

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ashley Lara 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.

A. Oaths of Office

City Attorney Plant administered the Oaths of Office to the following:

- Councilmember Steve Barrientes – Position 3 – 2-year unexpired term
- Councilmember Robert Ozuna – Position 4 – 4-year term
- Councilmember Bill Moore – Position 5 – 4-year term
- Councilmember David Diaz – Position 6 – 4-year term
- Councilmember Laura Flores – Position 7 - 4-year short/full term
- Mayor Ashley Lara – 4-year term

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Public Works Director Hector Mejia, Library Director Wendy Poteet and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Niemeyer, Vice President of Grandview Chamber of Commerce, provided the attached comments, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Joe Hoff, 501 Mohar Road, Grandview, Washington, provided comments regarding the LGBTQ+ Book Club at the Grandview Library.

Juanita Martinez, 111 Nicka Road, Grandview, Washington, provided comments regarding the LGBTQ+ Book Club at the Grandview Library.

Maria Rodriguez, CEO, Rural Community Development Resources, introduced herself.

Eva Gonzalez, newly elected Mayor of the City of Granger, introduced herself and expressed her desire for the cities to partner and collaborate with each other on future endeavors.

Melodie Smith, 502 Avenue H, Grandview, Washington, provided comments regarding the LGBTQ+ Book Club at the Grandview Library.

Ray Shafer, 309 Westridge Drive, Grandview, Washington, provided comments regarding the LGBTQ+ Book Club at the Grandview Library.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance authorizing the payment of claims or other obligations pursuant to RCW 35A.40.020

City Clerk Palacios explained that with the retirement of Cus Arteaga as City Administrator on December 15, 2023 and Gloria Mendoza's term as Mayor expired on December 31, 2023, it was necessary to remove them as individuals authorized to sign on the City of Grandview General Account for Payroll and Claim Checks. Shane Fisher was hired as City Administrator and Ashley Lara was elected Mayor and would be individuals authorized to sign on the City of Grandview General Account for Payroll and Claim Checks.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance authorizing the payment of claims or other obligations pursuant to RCW 35A.40.020 to the January 9, 2024 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing

Public Works Director Mejia explained that the City contracted with American Rock Products as the contractor for the West Fifth Street and Elm Street Resurfacing. Change Order No. 2 with American Rock Products was to add additional working days to the contract. The additional working days would account for the loss of working days caused by events that were out of the Contractor's control, such as the asphalt plant breaking down and an obsolete watermain size. There was no financial impact for this change order.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 with American Rock Products for the West Fifth and Elm Street Resurfacing to the January 9, 2024 regular

Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Resolution accepting the bid for the Wine Country Road and Higgins Way Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Interwest Construction, Inc.

Public Works Director Mejia explained that the City received funding from the Yakima County Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) program for potable water, storm water, roadway, and wastewater additions to a developing truck stop. This project would bring needed domestic water, sanitary sewer and public roadways to approximately 12 acres of land zoned as general commercial inside the City of Grandview City Limits.

Anticipated Project Schedule:

- Advertise for Bids: 11/29/23
- Bid Opening: 12/13/23
- Council Award: 01/09/24
- Start Construction: 02/26/24 (75 working days)
- Construction Completion: 06/10/24

Bids for the Wine Country Road and Higgins Way Improvements were opened on December 13, 2023. A total of six (6) bids were received with Interwest Construction, Inc., of Burlington, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$1,232,321.92.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid for the Wine Country Road and Higgins Way Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Interwest Construction, Inc., to the January 9, 2024 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

D. Resolution accepting the bid for the WWTP Influent Force Main Repair and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Alba's Excavating & Construction, Inc.

Public Works Director Mejia explained that the existing 24-inch force main was leaking at the steel pipe coupling connection to the plug valve at the influent headworks structure. The City installed a temporary patch on the pipe until a contractor could be found. Construction plans and contract documents were provided to the City in November for review. In December, HLA contacted local contractors for bids to complete the repair work. Bids for the WWTP Influent Force Main Repair were opened on December 13, 2023. A total of two (2) bids were received with Alba's Excavating & Construction, Inc., of Sunnyside, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$65,947.87.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid for the WWTP Influent Force Main Repair and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Alba's Excavating & Construction, Inc., to the January 9, 2024 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

E. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2024-01 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Wine Country Road Resurfacing from Euclid Street to Grandridge Road

Public Works Director Mejia explained that the City received Arterial Preservation Program (APP) funding from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIS) for the resurfacing of Wine Country Road from Euclid Street to Grandridge Road. Engineering design work would begin immediately following receipt of the executed Task Order. Construction was anticipated to occur in 2024. Task Order 2024-01 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., provided for professional engineering services for the Wine Country Road Resurfacing project in the amount of \$56,500 for design engineering and \$61,000 for construction engineering. HLA would provide a comprehensive civil engineering construction document package (plans, specifications, and engineer's estimate) for improvements to Wine Country Road. Services would also include advertising and bidding, recommendation of contract award to the lowest responsible bidder and engineering services during construction.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Barrientes, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved Resolution approving Task Order No. 2024-01 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Wine Country Road Resurfacing from Euclid Street to Grandridge Road to the January 23, 2024 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Barrientes, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Mayor Ashley Lara



Anita Palacios, City Clerk

City Mayor & Council~

My name is Monica Niemeyer and I am the Vice President of Chamber.

I wanted to introduce myself and say welcome to the new faces here and to a new year. ~~I also wanted~~ ^{Chamber would like} to thank the council for their support this last year and the ongoing support that Chamber has been working with Shane and Matt on with LTAC and ARPA funds. I believe the ARPA committee will be meeting in February and Chamber will be providing an activity report that will outline how we intended to use the items we have requested to purchase.

We are fortunate to have so many people wanting to be involved in our community's success and growth. Whether you're a city employee, a public servant, a volunteer, or you are being voluntold, we all do it with the mission for things to be better. We believe it can be better and we should continually be doing that together.

When many people sit at a table with an idea in mind hard conversations will no doubt come up; but they don't need to be conversation we avoid. I feel hard conversations simply mean that there are a lot of ideas to a solution. Getting through those conversations is how we build trust and respect, it creates the foundation we need for everyone to work together.

In the coming year Chamber looks forward to working with the City and the organizations in our community. We are dedicated to working together, having open communication, and contributing to our part to make conversations and action happen.

Thank you