

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmember Steve Barrientes (6:05 pm)

Absent: Councilmembers Laura Flores and Robert Ozuna

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Fire Chief George Saenz and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planetary Marker – Grant Funding

The C.O.W. discussed funding options and design elements for the planetary marker project at Palacios Parkway that was presented by Trevor Macduff with Silas Education at the August 12, 2025 C.O.W. meeting.

According to an email dated August 13, 2025, Mr. Macduff suggested a series of sculptures leading from childhood through the journey of life culminating in a 'descent' into the underworld, depicting Hades/Pluto with a crystal cut to refract the sun as the actual scaled planet. Depending on the size of each, four (4) sculptures depicting the four (4) stages of life would cost approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 each, including signage. He suggested the City apply for a T-Mobile grant in the amount of \$50,000.

City Administrator Fisher noted that the Grandview School District and Grandview Rotary Club had indicated interest in partnering on the project.

The C.O.W. concurred to apply for a T-Mobile grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the planetary artwork project.

B. Resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 6 located on Grandridge Road

At the March 24, 2020 City Council meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-13 approving the Grandridge Estates Subdivision 227-lot preliminary plat. Following approval of the preliminary plat, the developer proceeded with the public infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates subject to the conditions as outlined in the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and per

Grandview Municipal Code Section 16.24 Design Standards and Section 16.28 Improvements. The public infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates – Phase 6 consisting of 28 lots have been completed to the City’s standards. The final plat map for Grandridge Estates – Phase 6 is attached for review and approval.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 6 located on Grandridge Road to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 6 located on Grandridge Road to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agency Agreement for Right-of-Way Services with Yakima County

The City needs to procure property to complete the required steps when constructing the new railroad crossing infrastructure. This process requires the City to hire a right-of-way (ROW) agent/agency to complete the market value analysis and ROW documents. Staff recommends the City enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Yakima County to act as the City’s ROW agent in the land procurement process. This process can take up to several months to complete. This would be a small piece of property that was currently owned by the Chevron gas station adjacent to Stover Road.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agency Agreement for Right-of-Way Services with Yakima County to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agency Agreement for Right-of-Way Services with Yakima County to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

D. Resolution authorizing the City to share the cost of a replacement transport-capable rescue vehicle with Yakima County Fire District #5

Currently, the Grandview Fire Department has a 1997 transport-capable rescue vehicle that needs to be replaced. The vehicle was purchased and put in service in 1997 for a cost of approximately \$130,000. This vehicle, also known as R-14, has a service life of 20-25 years. As of today, R-14 is in its 28th year of service. The frequent breakdowns and costs to keep this vehicle in service, not to mention the scarcity of replacement parts, was not sustainable. This fire service vehicle has come to the end of useful life and has served the citizens of Grandview very well, but it was now time for replacement. The City's partnership with Yakima County Fire District #5 has been a 50/50 split, historically, and the Fire District would like to keep that relationship for the procurement of this very important emergency vehicle. The cost to the City would be approximately \$250,000, plus applicable sales tax and delivery. The Equipment Rental Replacement (ERR) and EMS Funds have the necessary funds to pay for the City's portion of the vehicle. Using these funds to purchase a new vehicle would deplete the Fire Department's reserves in these funds. Please keep in mind, if approved and ordered, the vehicle would still need to be built, and delivery would not be for approximately two (2) years. The vehicle does not need to be paid for until delivery and inspection by staff, which would be in 2027. To support this purchase and replenish the ERR and EMS funds, staff recommends that the ambulance utility tax be increased in 2026 from the current rate of \$6.36 to \$7.95 per month. This was an annual increase of \$19.08 per household. To put the City's ambulance utility rates into context, surrounding communities were currently paying double of what Grandview's citizens are paying.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the City to share the cost of a replacement transport-capable rescue vehicle with Yakima County Fire District #5 to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the City to share the cost of a replacement transport-capable rescue vehicle with Yakima County Fire District #5 to the September 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Moore – Yes

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

E. Ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget

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 CJTC Grant – Officer Wellness, Contributions to Fire Department and Judgments and Settlements. Increase appropriations for Professional Services – Indigent Defense, Supplies to Fight Opioid Epidemic, Patrol Gym Equipment, Fire Suppression Uniforms & Clothing and Planning Professional Services. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Yakima Co. Law & Justice Tax Fund: Increased revenues for CJTC Grant - Accreditation, Contributions to Police Department and Insurance Claim Receipts. Increase appropriations for Regular Salaries and Wages, Drug Detection Dog Program and K-9 Vehicle. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Transportation Benefit District Fund: Increased appropriations for WCR Sidewalk/Pathway/PR project. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Water Fund: Increased appropriations for Office & Operating Supplies, Public Utility Services, Miscellaneous and Principal/Interest on Storage Reservoir loan. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Sewer Fund: Increased revenues for DOE Loans on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Increased appropriations for Higgins Way Sewer Improvements, OIE (Welch's) Sewer Improvements, Public Utility Services and Biosolids Disposal. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- Irrigation Fund: Increased appropriations for Regular Salaries & Wages and Public Utility Services. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the September 23, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the September 23, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Public Safety Committee Meeting – The Public Safety Committee met on August 29, 2025 with Richard Evans from U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell’s office regarding public safety funding and toured the Police Department facility.

5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

YVCOG General Membership Meeting – The YVCOG General Membership meeting would be held on September 17, 2025 at the Grandview Community Center.

Council Retreat – The Council Retreat was tentatively scheduled for September 25th. The Mayor and City Administrator would be meeting with a facilitator to review the draft 5-year strategic plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk