

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 8, 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 Steve Barrientes, Laura Flores, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders (6:05)

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmember David Diaz

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

Also present was City Engineer Michael Uhlman with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution accepting the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements as complete**

City Engineer Uhlman explained that Culbert Construction, Inc., completed the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements. Staff recommended Council accept the project as complete once the requirements in the June 30, 2025 letter from HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., were satisfied.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the Old Inland Empire Highway Improvements as complete to the July 8, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**Vote:**

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

**B. Resolution accepting the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration project as complete**

Public Works Director Simmons explained that Puterbaugh General Construction Company, Inc., completed the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration project. Staff recommended Council accept the project as complete once the requirements in the June 30, 2025 letter from HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., were satisfied.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Barrientes, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration project as complete to the July 8, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Absent
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- 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: Increased revenues for NSF Checks Receivable. Increased appropriations for NSF Checks Remitted and Parks Maintenance Professional Services. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Transportation Benefit District Fund: Increased appropriations for WCR Sidewalk/Pathway/Park and Ride. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Capital Improvement Fund: Increased appropriations for Dykstra Park Restroom. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Sewer Fund: Increased appropriations for Sewer Collection Professional Services. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Barrientes, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the July 22, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Vote:

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

**D. Community Survey on Chickens**

City Administrator Fisher requested feedback on the Community Survey on Chickens before it was distributed to the public.

Council discussed the current status and potential changes to the City's ordinance regarding chickens. They agreed to proceed with a survey to gather public feedback, but emphasized the need to clarify that chickens cannot be kept as free-range animals and must be confined to pens. The Council also noted that while there were currently no complaints about chickens, noise from roosters was a potential concern. They decided to include information about the current code and purpose in the survey, and to consider adding questions about restrictions and enforcement capabilities.

**4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS – None**

**5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Public Safety Committee – Councilmember Ozuna reported that the Council met with a representative from U.S. Senator Patty Murray's Office on July 1, 2025 to discuss public safety funding.

Community Survey – Councilmember Ozuna reported that to date he has received 150 completed responses on the community survey, and plans to present results at the next Council meeting.

AWC Annual Conference – Mayor Lara, Councilmembers Diaz, Flores, Moore, Ozuna, Souders and City Administrator Fisher attended the AWC Annual Conference in Kennewick.

AWC Board of Directors – Mayor Lara was elected to the AWC Board of Directors.

Red, White and BBQ Community Event – Mayor Lara invited the Council and residents to attend the Red, White and Barbeque "free" community event on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Country Park which was made possible through ARPA funding and community partnerships.

K-9 Cash Meet and Greet – A meet and greet for the new K-9 Cash would be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Ashley Lara

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk