

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 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, Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmembers Steve Barrientes and Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem)

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution adopting the City of Grandview Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan

Joseph Calhoun with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., presented the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan, which involves evaluating and improving ADA compliance for existing infrastructure. The plan includes identifying priority areas, creating maps of non-compliant facilities, and estimating costs for potential improvements. The City's Public Works Director would serve as the ADA compliance officer. The plan aims to help secure grant funding for improvements and provide a guidebook for prioritizing future projects. While there was no strict timeline for completing all improvements, the City must submit the plan to the state and make progress on identified deficiencies.

The project completed the Self-Assessment Data Collection and ADA Transition Plan to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life. The ADA Transition Plan was limited to the physical surfaces within the public right-of-way, which function as ADA routes, including all existing and missing sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, crosswalk pushbuttons, bicycle/multiuse paths, railroad crossings, public parking, access approaches to public buildings, and access to park facilities.

The initial draft ADA Transition Plan was completed for public comment. The draft was uploaded to the City webpage, and the public was invited to provide comments by November 14, 2025. The ADA Transition Plan was updated based on public comments and finalized for consideration by the City Council.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution adopting the City of Grandview Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution adopting the City of Grandview Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation Report and Transition Plan to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

B. Resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the Grandview Herald as the Official City Newspaper for the year 2026

RCW 35.23.352(7) provides that bids were required to secure the services of the official newspaper. Bids to serve as the Official City Newspaper for the year 2026 were opened on November 12, 2025. The City received two (2) bids from the Grandview Herald and Sunnyside Sun. The bids were as follows:

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Type of Publication</u>	<u>Rate (per column inch)</u>
Grandview Herald	Legal Notices	\$7.75
	Display Advertising	\$8.99
Sunnyside Sun	Legal Notices	\$10
	Display Advertising	\$11.50

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the Grandview Herald as the Official City Newspaper for the year 2026 to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid and authorizing the Grandview Herald as the Official City Newspaper for the year 2026 to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

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

C. Ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.010 setting domestic water rates

At the November 12, 2025 City Council meeting, Council approved Ordinance No. 2025-16 amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.010 setting domestic water rates for 2026. Inadvertently, the following section was removed from the ordinance:

C. The City shall pay hydrant rental at the following rate per year:

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<i>Hydrant rental</i>	<i>\$2,135.00</i>

and should be reinstated to read as follows:

C. The City of Grandview Fire Department shall pay the Water Department a hydrant rental fee for flow testing of fire hydrants at the following rate per year:

<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Rate</u>
<i>Hydrant rental</i>	<i>\$2,285.00</i>

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.010 setting domestic water rates to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Flores, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.010 setting domestic water rates to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

D. Resolution accepting the Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch) Sanitary Sewer Improvements as complete

C&E Trenching, LLC completed the Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch) Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Staff recommended Council accept the project as complete once the

requirements in the November 17, 2025 letter from HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., were satisfied.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a Resolution accepting the Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch) Sanitary Sewer Improvements as complete to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution accepting the Old Inland Empire Highway (Welch) Sanitary Sewer Improvements as complete to the November 25, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

E. Ordinance amending the City of Grandview 2026 non-union salary schedule

The 2026 preliminary budget included a 3.5% salary increase for non-union employees.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending the City of Grandview 2026 non-union salary schedule to the December 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Flores, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the City of Grandview 2026 non-union salary schedule to the December 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

F. Ordinance adopting the budget and confirming tax levies for revenue to carry on the government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026

During the months of September through November, there were numerous staff reviews, budget discussions and City Council special meetings regarding the 2026 preliminary budget.

Discussion took place.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an Ordinance adopting the budget and confirming tax levies for revenue to carry on the government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 to the December 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance adopting the budget and confirming tax levies for revenue to carry on the government for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 to the December 9, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

AWC Legislative Action Days – AWC Legislative Action Days registration and hotel reservations for the Mayor and Councilmembers have been completed.

Truck Plaza Grand Opening – It was noted that the Truck Plaza grand opening had been delayed beyond the December 3rd target date.

Retreat Summary – The retreat summary was still pending receipt. Staff would follow-up with Gina Hernandez regarding delivery of retreat summary and payment of invoice.

New Utility Rate and Tax Increases – Public information for the new utility rate and tax increases have been developed and distributed through social media and other media outlets. Staff acknowledged the need to communicate the new rates and taxes to the large industrial customers with plans to meet with those stakeholders.

TIB Grant Funding – The City was awarded grant funding from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for grind and overlay projects on Grandridge Road from Wine Country Road and West Fifth Street and West Fifth Street from Stassen Way to Grandridge Road. Those projects should be completed in the spring.

5. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – The Public Safety Committee provided an update on the upcoming site dedication ceremony for the future Police Department on December 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony would include a public event and a private lunch with legislators and congressional representatives. A flyer on the proposed Police Department was distributed and the website page was reviewed which included comprehensive information about the police station project. The website would be updated as project details change, and paper copies in English and Spanish would be made available at high-traffic locations like City Hall and Library. The Committee would focus on fundraising efforts now that they have all necessary materials and information about the project's location and costs.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk