

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

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, Ramona Garibay-Rios, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmembers Laura Flores and Javier Rodriguez

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, Assistant Police Chief Seth Bailey, Library Director Wendy Poteet and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Grandview for the Housing of Inmates

The City of Grandview and the City of Sunnyside enter into contracts for jail services. The contract was an Interlocal Agreement outlining the specifics regarding the treatment, costs and housing of inmates within Sunnyside jail. This agreement allows prisoners to be routinely housed in Sunnyside Jail. The yearly cost of housing was changed as needed through an addendum to the contract. The previously signed Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside remains the same. This Addendum represented an increase in per day rates from \$71.20 per day to \$78.91 per day.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Grandview for the Housing of Inmates to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sunnyside and the City of Grandview for the Housing of Inmates to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

B. Resolution declaring firearms as surplus and authorizing the sale or trade of said firearms to a federally licensed firearm dealer

About every ten years Grandview Police Department sells/trades department issued officer handguns and replaces them. The Police Department currently has handguns issued to all officers and spare handguns to use if needed in the future. Staff recommended the following police issued handguns be declared as surplus property and be sold/traded to a federally licensed firearm dealer for new handguns:

Handgun & Serial Number

Heckler and Koch USP compact: 29-095854
Heckler and Koch USP45: 25-135593
Heckler and Koch USP45: 25-135596
Heckler and Koch USP45: 25-135612
Heckler and Koch USP45: 25-135604
Heckler and Koch USP45: 25-105413

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution declaring firearms as surplus and authorizing the sale or trade of said firearms to a federally licensed firearm dealer to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring firearms as surplus and authorizing the sale or trade of said firearms to a federally licensed firearm dealer to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

C. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade

The Police Department has the following vehicle which was no longer needed for the conduct of City business and was being recommended for surplus: 2020 Ford Explorer, VIN #1FM5K8AC4LGA55503 (vehicle was involved in an accident on November 21, 2025 and was declared a total loss by the insurance company)

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction, sale or trade to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Partnership Agreement between LA County Library and the City of Grandview for One Book, One Coast Project

One Book, One Coast programs began in Seattle in 1998 and have since spread world-wide. In 2025, Seattle Public Libraries, Multnomah County Libraries, and LA County Libraries began discussing the feasibility of a “One Book, One Coast” program. After creating the framework, they began reaching out to other libraries in Washington, Oregon, and California to garner interest in the program, to which Grandview Library confirmed interest. For the inaugural event, the featured book would be *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei. Friends of Grandview Library offered to purchase a set of 5-10 copies of this book so patrons could have the opportunity to read it before the program concluded on May 31, 2026. As part of this agreement, Grandview Library would provide free marketing materials and free access to stream the live author event with Mr. Takei on May 31, 2026. As part of this agreement, Grandview Library commits to hosting at least one (1) One Book, One Coast event between April 1 and May 31, 2026 and to promote the event as a whole through the Library’s print and digital marketing channels.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Partnership

Agreement between LA County Library and the City of Grandview for One Book, One Coast Project to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Partnership Agreement between LA County Library and the City of Grandview for One Book, One Coast Project to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Grandview for Municipal Court Services

The City and Yakima County entered into a contract for Grandview Municipal Court Services on February 1, 2007. The contract has been renewed every five years. The last contract expired on December 31, 2025. Yakima County presented a new contract for Grandview Municipal Court Services effective January 31, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Grandview for Municipal Court Services to the February 10, 2026 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 Agreement between Yakima County and the City of Grandview for Municipal Court Services to the February 10, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent

- Councilmember Souders – Yes

F. Ordinance amending the 2026 Annual Budget

Staff monitoring and review of fund and department budgets during the first month of 2026 identified numerous budget accounts to be amended. An ordinance was prepared to provide for the amending of the 2026 Annual Budget to accommodate the changes in sources and uses. By Fund the highlights of the budget changes were:

- Current Expense Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increased revenues for DOJ COPS Grant, CJTC Grant – Officer Wellness and Contributions to Park. Increased appropriations for PD Patrol Insurance, Library Insurance, Parks Maintenance Insurance, Supplies to Fight Opioid Epidemic and Gym Equipment. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- American Rescue Plan Act Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increase revenues for City of Sunnyside Contribution. Increased appropriations for Pool Splash Pad and Grandview/Sunnyside Pathway. Net effect was no change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Yakima Co. Law & Justice Tax Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance with equal change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Street Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increased revenues for FHWA Grant - WCR Sidewalk and Pathway. Increased appropriations for WCR Sidewalk and Pathway project. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- Transportation Benefit District Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increased appropriations for Elm Watermain Roadway Expansion and WCR Sidewalk and Pathway projects. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Cemetery Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increased appropriations for New Cemetery Engineering. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- SIED Loan – WCR/Higgins Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance with equal change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Capital Improvement Fund: Reduction of estimated beginning fund balance. Increased revenues for Commerce Grant – New PD Building. Increase appropriations for New Police Department Building. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- E.M.S. Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance. Increased appropriations for Ambulance Service. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- Water Fund: Reduction of estimated beginning fund balance. Increased appropriations for New Well and decrease appropriations for New 3MG Reservoir. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.
- Sewer Fund: Reduction of estimated beginning fund balance. Increased revenues for DOE Loans – WWTP Improvements. Net effect was an increase in estimated ending fund balance.
- Irrigation Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance with equal change in estimated ending fund balance.
- Solid Waste Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance with equal change in estimated ending fund balance.

- Equipment Rental Fund: Increased estimated beginning fund balance with equal change in estimated ending fund balance.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending the 2026 Annual Budget to the February 24, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2026 Annual Budget to the February 24, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Absent
- Councilmember Garibay-Rios – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Absent
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

2025 Council Retreat Summary – The 2025 Council Retreat Summary was received and distributed to Council for review. The summary would be included on a future Council agenda for discussion.

Splash Pad – An update on the splash pad was provided. The location of the splash pad was changed to Dykstra Park due to the availability of restroom facilities in proximity to the splash pad per Department of Health requirements. Staff met with the contractor and a permit application would be submitted to the Department of Health next week.

Safe Routes to School Application – A Safe Routes to School application was being considered for sidewalk improvements on West Second Street by the Middle School.

6. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – The Public Safety Committee met with representatives from Congressman Dan Newhouse and Senator Maria Cantwell's offices on February 5th to discuss funding opportunities for the new Police Department. Senator Cantwell's direct congressional funding applications were due on March 8th. A meeting with Senator Patty Murray's office was scheduled for February 26th at 2 p.m., to also discuss funding opportunities. The Committee also learned about a potential \$1.9 million funding program through the Department of Commerce for pre-construction planning, with applications expected to open this spring.

Community Events – Mayor Lara provided an update on two upcoming community events: a May 30th evening hot air balloon rally called “Light Up the Valley – Grandview Balloon Rally” and a July 11th “Red, White and Balloon” event. These events would be in conjunction with the America’s 250 Celebration. She would begin community communication and volunteer recruitment for both events.

Flock Cameras – Positive feedback was noted on the Mayor’s recent Facebook post regarding immigration and the City’s stance on data sharing of Flock camera information.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk