

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 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, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmember Steve Barrientes

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Public Works Director John Simmons, Police Chief Kal Fuller and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2025-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Water and Sewer Connection Charge Study**

Present on behalf of HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc., was Engineer Jacob Michael. He explained that connection fees were paid to the water and sewer funds to be used for future capital improvements within their respective funds. A connection fee was paid when a homeowner or contractor comes into pay for a water and sewer service connection. The City's current connection fee for water was \$110, and the connection fee for sewer was \$700. The City intends to complete connection charge studies for its domestic water and sanitary sewer utilities. The project would assess the short- and long-term financial needs of the water and sewer funds and provide recommendations on charge adjustments needed to match revenue demands. Task Order No. 2025-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., was to provide project management, domestic water connection charge evaluation, and sanitary sewer connection charge evaluation with an estimated total fee for services in the amount of \$35,000.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Task Order No. 2025-04 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for Water and Sewer Connection Charge Study to the June 10, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

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. 1 with Puterbaugh General Construction Company, Inc., for the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration**

Public Works Director Simmons explained that on April 9, 2025, City Council accepted the bid for the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration and authorized the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Puterbaugh General Construction Company, Inc. Due to unforeseen conditions, the City requested the following repairs to be included in the contract work for the Dykstra Park restroom restorations: The two (2) existing 2" floor drains were inoperable which required removal and replacement with new Z-415 drains and p-traps. The in-wall water lines running from the mechanical room to the wall behind the toilets and urinal were deteriorating and would need to be replaced with new copper lines from the new water service. The existing 1" PVC water line connected to the outside water fountain and mechanical room was leaking, which required 20 LF of new 1" PEX pipe, new isolation ball valve, and concrete pad to be poured around the new cast iron water box. The requested repairs would prevent near future failures and costly repairs incurred by the City. Change Order No. 1 with Puterbaugh General Construction Company, Inc., for the above-referenced repairs was in the amount of \$16,789.68.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with Puterbaugh General Construction Company, Inc., for the Dykstra Park Restroom Restoration to the June 10, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Vote:

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

**C. Planning Commission Appointments**

City Clerk Palacios explained that the Growth Management Act requires Yakima County and its cities and towns to update their comprehensive plans and development regulations every 10 years. The next "periodic update" must be completed by June 30, 2026, per RCW 36.70A.130(5)(c). The Planning Commission's role in the comprehensive plan periodic update was to participate in the update process, conduct information sharing and work study sessions; provide feedback; and make recommendations to the City Council to ensure that the comprehensive plan was updated in accordance with federal, state and local requirements. This

was an opportunity to revise population and employment growth targets with the most up to date data; review existing goals, policies, and regulations; and write new policies that reflect the priorities of the City. The City currently had two vacant positions on the Planning Commission. The following Planning Commission appointments were being presented by the Mayor to Council for confirmation:

- Gracie Sexton – Term 12/31/2028
- Brenda Shephard – Term 12/31/2029

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved the following Planning Commission appointments to the June 24, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration:**

- **Gracie Sexton – Term 12/31/2028**
- **Brenda Shephard – Term 12/31/2029**

Vote:

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

**D. Resolution approving an Arbitration Settlement Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 760**

City Attorney Plant explained that the City and Teamsters Local No. 760 (“Union”) negotiated a collective bargaining agreement covering 2022 through 2024. Under this agreement, covered employees were obligated to contribute 10% of their health insurance costs by way of a payroll deduction. In early January 2025, the City discovered that it had failed to deduct 10% of health insurance costs from these employees. The City demanded payment from these employees. This demand resulted in negotiations, a class action grievance, and more recently a demand for binding arbitration by the Union on behalf of these employees. The City determined that the cost of litigating the class action grievance in binding arbitration was likely to exceed the total of the unpaid health insurance contributions the City may recover if it prevails. For this reason, the City and the Union tentatively agreed, subject to City Council approval, to settle this matter, with the City withdrawing its demand for payment of the unpaid health insurance contributions and the Union agreeing to withdraw its class action grievance and arbitration demand.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving an Arbitration Settlement Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 760 to the June 10, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Vote:

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

**E. Lower Yakima Valley Pathway Responsibility and Maintenance**

City Administrator Fisher explained that he received a letter from the Lower Valley Yakima Trails and Recreational Pathway Foundation, who maintain the portion of the Lower Yakima Valley Pathway that was in Yakima County, requesting that the cities of Grandview and Sunnyside take over all pathway responsibilities and maintenance for the four miles of pathway that was in Yakima County. Currently, both cities maintain those sections of the Lower Yakima Valley Pathway that were within their respective city limits. He would assess maintenance costs and explore options for shared responsibility with the City of Sunnyside and report back to Council.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

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

City Administrator reports:

- Amphitheater painting completion
- Sensory playground and Dykstra Park irrigation troubleshooting
- Wastewater Treatment Plant fire update

Public Works Director reports:

- Street striping
- Bonnieview Water Main Looping road closure

Police Chief reports:

- Police Department Accreditation

**5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

2-1-1 Call Station – Councilmember Souders reported on the consolidation of 2-1-1 call stations in Washington State.

Summer Concert Series – Councilmember Souders reported that the Summer Concert Series continues this Thursday in the Amphitheater at Country Park.

Community Survey – Councilmember Ozuna reported that the community survey went live yesterday.

Public Safety Committee Update – Councilmember Ozuna reported that a meeting was scheduled with Senator Patty Murray’s office for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m., at City Hall to discuss congressional requests for public safety funding.

Grandview Cemetery – Councilmember Moore commended the Public Works Department on the cemetery grounds for Memorial Day.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

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Mayor Ashley Lara

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk