

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 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, Laura Flores, Ramona Garibay-Rios, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Public Works Director John Simmons and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.015 connection to domestic water system – domestic water capital cost recovery fee; Section 13.28.020 – meter installation charges, and Section 13.28.100 – connection to public sewer system – fee

Currently, the City charges \$700.00 for a sewer connection fee and \$686.00 for a water connection fee. These fees have not been adjusted since 1997.

On April 14, 2026, City Staff and HLA Engineering presented options to increase the City's water and sewer connection fees for new service connections and residential developments. It was decided by Council that the City should use a 2-year phasing approach to increase the connection fees. This approach allows developers and builders time to adjust their budgets for the increase in building/permit fees.

The City proposed an adjustment to water and sewer connection fees to ensure the continued reliability, sustainability, and regulatory compliance of the City's utility systems. These one-time fees were charged to new development to help offset the cost of expanding infrastructure needed to serve growth.

Water Connection Fee

The 2-year phasing approach means the City would increase its water connection fee from \$686.00 to \$2,651.00 starting July 1, 2026. On July 1, 2027, the water connection fee would increase to \$2,987.00.

In addition to the connection fee, there would be a \$1,500 cost of the meter, piping, fittings and the installation of the water service.

Sewer Connection Fee

The 2-year phasing approach means the City would increase its sewer connection fee from \$680.00 to \$2,651.00 starting July 1, 2026. On July 1, 2027, the sewer connection fee would increase to \$4,622.00.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.015 connection to domestic water system – domestic water capital cost recovery fee; Section 13.28.020 – meter installation charges, and Section 13.28.100 – connection to public sewer system – fee to the April 28, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.28.015 connection to domestic water system – domestic water capital cost recovery fee; Section 13.28.020 – meter installation charges, and Section 13.28.100 – connection to public sewer system – fee to the April 28, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

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

B. Ordinance establishing an Unsung Hero Award Committee

At the April 14, 2026 C.O.W. meeting, Council reviewed plans for establishing an Unsung Hero program, including a committee structure with two Councilmember and three community members appointed by the City Council, along with criteria and scoring scales for award nominations. Next steps included finalizing committee appointments and developing a formal proposal for the award program.

Staff presented an ordinance establishing an Unsung Hero Award Committee. Additional items for Council consideration included: Does Council want to designate a meeting location? Does Council want to make the meetings open to the public?

Discussion took place. Council concurred that the committee members would serve 18-month terms. Committee meetings would be held quarterly at City Hall and would not be open to the public, though the award presentations would be held at Council meetings. The recognition would take the form of certificates. The name of the committee was also changed to “Unsung Hero

Committee.”

C. Master Fee Schedule

Staff presented a proposal to implement a Master Fee Schedule to streamline the process of reviewing and updating fees. The current system embeds fees in city ordinances, requiring ordinance amendments for any changes. The proposed new system would separate fees into a schedule adopted annually during the budget process, allowing for easier review and adjustment of fees without amending code sections. Council members expressed support for the idea, and staff agreed to bring back a sample format for further review in upcoming meetings. The discussion also touched on the need to update outdated code sections during the transition process.

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Splash Pad Project – The splash pad project was progressing with engineer stamp drawings pending approval from the Department of Health, expected within two weeks, with equipment ordered for end of May construction.

Park Vandalism – The Westside Park pickleball courts have been repaired after vandalism and were back in use, though the nets were damaged and had to be reassembled. There were also ongoing issues with vandalism at the Dykstra Park restroom. Repairs have been made and were back in use.

Sourcewell Improvements – The Willoughby well reservoir project was underway with five (5) weeks of painting planned.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid Opening – The Wastewater Treatment Plant bid opening for Phase 1 took place on April 23rd. Bids came in 8-10% higher than expected at \$16 million, with the team working to reduce scope to meet budget constraints.

6. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – The Public Safety Committee held a tour of the current police station with the new Grandview Herald reporter Sofia Sanchez.

Park Cameras and Lighting – Council discussed camera installations at parks as a deterrent against vandalism. Council also addressed park lighting issues, raising concerns about darkness in the park area near the pickleball courts. It was noted that the current purple lights were part of a Pacific Power program and were being gradually replaced as they develop issues.

Fire-Damaged Building – Council raised concerns about the appearance of a fire-damaged building downtown on West Second Street, suggesting the possibility of temporary plywood covering, though this would require working with private property owners due to insurance considerations.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk