

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 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 Gay Brewer, Dennis McDonald, Gloria Mendoza, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Councilmember Mike Everett arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Parks & Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Swimming Pool Splash Pad – Recreation & Conservation Office Grant**

Parks & Recreation Director Chronis explained that the initial grant application for the swimming pool splash pad was submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). A project PowerPoint presentation was delivered by staff and the City Engineer to the RCO Program Technical Review and Advisory Committee. The remaining application schedule included resubmittal of the revised application; resubmittal of the revised PowerPoint presentation; and an in-person presentation to the RCO Evaluation Team. It was determined the project was currently \$3,000 over budget and an additional \$4,500 would be needed to finish the application technical review process with RCO.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved the expenditure of \$7,500 for the completion of the swimming pool splash pad Recreation & Conservation Office Grant application and staff to prepare a budget amendment for consideration at the July 10, 2018 regular Council meeting.**

Councilmember Brewer voted in opposition.

**B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Troy Lee & Associates, Inc.**

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 three attorneys, Daniel Polage, George Hansen and William Shuler, providing conflict indigent defense counsel. On June 25, 2018, Mr. Schuler provided notice to terminate his contract with the City for conflict indigent defense services. It would be in the best interest of the City to have more than two conflict indigent defense counsel contracts. The City negotiated contract terms with Troy Lee & Associates, Inc., to provide conflict indigent defense counsel commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$90 per hour plus mileage.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, 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 Troy Lee & Associates, Inc., for consideration at the July 10, 2018 regular Council meeting.**

**C. Street Tree Removal Report**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that he received a request from the new business owner at 110 West Wine Country Road (former M&J Tavern) to remove the City street tree in front of his business due to it blocking his business and sign. The Grandview Design Standards adopted by Council following the downtown improvements included street trees to maintain a consistent street frontage throughout the downtown business core. He recommended Council not consider the removal of the street tree. He advised that the Public Works Department trimmed the tree and he distributed pictures of the trimmed tree.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alice Grant Learning Center Roof Replacement – City Administrator Arteaga distributed a memo and photos from Building Official Cory Taylor regarding the Alice Grant Learning Center roof replacement. His memo indicated that the current roofing materials were 20 year rated and had been in place for approximately 28 years. Upon his inspection of the building, he found no interior leaks. It was his opinion that the roof should be replaced for the following reasons:

- It was 8 years past the design life span for the roofing materials.
- Exterior components were starting to show excessive deterioration.
- Aging roofing materials become brittle and prone to failure. The next wind storm could tear off a large section of the roofing and cause more damage to the building roof.
- It would cost more to patch the damaged spots upon failure (weather permitting) and the entire roof would continue to be a problem.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

ADA Parking in the Downtown Business District – City Administrator distributed a memo regarding ADA parking in the Downtown Business District. He explained that at the June 24, 2018 Council meeting during the public comment period, Kathy Allen and Cherry Fairbanks requested Council reconsider the two-hour parking restriction within the Downtown Business District. They were part of the Novella Group which meets at one of the local restaurants for lunch and card socials. Some of the members have ADA parking permits and the two-hour restriction created a hardship because they needed to move their vehicle or face a potential

traffic violation citation. In addition, the walk to and from their vehicles could also be challenging just by itself. He explained that the two-hour parking restriction was requested by many of the businesses because of the limited parking spaces within this area. The two-hour parking restriction was only enforced when staffing was available. Most of the parking problems were contributed by employees from the downtown businesses. The City has received several requests for ADA parking spaces from other businesses within this area. Those requests were denied based on the fact that there was limited downtown parking and each ADA space location would eliminate approximately two spaces. In addition, once the City established a precedence of authorizing ADA spaces for businesses, the City would be required to continue to consider additional requests in the appearance of fairness. It was his understanding that the Novella Group had several members with ADA parking permits and one ADA space was not going to solve the parking issue. He provided the following suggestions for consideration to improve the parking problem in the downtown area:

- Reconsider and/or eliminate the two-hour parking restriction.
- Request that each business owner require and enforce their employees of not parking their vehicles within this area.
- Leave the two-hour restriction in place, but not enforce and/or monitor the cars for compliance.

He understood the sensitivity issue with this request and wanted to make the best decision for all users. He reminded Council that the City does not have unlimited parking and eliminating spaces would not help anyone. The best option, in his opinion was to eliminate the two-hour parking restriction throughout the Downtown Business District.

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor Norm Childress

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk