

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2025**

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.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmembers Steve Barrientes and Javier Rodriguez

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Public Works Director John Simmons and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025-27 Capital Construction Budget Funding Announcement

State Representative Gloria Mendoza and State Representative Deb Manjarrez announced that the Washington State's 2025-27 Biennial Capital Budget included support for the City of Grandview (14th Legislative District), as follows:

- Grandview Police Center – \$550,000
- Grandview Splash Pad – \$108,000

The Public Safety Committee provided a PowerPoint presentation that focused on the need for a new police station in Grandview. The current facility, built in 1938, was outdated and no longer met the needs of the growing Police Department. Police Chief Fuller highlighted the need for a new facility, citing the increasing population and the need for more officers. The proposed new facility would be around 15,000 square feet and cost around \$12 million. He mentioned the need for a place for officers to work, as the current facility was inefficient. He noted the benefits of a new police station for the community, including improved public safety and crime reduction. City Administrator Fisher discussed the exploration of various properties for the new police station, with a focus on finding a suitable location. City Treasurer Cordray discussed the budget for the new police station, including a budget amendment requesting funds for the project.

B. Resolution accepting the bid for the Bonnieview Water Main Looping and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Ascent Foundation & More, LLC

Public Works Director Simmons explained that the City plans to install a new water main and service connections in Bonnieview Road. The project would also include repair and replacement of the existing sidewalk as necessary. HLA provided Task Order No. 2025-01 to the City on

January 14, 2025, and it was approved at the January 28th Council meeting. Bids for the Bonnieview Water Main Looping were opened on May 7, 2025. A total of three (3) bids were received with Ascent Foundation & More, LLC, of Cle Elum, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$164,175.12.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid for the Bonnieview Water Main Looping and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Ascent Foundation & More, LLC to the May 13, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

C. Ordinance amending the 2025 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 2025 Annual Budget to accommodate the changes in sources and uses. By Fund the highlights of the budget changes were:

- Current Expense Fund: Increase revenues for Utility Tax – Electricity. Increase appropriations for Legislative and Executive Administration Travel, Insurance Liability, Patrol Workman's Compensation, Flock Camera Maintenance, Fire Administration Advertising and Public Utility Services. Net effect is a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- SIED Loan – WCR/Higgins Fund: Increase revenues for Malhi Contribution. Increase appropriations for Loan Principal and Interest. Net effect is no change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Capital Improvement Fund: Increase revenues for Real Estate Excise Tax. Increase appropriations for New Police Department Building, EV Station Electrical Installation, Dykstra Restroom and Playground Fencing. Net effect is a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Water Fund: Decrease revenues for Malhi Contribution. Decrease appropriations for Loan Principal and Interest. Net effect is no change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Sewer Fund: Increase appropriations for Public Utility Services. Net effect is a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Solid Waste Fund: Increase appropriations for Operating Rentals & Leases and Public Utility Services. Net effect is a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Equipment Rental Fund: Increase appropriations for Insurance, Repairs & Maintenance and Machinery & Equipment. Net effect is a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the May 27, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement with Garrison Law Offices, Inc., P.S.

City Attorney Plant explained that the City contracts with the law firm of Beck and Phillips, PLLC, for indigent defense services. The current contract runs for a term of 18 months (1/1/2025 to 6/30/2026), and recites that “[t]he assignment of cases is expected to equate to approximately 450 cases over the term of the agreement,” or about 25 cases per month. Management of total case assignments was important because the Washington Supreme Court regulates the total number of cases indigent defense counsel could take in a given year. In early April, Jordan Beck notified the City that the number of cases assigned to Beck and Phillips, PLLC, during the first three months of 2025 exceeded the historical average and approximated 40 cases/month. The City investigated this issue and believes that these circumstances resulted, in part, from developments at the prosecuting attorney’s office that were likely temporary, and that the total number of case assignments was unlikely to remain high through the duration of the year. However, the City determined it would be appropriate to hire another indigent defense firm so as to ensure the number of cases handled by Beck and Phillips, PLLC, remains consistent with the contract estimate. Attorney Douglas Garrison of Garrison Law Offices, P.S., already contracts with the City to handle conflict indigent defense cases, and agreed to also provide non-conflict indigent defense services when needed. The City anticipates that the court would assign cases exceeding 25/month to Garrison Law Offices, P.S.

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- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes

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

E. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade

Police Chief Fuller explained that the Police Department has the following vehicle which was no longer needed for the conduct of City business and being recommended for surplus:

- 2003 Ford Expedition, VIN #1FMPU16L13LB33570, License #32793D, (PD/203)

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- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS – None

5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS – None

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk