Night Out) held on August 8th was well attended and congratulated the Grandview Police Department and the Grandview School District for organizing the event.

New Business ARPA Grant Ribbon Cuttings – Mayor Mendoza reported that on August 16th, the City participated in ribbon cuttings for three new business ARPA grantees: Garza Accounting, Juice Mae and Anthony’s Decals.

Back to School Shop with a Cop – Councilmember Souders reported that the Grandview Police Department participated in the “Back to School Shop with a Cop” funded by the Salvation Army.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 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.