

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 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, Police Chief Kal Fuller and City Clerk Anita Palacios

Also present: City Engineer Robert Scott with HLA Engineering and Landscaping Inc., and City Planner Byron Gumz with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2026 Legislative Session Update – Representative Gloria Mendoza**

Representative Gloria Mendoza provided an update on the 2026 legislative session, highlighting that despite being a short session, 780 bills were introduced in Washington State. She reported that District 14 successfully secured \$13.3 million in funding for various projects, including HVAC improvements for Finley School District and renovations for Wapato Public Safety Building and Granger's library. She also mentioned the passage of a bill to create an apple variety registry with Washington State University and noted that an income tax bill had been passed but was currently being disputed for constitutional reasons. She discussed the significant impact of the Climate Commitment Act on gas prices in Washington State, explaining that it adds \$1.47 per gallon and expressing concern about the act's transparency and its effect on pension funds.

**B. Climate Element – Community Assets & Hazards**

In follow-up to last meeting's recap of the Climate Element, the Council was asked to review the Planning Commission's recommended list of community assets and select one priority asset from each sector to guide development of goals, policies and implementation strategies within the Comprehensive Plan Climate Element.

Council selected priority community assets within each sector with the goal of focusing on fewer priority assets to create more efficient goals and policies for resilience.

The following were selected:

- Agriculture and Food Systems – grocery stores
- Buildings and Energy – educational facilities
- Cultural Resources and Practices – community gatherings (festivals, fairs, summer concert series, etc.)
- Economic Development – agricultural industries
- Ecosystems – Yakima River/Game Ponds near Wastewater Treatment Plant (Department of Fish and Wildlife managed)
- Emergency Management – emergency response (fire, police, etc.)
- Health and Well-being – parks and recreation
- Transportation – multimodal transportation
- Waste Management – wastewater treatment facilities (municipal domestic and industrial)
- Water Resources – drinking water supply (municipal and well)
- Zoning and Development – single and multi-family residences (residential densities)

Staff would prepare a resolution formalizing the priority community assets selected for Council consideration and begin developing goals and policies for these priority assets.

**C. Resolution accepting the bid for the Country Park Well – Well Pump and Control Building and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Apollo, Inc.**

Bids for the Country Park Well – Well Pump and Control Building were opened on May 14, 2026. A total of Six (6) bids were received with Apollo, Inc., of Kennewick, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$2,835,175.42.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution accepting the bid for the Country Park Well – Well Pump and Control Building and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Apollo, Inc. to the May 26, 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 accepting the bid for the Country Park Well – Well Pump and Control Building and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Apollo, Inc. to the May 12, 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

**D. Resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department Evidence Section as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction**

Property not held for evidence or held for 60 days or longer where the owner has not been located or fails to claim the property, may be disposed of in compliance with existing laws upon receipt of proper authorization for disposal. A notice of surplus property which lists all property to be surplus was presented to Council for approval. After Council approval, all property authorized for disposal would be sent to PropertyRoom.com (firearms through their Egunner.com service) for auction. Council has previously approved a contract with PropertyRoom.com for auction services. A list of surplus property and a list of 15 firearms from the Police Department Evidence Section for authorization of disposal through the online auction process with PropertyRoom.com. was presented for consideration.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department Evidence Section as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction to the May 26, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution declaring certain City property from the Police Department Evidence Section as surplus and authorizing disposal by public auction to the May 12, 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

**E. Resolution approving a contract amendment to the 2025/26 Public Defender Agreement with the Law Office of Beck & Phillips, PLLC**

The City contracts with Yakima County District Court for municipal court services. Under the terms of the Yakima County District Court contract, the City is to provide indigent defense services to indigent defendants.

The Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC, have requested an amendment to the 2025-26 City of Grandview Public Defender Agreement from May 26, 2026 through June 30, 2026, copy attached. Compensation for the amended agreement would include a total fixed-fee of \$205,000 payable in equal monthly installments plus additional compensation at a rate of \$180/hour.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution approving a contract amendment to the 2025/26 Public Defender Agreement with the Law Office of Beck & Phillips, PLLC to the May 26, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving a contract amendment to the 2025/26 Public Defender Agreement with the Law Office of Beck & Phillips, PLLC to the May 12, 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

**F. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for indigent defense services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC**

The City contracts with Yakima County District Court for municipal court services. Under the terms of the Yakima County District Court contract, the City is to provide indigent defense services to indigent defendants.

Staff and the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC, have negotiated a renewal of the Public Defender Agreement commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, copy attached. Compensation for the new agreement would include a total fixed-fee, as follows:

- July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027: 360 cases for \$167,400 paid in equal monthly installments. Cases in excess of 30/month shall, when possible, be referred to other defense counsel.
- July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028: 330 cases for \$167,400 paid in equal monthly installments. Cases in excess of 28/month shall, when possible, be referred to other defense counsel.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for indigent defense services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC to the May 26, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for indigent defense services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028 with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC to the May 12, 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

5. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS – None**

6. **MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

Public Safety Committee – The Public Safety Committee met on May 21<sup>st</sup> to review funding opportunities. They also met with ARC architects to discuss conceptual plans, cost estimates and rendering for the new public safety facility project.

Unsung Hero Committee – The Unsung Hero Committee would be presenting community member names for the committee for Council consideration at the next meeting.

Light Up the Valley – Grandview Night Glow – The Light Up the Valley night glow was scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> at Country Park. The event featuring a hot air balloon night glow was free to the public with gates opening at 6:30 p.m. The event would include food vendors, local school art displays, a band, and approximately five hot air balloons.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Garibay-Rios, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.**

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Mayor Ashley Lara

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk