

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Norm Childress called the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Gaylord Brewer, Mike Everett, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Gloria Mendoza and Dennis McDonald.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Assistant Public Works Director Santos Trevino and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Beautification Commission Appointments**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Andrea Hendrickson, Lois Chilton and Sue Johnson submitted their resignations from the Beautification Commission. The following appointments were being presented by the Mayor to Council for confirmation:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
Beautification Commission	
• Hopie Villanueva-Guillen	12/31/2022
• Erika McGuiness	12/31/2022
• Trish Drollinger	12/31/2022

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Brewer, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved the Beautification Commission appointments of Hopie Villanueva-Guillen, Erika McGuiness and Trish Drollinger as recommended by the Mayor to the February 14, 2017 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Recreational Use Permit by and between the City of Grandview and the Lower Valley Cal Ripken League**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Washington Cities Insurance Authority strongly recommended that the City enter into Recreational Use Permits between those athletic organizations that were utilizing City owned recreational facilities to conduct their respective programs. He presented the Recreational Use Permit between the City and the Lower Valley Cal Ripken League for the 2017 season. The City Attorney reviewed and commented on the

document. Baseball League Coordinator Clint Adamson of the Lower Valley Cal Ripken League reviewed and signed the agreement.

Discussion took place.

Councilmember Brewer recommended the agreement be amended under paragraph 2(C) to provide that emergency response vehicles be allowed on the field or the grass at the Country Parks Events Center.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Recreational Use Permit by and between the City of Grandview and the Lower Valley Cal Ripken League, as amended, to the February 28, 2017 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Yakima County Fire District #12**

Fire Chief Mason explained that Council advised staff to move forward on the opportunity to secure a loan through the USDA to purchase a new fire truck to replace the 1995 E-One Pumper. Cooperative purchasing by multiple public agencies was allowed under the provisions of RCW 39.34 when a public agency, having executed a public bid process for specific materials, services or equipment, entered into an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with one or more public agencies desiring like equipment, material or services from the same contractor. Yakima County Fire District #12 purchased a similar pumper and agreed to enter into an agreement with the City. Yakima County Fire District #12 purchased a pumper in late 2015 after going through the public bid process. By entering into an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing it would create an opportunity for the City to decrease the amount of time it would take to move forward on this project which in turn would have the potential to help keep costs down. The process also allowed the City make some changes to the equipment that provided the City with a piece of equipment that was capable of meeting the needs of our community.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Yakima County Fire District #12 to the February 14, 2017 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Councilmember Brewer voted in opposition.

**D. Ordinance establishing a fund for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) separate from the Street Fund**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that at the January 24<sup>th</sup> C.O.W. meeting, staff proposed that the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) should be a separate fund and not be included within the Street Fund. This would allow for better accounting of the revenue and expenditures associated with the TBD. By Fund the highlights of the changes were:

- Street Fund: Reduce revenues and appropriations resulting in a decrease to estimated ending fund balance. The reserve would remain above Council's goal of 15 percent.

- TBD Fund: Increase in revenues and appropriations resulting in an increase to the estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance establishing a fund for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) separate from the Street Fund to a regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Jacob A. Lara**

City Clerk Palacios explained that the City contracts with Yakima County District Court for municipal court services. Under the terms of the contract, the City must provide indigent defense services to indigent defendants. In the event of a conflict with the current public defender, the City must also provide alternate counsel for indigent defendants. The City negotiated contract terms with Jacob A. Lara to provide conflict indigent defense counsel through December 31, 2018. The terms were identical to his previous agreement with the exception that Mr. Lara requested to add mileage from Yakima to Grandview at the current IRS rate as identified in paragraph 8.1 of the Public Defender Agreement.

Discussion took place.

Councilmember Everett expressed concern with the compensation per case being paid to Mr. Lara.

City Clerk Palacios concurred and advised that currently Mr. Lara was the only conflict public defender that the City was able to retain. Staff was in negotiations with two other attorneys interested in contracting with the City for conflict public defense.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Jacob A. Lara to the February 14, 2017 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**F. Resolution accepting the Olmstead Road Water Main Extension**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that during the fall of 2016, Statewide Development purchased the property located on Willoughby Road and McCreddie Road just north of I-82. The property was purchased with the intention of constructing a mini-storage facility. The developer was required to extend a new 12-inch water main in order to provide and meet the required fire flow requirements for the new facility. These improvements were paid for by Statewide Development. The improvements were designed by PLSA Engineering and the plans for construction were approved by the Public Works Director. The new water main extension meets all requirements of the City and was now operational. Statewide Development requested that the City accept ownership of the new water main extension and provided the appropriate record drawings identifying the entire scope of work (i.e., water main location, fire hydrants and blow out stations). In addition, this new water main extension would open up the possibility for future development east of Grandview.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the Olmstead Road Water Main Extension to a regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**G. Proposed Renaming of Stokely Square (Councilmember Brewer)**

City Administrator Arteaga explained during the 2015 Council Retreat, former Councilmember Jesse Palacios suggested the renaming of Stokely Square to “Freedom Square” in conjunction with the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> flag raising ceremony. During the 2016 Council Retreat, Councilmember Everett suggested renaming Stokely Square to “Bren Square” in recognition of former Mayor and Councilmember Mike Bren. To date, Council had not formally agreed on a name change. He explained that Councilmember Brewer requested that this item be placed on the February 14, 2017 C.O.W. agenda for further discussion.

Councilmember Brewer suggested that a committee be formed to provide recommended name changes to the Council for consideration.

Discussion took place.

Following discussion, the C.O.W. requested that the Beautification Commission recommend proposed name changes for Stokely Square.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Historical Markers – The C.O.W. requested that the Beautification Commission consider historical markers at various locations (i.e., the Rose Garden).

VFW Monument & Veteran Name Plates – City Administrator Arteaga recommended that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) monument and Veteran name plates located at the former VFW Post (132 Division Street) be relocated to a public park. The former VFW post located at 132 Division Street was closed and the property was sold to a private property owner. The relocation of the VFW monument and Veteran name plates to a public park would allow for the City to maintain it. The C.O.W. concurred and requested that the Beautification Commission consider alternate park locations for the VFW monument and Veteran name plates.

Social Media Policy – City Clerk Palacios reported that a draft social media policy would be presented at the February 28<sup>th</sup> C.O.W. meeting.

Yakima County Emergency Medical Services Levy – Mayor Childress reported that he serves as the Yakima Valley Mayor’s representative on the Yakima County Emergency Medical Services Board. At the last Board meeting, discussion took place regarding the formula utilized to distribute EMS levy funds to the various fire departments throughout Yakima County and whether the formula provided a fair and equitable distribution of funds. The formula consisted of three parts: assessed value, population, and EMS aid calls. He noted that the Board would be reviewing the formula.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The study session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk