

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 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

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, Public Works Utilities Supervisor Chris Foster, Library Director Wendy Poteet and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. New Employee Introduction – Chris Foster, Public Works Utilities Supervisor**

Chris Foster was introduced as the new Public Works Utilities Supervisor. He oversees the water, sewer, garbage and irrigation divisions.

**B. 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 Building Permits. Increased appropriations for PD Corrections Professional Services & Medical. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- Capital Improvement Fund: Increased revenues for Commerce Grant – New Police Department Building. Increased appropriations for New Police Department Building purchase of land. Net effect was no change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Solid Waste Fund: Increased appropriations for Tipping Fees. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Equipment Rental Fund: Increased appropriations for Fuel Consumed, Repairs & Maintenance and Machinery & Equipment. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the October 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Budget to the October 28, 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. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Public Works Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale, trade or disposal**

The Public Works Department has the following vehicle which was no longer needed for the conduct of City business and was being recommended for surplus:

- 2000 Peterbilt Garbage Truck, VIN #1NPZH8XXYD712115 (PW 379)

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution declaring certain City property from the Public Works Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale, trade or disposal to the October 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring certain City property from the Public Works Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale, trade or disposal to the October 28, 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

**D. Resolution amending Section 8.02 Vacation Accrual of the Personnel Policy Manual**

The City of Grandview's Personnel Policy Manual was adopted on May 5, 2008. The City Council adopted new vacation accruals for union personnel. Staff recommended Section 8.02 Vacation Accrual of the Personnel Policy Manual be amended so that vacation accruals were identical for union and non-union personnel.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution amending Section 8.02 Vacation Accrual of the Personnel Policy Manual to the October 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Barrientes, the C.O.W. moved a resolution amending Section 8.02 Vacation Accrual of the Personnel Policy Manual to the October 28, 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

**E. Ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 10.24.027 Speed Limit – Forsell Road**

Grandview Municipal Code Section 10.24.027 Speed limit – Forsell Road currently reads that the maximum speed limit on Forsell Road from 50 yards west of Wallace Way to Puterbaugh Road is 35 miles per hour. With the residential development of Pappy's Landing Phase 1 and 2 on the south side of Forsell Road and the 276-lot preliminary plat approval for Forrest Glen Subdivision on the north side of Forsell Road, staff recommended that the speed limit in that area be reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. The proposed language for the new ordinance would read: The maximum speed limit on Forsell Road from 50 yards west of Wallace Way to Puterbaugh Road is 25 miles per hour.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 10.24.027 Speed Limit – Forsell Road to the November 12, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 10.24.027 Speed Limit – Forsell Road to the November 12, 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

**F. Ordinance levying the 2026 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes**

Pursuant to legislation RCW 84.52.020, the City's certification for the purpose of levying 2026 property taxes was to be filed with the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on or before November 30, 2025 or the City would receive no funding from this source. As a result of Referendum 47, the City would need to pass an ordinance for the levy amount up to the full 101%. The regular levy request in the amount of \$2,105,000 was a \$120,000 increase from the 2025 levy amount and a 1% increase of that same 2025 levy amount, plus any amount allowed for new construction and increase in state assessed value. He presented an ordinance levying the 2025 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution an ordinance levying the 2026 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes to the November 12, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance levying the 2026 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes to the November 12, 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

**G. Ordinance increasing the 2026 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the "limit factor" up to 101 percent**

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution an ordinance increasing the 2026 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the "limit factor" up to 101 percent to the November 12, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance increasing the 2026 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the “limit factor” up to 101 percent to the November 12, 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

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

YVC Grandview Campus – Library Director Poteet introduced interim YVC Grandview Campus Assistant Dean Oscar Verduzco.

**5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Public Safety Committee – The Public Safety Committee provided updates on their efforts to raise funds for a new Police Department, including a follow-up meeting with representatives from the offices of Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Dan Newhouse on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., at City Hall. They were also planning a property dedication ceremony on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m., with legislators and local partners.

AWC Legislative Conference – The AWC Legislative Conference was scheduled for January 21-22 in Olympia. Councilmember Ozuna volunteered to coordinate meetings with legislators.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Ashley Lara

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk