

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 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 Dennis McDonald, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Councilmember Gay Brewer arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Gloria Mendoza arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Absent was: Councilmember Mike Everett.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Carpenter, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Gretchen Chronis and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Yakima County Development Association’s Strategic Plan 2019–2023

Jonathan Smith, Executive Director with the Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) presented YCDA’s strategic plan for 2019 through 2023 entitled “Case for Investment”, the 2017 annual report, and a summary of some of the key accomplishments from 2017. He requested the City of Grandview’s continued financial support and partnership with YCDA.

Jeff Louman, Past President of the YCDA Board of Directors, explained that YCDA plays an active role in recruiting new businesses to the Yakima Valley, assisting existing business growth, and administering the Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) program to finance job-creating public infrastructure.

Discussion took place.

B. Prosser Memorial Hospital EMS Ambulance Levy Proposition

At the February 27, 2018 Council meeting, Tyler Platt, Director of Emergency Services with the Prosser Memorial Hospital (PMH) requested the City’s support for Yakima County Proposition #1 that would allow PMH Medical Center’s Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Department to collect an EMS tax in the southeastern portion of Yakima County and the Cities of Grandview and Mabton for ambulance services. Due to time constraints, Council invited Mr. Platt to a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting for further discussion and consideration of the EMS levy proposition for ambulance services.

Mr. Platt distributed a 2018 Revenue Proposal for PMH Medical Center's Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He indicated that there were two options to fund ambulance services: (1) an EMS levy or (2) contract for services with the local fire department for either a fee or a percentage of their EMS tax levy. The Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services and local fire departments fund emergency medical services through a countywide EMS levy. A \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value was collected for this levy annually. The current levy was due to expire on December 31, 2023. In Yakima County, 88.5% of the EMS levy funds were distributed among 21 fire departments to provide a revenue source for equipment, supplies, staffing, facilities, etc. The other 11.5% was received by the Yakima County Department of EMS to provide training, etc. The Yakima County EMS levy does not fund ambulance services for the southeastern portion of Yakima County, Grandview and Mabton. PMH Medical Center was the primary EMS transporting agency for the southeastern portion of Yakima County, Grandview and Mabton. The PMH Medical Center's EMS department was operating at a \$672,000 deficit. The deficit was a result of changes in payment methodologies by the federal government, increasing expenses, and not capturing other revenue sources. In 2017, PMH EMS responded to 861 – 911 calls in Yakima County of which 549 were to the City of Grandview. Without a substantial and continued revenue source, PMH Medical Center may have to re-evaluate the automatic response to Yakima County which would result in delayed or no response from PMH EMS. In an effort to improve the financial deficit and continue to provide ambulance services to the southeastern portion of Yakima County, Grandview and Mabton, PMH Medical Center would like to explore increasing the existing tax levy or entering into a contract for services. The levy would provide a substantial reduction in the deficit and justify the existence of PMH EMS in Yakima County to the Benton County taxpayers. A contract would free up tax dollars for the local fire departments to explore increasing the EMS levy to supplement their agencies. If the taxpayers of southeastern Yakima County, Grandview and Mabton agreed to increase the existing EMS levy, the cost to a property valued at \$126,993 would be \$0.25 per \$1000 of assessed value or \$32.50 per year. A contract for services with the City of Grandview would be \$135,680 of the total revenues collected through an increase in the tax levy. In summary, PMH Medical Center's EMS department was operating at a financial deficit and ambulance services to the southeastern portion of Yakima County, Grandview and Mabton were being provided at no cost to those citizens.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Mendoza, the C.O.W. tabled discussion of the 2018 Revenue Proposal for PMH Medical Center's Emergency Medical Services to fund ambulance services to the April 24, 2018 C.O.W. meeting at 5:30 p.m.

C. Apollo Solutions Group Energy Savings Performance Contracting – Scott Lewis, Business Development Account Manager

Scott Lewis, Business Development Account Manager with Apollo Solutions Group (ASG) provided a presentation on energy savings performance contracting. He explained that performance contracts were guaranteed and could be self-funded through energy and operational cost savings derived from implementing proposed facility improvement measures, utility incentives and energy grants. To utilize these services, the City would enter into an Interagency Agreement (IAA) with the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). There would be no financial obligation at this step for using DES. The IAA would authorize Apollo as the

ESCO. Apollo would perform the preliminary energy audit at no cost to the City and provide a list of potential projects and their rough order of magnitude cost, savings, utility rebate incentives and the impact of a potential energy/solar grant.

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the staff was considering alternative energy options such as solar panels at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which could be funded through a DES grant.

Discussion took place.

Following discussion, the C.O.W. directed staff to present an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Enterprise Services at a future C.O.W. meeting for consideration.

D. Swimming pool splash pad preliminary cost estimate – Recreation & Conservation Office Grant

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter explained that staff was considering an application to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for a grant to fund the construction of a swimming pool splash pad. It was determined that the 30% match requirement for the RCO grant would be nearly \$170,000. The newest estimate showed a significant increase in the total project price tag, compared to what staff originally anticipated. He explained that it might not make sense to continue to pursue the RCO grant for this project if the City cannot meet the match requirement. In addition, grant requests for this funding cycle were due on May 1, 2018.

City Engineer Justin Bellamy with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., presented the updated project cost estimate based on a smaller splash pad size to fit the available space at the existing swimming pool facility. He also presented a copy of the equipment quote and drawings for reference. He explained that he had been asked by staff to provide assistance in preparing an RCO grant application to fund the proposed new splash pad facility at the existing municipal pool. RCO was a state agency that manages multiple grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities. The specific grant program the proposed swimming pool splash pad facility was eligible for was the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Grant funds from this program may be used for acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. This was a biennial funding program, so the next opportunity to apply for funds would be 2020. Average program funds were \$3 million biennially. The program match requirement was normally 50%, but this year the City was identified as an underserved area, so the required match for the City was reduced to 30% of the project cost. Matching dollars could include appropriations/cash; bonds; donations; other state, local or private grants; or City labor, equipment and materials. The maximum grant amount was \$500,000. The total estimated splash pad facility cost was \$560,000, which would require approximately \$170,000 in City matching funds and \$390,000 in grant funds. Pre-applications were due by May 1, 2018. Staff requested Council authorization to proceed with completion of the application. As part of the application, Council would need to adopt a resolution supporting the project and authorizing staff to complete the grant application, enter into a project agreement and administer the grant. The resolution also included recognition that grant matching fund availability must be certified before funding approval in 2019 and the City must commit to budgeting matching funds in support of the project. The resolution would have to be adopted before the application technical completion deadline in July 2018. Following submission of the grant application, a project presentation would be given to the program technical review and advisory committee between May 24-25, 2018. Following technical review, comments would be addressed and the

application would be resubmitted for consideration by July 13, 2018. The revised project application would be presented again to an evaluation team and a preliminary ranked list of projects would be announced in August 2018. The preliminary ranked list would be approved in October 2018. Pre-agreement documentation would be prepared and submitted by May 1, 2019. Funding agreements would be issued by RCO after July 1, 2019. Project funding would likely be available in the fall of 2019 for reimbursement of project costs.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. directed staff to continue design of the swimming pool splash pad and submission of an RCO grant with the City's local match not to exceed \$60,000.

Councilmember Brewer voted in opposition.

E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Recreational Use Permit by and between the City of Grandview and the Grandview Neptune Rotary Swim Team for the use of the swimming pool – 2018 Swim Team Program

Parks & Recreation Director Carpenter explained that Washington Cities Insurance Authority strongly recommends 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 a Recreational Use Permit between the City and the Grandview Neptune Rotary Swim Team for the 2018 season. The City Attorney reviewed the document. Swim Team President Carolyn Vining reviewed and signed the agreement

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Mendoza, 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 Grandview Neptune Rotary Swim Team for the use of the swimming pool – 2018 Swim Team Program to the April 24, 2018 regular Council meeting for consideration.

F. No parking on the south side of Fourth Street from Grandridge west to Avenue C

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled to the April 24, 2018 C.O.W. meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS – None

6. ADJOURNMENT

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk