

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ashley Lara called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was held in person and was also available via teleconference.

Present in person: Councilmembers Laura Flores, Ramona Garibay Rios, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Absent: Councilmember David Diaz

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council excused Councilmember Diaz from the meeting.

Vote:

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

Present via teleconference: Councilmember David Diaz (7:05 pm)

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

Also present: Ben Annen, President of HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lara led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Garibay Rios, Council approved the July 28, 2026 meeting agenda as presented.

Vote:

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

- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Retirement Award – Rick Asher, Public Works Maintenance Technician

Mayor Lara presented a Retirement Award to Rick Asher in honor of his retirement and in grateful appreciation for his 31 years of loyal and dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Grandview.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- A. Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting
- B. Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Council meeting
- C. Payroll Check Nos. 14970-14996 in the amount of \$121,338.51
- D. Payroll Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Nos. 61932-61936 in the amount of \$110,718.40
- E. Payroll Direct Deposit 07/01/2026-07/15/2026 in the amount of \$172,746.72
- F. Claim Check Nos. 133868-133953 in the amount of \$1,104,421.56

Vote:

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

7. ACTIVE AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council agreed to suspend the rules and dispose of the following items of a time-sensitive nature:

- **Resolution No. 2026-39 approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 located on Grandridge Road; and,**
- **Resolution No. 2026-41 accepting the bid for the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) Rehabilitation Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Coatings Unlimited, which were of an urgent and time-sensitive nature.**

Vote:

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

A. Resolution No. 2026-39 approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 located on Grandridge Road

At the March 24, 2020 City Council meeting, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-13 approving the Grandridge Estates Subdivision 227-lot preliminary plat. Following approval of the preliminary plat, the developer proceeded with the public infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates subject to the conditions as outlined in the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and per Grandview Municipal Code Section 16.24 Design Standards and Section 16.28 Improvements.

The public infrastructure improvements for Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 consisting of 31 lots was completed to the City's standards. The final plat map for Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 was presented for approval.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 located on Grandridge Road to the July 28, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, Council approved Resolution No. 2026-39 approving the final plat of Grandridge Estates – Phase 7 located on Grandridge Road.

Vote:

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

B. Resolution No. 2026-41 accepting the bid for the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) Rehabilitation Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Coatings Unlimited

The City plans to construct a new 3.0 MG Storage Reservoir, as identified in the 2021 Water System Plan (WSP), to improve system reliability and redundancy through expansion of potable water storage capacity. The project was funded with City reserves and loan proceeds from the Department of Health (DOH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

The existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) was planned for rehabilitation in 2026 using local funds only. Since opening bids for the new 3.0 MG Reservoir (East), the City had a surplus of DWSRF loan funding. Rehabilitation of the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) was approved by DWSRF for inclusion in the project loan scope, and design and construction engineering services were added by amendment.

Bids for the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) Rehabilitation Improvements were opened on July 15, 2026. A total of three (3) bids were received with Coatings Unlimited of Pasco, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$1,502,627.50.

Staff recommended the C.O.W. move a resolution accepting the bid for the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) Rehabilitation Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Coatings Unlimited to the July 28, 2026 regular Council meeting for consideration.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council approved Resolution No. 2026-41 accepting the bid for the existing 3.0 MG Reservoir (West) Rehabilitation Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Coatings Unlimited.

Vote:

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

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider August 11, 2026 C.O.W. & Council Meeting Cancellations to attend “Together Grandview Can” Community Event – August 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council cancelled the August 11, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole and Council meetings to attend the “Together Grandview Can” Community Event.

Vote:

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

B. Grandview Municipal Court Judge Appointment

Commissioner Eilmes was retiring and the Yakima County District Court Judges selected Lisa Eichler as his replacement. Her first day would be August 3, 2026.

On motion by Councilmember Garibay Rios, second by Councilmember Moore, Council confirmed the appointment of Lisa Eichler as a Grandview Municipal Court Judge in compliance with RCW 3.50.040 effective August 3, 2026 through January 13, 2029.

Vote:

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

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Council Retreat – Council reviewed plans for an upcoming retreat scheduled for August 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with discussions about whether to implement it in two phases and include quarterly check-ins to ensure accountability for established goals.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Homelessness Services – Councilmember Souders reported on homelessness services in Yakima County or lack thereof particularly in the Lower Valley. She advised that she was invited to sit on a search committee for a new Yakima County Human Services Director.

Benton County Mosquito Control – Councilmember Moore reported on the Benton County Mosquito Control Board meeting in which the Board received an update on mosquito counts, which were down, however, West Nile virus cases were up compared to last year.

Community Events – Council discussed upcoming community events including a karaoke evening scheduled for August 28th in partnership with the Princess Theater. Discussion included plans to issue an RFP for a fall or winter event, with consideration of a Day of the Dead event or a Hispanic Heritage event during National Hispanic Month (September 15 - October 15).

AWC District 4 Meeting – Mayor Lara advised that the City of Grandview would be hosting the AWC District 4 meeting on October 22nd.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk