

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BUDGET  
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ashley Lara called the special 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.

Present in person: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers Steve Barrientes (6:35 p.m.), Laura Flores, Bill Moore, Robert Ozuna and Joan Souders (6:05 p.m.)

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmembers David Diaz and Javier Rodriguez

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Parks & Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis, Library Director Wendy Poteet and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**2. 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

City Treasurer Cordray continued the presentation of the 2026 preliminary budget.

**2026 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES**

**Current Expense Fund**

Senior Citizen Services

2025 Budget \$15,890

2026 Proposed \$16,180

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Recreation Services

2025 Budget \$148,640

2026 Proposed \$151,750

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Aquatics Services

2025 Budget \$141,210

2026 Proposed \$141,520

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Museum

2025 Budget \$42,280

2026 Proposed \$41,985

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

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Community Center

2025 Budget \$49,000

2026 Proposed \$47,500

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Library Services

2025 Budget \$319,980

2026 Proposed \$342,570

Notable Changes in 2026 –

- Federal funding ended for the OCLC bibliographic database, Yakima Valley College continues to pay half of the total cost each year. The overall cost went down after an account review was requested in 2024. Overall 25% decrease in state funds to libraries expected in the 2025 legislative budget.
- Yakima Valley College annual contribution remains at \$2500 for purchases of academic materials, though it was spent mostly on technology in the past years and was earmarked for technology needs in 2025.
- Depend on Friends of Grandview Library to pay for newspaper subscriptions to the Sunnyside Sun and Grandview Herald. Friends opted to no longer provide support to purchase subscriptions to the Yakima Herald and the Tri-Cities Herald.
- With an increase in programming and community partnerships, as well as choosing to keep the second Library Page position unfilled, the library's need for the creation of a full-time Programming and Outreach Specialist has become necessary to continue offering necessary services to our community. This would also allow us to expand hours to better fit the community's needs.
- Revenue was not consistent year to year.

Legislative Services – Council

2025 Budget \$70,840

2026 Proposed \$71,280

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Community Support Services

2025 Budget \$50,875

2026 Proposed \$58,575

Notable Changes in 2026 – Increase in Election Services was due to a larger number of candidates filing for office and more measures on the ballots.

Municipal Court Services

2025 Budget \$495,150

2026 Proposed \$548,150

Notable Changes in 2026 – Yakima County District Court costs increased from \$235,000 in 2025 to \$245,000 in 2026. Yakima County Probation Service costs increased from \$22,000 in 2025 to \$25,000 in 2026. Each year, the City pays the County a sum equal to the City's percentage of the County's budget. The percentage was determined based on a 4-year running average of the total District Court cases divided by the average number of City cases. For example: if the 4-year average of the District Court cases including Grandview was 10,000 and Grandview's portion 4-year average was 1,000 – the City pays the county 10% of the total budget for that year. The Public Defender compensation was a total fixed fee of \$205,000 through June 2026. The Public Defender Agreement reflected a caseload limit, the reimbursement of costs for investigators and

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experts, warranty of public defender and quarterly reporting requirements. In 2026, the City would budget \$2,000 per year for investigative services and \$5,000 per year for certified court interpreter services. The City also contracts with other defense attorneys in the case of public defender conflicts.

Executive Administration – Mayor & City Administrator

2025 Budget \$115,820

2026 Proposed \$114,980

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Clerk Services – City Clerk

2025 Budget \$48,610

2026 Proposed \$48,520

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Accounting Services – City Treasurer

2025 Budget \$186,450

2026 Proposed \$195,510

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Risk Management Services

2025 Budget \$305,100

2026 Proposed \$279,830

Notable Changes in 2026 – The City's liability assessment with WCIA decreased from \$260,156 in 2025 to \$250,243 in 2026. The assessment formula was based on two factors: worker hours multiplied by the assessment rate. The assessment rate was determined by an actuarial review of the City's last five years loss history and successful completion of WCIA's COMPACT requirements. Property, auto physical damage, boiler and machinery, and crime/fidelity coverages were also provided by WCIA. The property rate increased 1% from \$294,390 in 2025 to \$297,333 in 2026; auto physical damage rate increased 1% from \$39,622 in 2025 to \$40,018 in 2026; boiler and machinery rate increased 5% from \$6,196 in 2025 to \$6,505 in 2026; and crime/fidelity rate increased 5% from \$601 in 2025 to \$631 in 2026.

Legal Services

2025 Budget \$108,500

2026 Proposed \$114,700

Notable Changes in 2026 – The Police Officers-Sergeants and Police Dispatchers union agreements expire December 31, 2025. Funds were appropriated for union negotiations.

Human Resource Services

2025 Budget \$64,560

2026 Proposed \$64,470

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

General Facilities Services

2025 Budget \$54,210

2026 Proposed \$39,380

Notable Changes in 2026 – None

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Planning & Community Development Services

2025 Budget \$104,150  
2026 Proposed \$99,260  
Notable Changes in 2026 – None

Economic Development Services

2025 Budget \$41,000  
2026 Proposed \$36,510  
Notable Changes in 2026 – None

The next preliminary budget meeting would be held on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Flores, the special meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

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Mayor Ashley Lara

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk