GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ashley Lara called the special 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.

Present in person: Mayor Lara and Councilmembers David Diaz, Laura Flores, Ramona Garibay Rios, Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders (6:05 p.m.)

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Councilmember Bill Moore

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Parks & Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis, Library Director Wendy Poteet and City Clerk Anita Palacios

2. 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

City Treasurer Cordray began the 2027 preliminary budget discussion by providing an overview of the budget process and budget documents. He explained that the budget documents included revenue and expenditure budget worksheets, pie charts and program statements.

He noted that all expenditures included the following proposed employee salary increases:

- Public Works Union (settled) – 3.5%
- Police Sergeants & Patrol Union (unsettled) – 3.5%
- Police Dispatch Union (settled) – 3.5%
- Non-Union (to be determined by Council) – 3.5%

In addition, proposed utility rate increases for revenue projections would include the following:

- Water rate increase 4%
- Sewer rate increase 4%
- Irrigation rate increase 12% to cover SVID fee increases and variable frequency drive purchases
- Garbage rate increase 15% to cover Yakima County tipping fee increase of 45%

2027 Budget
Current Expense Revenues

Revenue Type	Amount	
Property Taxes	$2,235,000	26.3%
Sales Taxes	1,172,500	13.8%
Criminal Justice Tax	235,000	2.8%
City Utility Taxes	1,900,000	22.3%
Private Utility Taxes	1,755,000	20.6%
Other Taxes	4,500	0.1%
Licenses & Permits	413,500	4.9%
Intergovernmental Revenues	433,250	5.1%
Charges for Services	108,700	1.3%
Fines & Penalties	91,270	1.1%
Misc. & Other Revenue	157,530	1.9%
Total Revenue	$8,506,250	

2027 Budget
Current Expense Expenditures

Department/Services	Amount	
Police Department	$5 056,450	54.9%
Fire Department	767,610	8.3%
Library Services	427,060	4.6%
Parks & Recreation	665,310	7.2%
Senior & Community Center	64,890	0.7%
Court & Legal	721,850	7.8%
Risk Management	274,060	3.0%
Code Enforcement	47,700	0.5%
General Government	1,167,230	12.7%
Animal Control	17,750	0.2%
Graffiti Removal	4,420	0.0%
Total Expenditures	$9,214,330	

2027 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES
Current Expense Fund

Senior Citizen Services
2026 Budget $17,225
2027 Proposed $17,490
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Recreation Services
2026 Budget $159,410
2027 Proposed $163,150
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Aquatics Services
2026 Budget $142,700
2027 Proposed $141,010
Notable Changes in 2027 – Increase in supplies line item (31) for the purchase of pool filter assemblies.

Museum
2026 Budget $47,820
2027 Proposed $48,630
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Community Center
2026 Budget $47,500
2027 Proposed $47,400
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Library Services
2026 Budget $344,070
2027 Proposed $427,060
Notable Changes in 2027 –

- With an increase in programming and community partnerships, as well as choosing to keep the second Library Page position unfilled, the library's need for the creation of a full-time Library Programming and Outreach Specialist has become necessary to continue offering necessary services to our community. This would also allow us to expand hours to better fit community needs.
- Increase in travel costs for Library Director to attend ALA conference.
- Yakima Valley College annual contribution remains at $2500 for purchases of academic materials; it has, however, been spent mostly on technology in the past years and has already been earmarked for technology needs.
- Depend on Friends of Grandview Library to pay for newspaper subscriptions to the Sunnyside Sun and Grandview Herald.
- Revenue was not consistent year to year.

Legislative Services – Council
2026 Budget $84,280
2027 Proposed $87,450
Notable Changes in 2027 – City Council Retreat funding in the amount of $10,000

Community Support Services
2026 Budget $60,275
2027 Proposed $53,170
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Municipal Court Services
2026 Budget $623,150
2027 Proposed $608,150
Notable Changes in 2027 – Staff anticipates an increase in Yakima County District Court and Yakima County Probation Service costs for 2027. However, actual costs have not been received from the County. Each year, the City pays the County a sum equal to the City's percentage of the County's budget. The percentage was determined based on a 4-year running average of the total District Court cases divided by the average number of City cases. For example: if the 4-year average of the District Court cases including Grandview was 10,000 and Grandview's portion 4-year average was 1,000 – the City pays the county 10% of the total budget for that year.

The Public Defender Agreement with the Law Office of Beck and Phillips, PLLC, was renewed commencing July 1, 2026 through June 20, 2028. 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.

The Public Defender Agreement included reimbursement of costs for investigators and experts, warranty of public defender and quarterly reporting requirements. In 2027, the City would budget $2,000 per year for investigative services and $5,000 per year for certified court interpreter services. The City also contracts with other defense attorneys in the case of public defender conflicts.

Executive Administration – Mayor & City Administrator
2026 Budget $117,400
2027 Proposed $112,410
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Clerk Services – City Clerk
2026 Budget $48,740
2027 Proposed $50,480
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Accounting Services – City Treasurer
2026 Budget $256,010
2027 Proposed $270,660
Notable Changes in 2027 – Accounts Payable Clerk vacation and sick leave retirement cash out.

Risk Management Services
2026 Budget $304,830
2027 Proposed $274,060
Notable Changes in 2027 – The City's liability assessment with WCIA decreased from $250,243 in 2026 to $236,703 in 2027. The assessment formula was based on two factors: worker hours multiplied by the assessment rate. The assessment rate was determined by an actuarial review of the City's last five years loss history and successful completion of WCIA's COMPACT requirements. Property, physical damage, boiler and machinery, and crime/fidelity coverages

were also provided by WCIA. The 2027 property and auto physical damage rates both decreased by 10%. The boiler and machinery and the crime/fidelity rates both increased 5%.

Legal Services
2026 Budget $114,700
2027 Proposed $113,700
Notable Changes in 2027 – The Police Officers-Sergeants union agreement expired December 31, 2025. Funds were appropriated for ongoing union negotiations.

Human Resource Services
2026 Budget $64,690
2027 Proposed $65,930
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

General Facilities Services
2026 Budget $39,380
2027 Proposed $43,530
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Planning & Community Development Services
2026 Budget $99,480
2027 Proposed $101,120
Notable Changes in 2027 – None

Economic Development Services
2026 Budget $66,580
2027 Proposed $55,250
Notable Changes in 2027 – Community events in the amount of $20,000.

The next preliminary budget meeting would be held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Flores, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the special meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk