

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

**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 Mike Everett, Dennis McDonald, Bill Moore and Javier Rodriguez.

Councilmember Joan Souders and Gloria Mendoza arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Absent was: Councilmember Gay Brewer.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, Council excused Councilmember Brewer from the meeting.**

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Police Chief Kal Fuller, Assistant Public Works Director Marty Groom, Library Director Elizabeth Jahnke, Fire Chief Pat Mason and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Henry Strom, Superintendent, Grandview School District – School Safety & Cooperation**

Henry Strom, Superintendent of the Grandview School District, discussed school safety and cooperation with the City, in particular with the Police Department. He explained the current safety issues and the procedures followed in the event of a lockdown (response to definite threat of harm); secure and teach (response to potential threat of harm); shelter in place (response to chemical/biological/radioactive event); evacuate (response to fire/internal threat); room clear (response to threat of danger in classroom); and drop-cover-hold (response to earthquake).

Discussion took place.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a joint meeting with the City Council and School Board be held to consider collaborative funding of an additional School Resource Officer.

**B. West Second/Hillcrest Intersection Improvements (Grandview Middle School) WSDOT 2018 City Safety Program Grant Application**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that at the January 22, 2018 and February 13, 2018 Council meetings, he reported that City and School District representatives were in discussions regarding a need for improvements at the West Second/Hillcrest intersection to improve

pedestrian safety and vehicle travel in front of the Middle School. New street lights at the intersection were ordered for installation to improve visibility. In addition, the School District also added additional crossing guards at the intersection during school hours. He advised that a funding opportunity was available through the Washington State Department of Transportation 2018 City Safety Program to provide grant funds for intersection, mid-block or corridor improvements based on crash history. In 2017, there were five vehicle/pedestrian accidents in this area. Applications were due on April 16th. The design of the project would require a 10% match with the City and School District sharing the cost depending on the recommended improvement. For example, a \$600,000 project would require approximately \$120,000 for design (with a 10% match) therefore 50% of that would cost each partner approximately \$6,000 each. If the application was awarded, construction would be funded at 100%. He presented three conceptual design options for improvements to West Second Street. He requested direction to apply for funding.

Discussion took place.

Following discussion, the C.O.W. directed the City Administrator to move forward and obtain a professional engineering design estimate and recommendation for improvements at the West Second/Hillcrest intersection.

**C. Police Department Additional Staffing Request**

Police Chief Fuller provided a powerpoint presentation regarding additional staffing requests for the Police Department. He discussed current staffing issues and budget considerations. He requested not to add a new officer position to the current staffing level, however, revisit the additional officer request during the 2019 preliminary budget. He noted that the Police Department would have another officer retirement in early 2019. He also requested to hire the 2019 replacement officer in June of 2018. He added that there was a good candidate on the current Civil Service eligibility list. He recommended that his budget figures be reviewed for accuracy and he be authorized to begin the hiring process.

Due to time constraints, Police Chief Fuller would be scheduled for a follow-up presentation to address his request.

**D. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with William Schuler III**

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. Currently, the City has only two attorneys, Daniel Polage and George Hansen, providing conflict indigent defense counsel. It would be in the best interest of the City to have more than two conflict indigent defense counsel contracts. The City received an inquiry from William Schuler III indicating his interest in taking conflict counsel appointments. The City negotiated contract terms with Mr. Schuler to provide conflict indigent defense counsel commencing March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$350 per case.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with William Schuler III to the March 13, 2018 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

**E. Draft Economic Development Brochure**

At the February 13, 2018 C.O.W. meeting, City Administrator Arteaga presented a draft economic development brochure for Council review and comment. Following the meeting, three Councilmembers requested input on the brochure. He recommended a committee be formed of Councilmember Everett, Mendoza and Souders and a meeting be scheduled for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss revisions.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk