

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gloria Mendoza 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 Mendoza and Councilmembers Gay Brewer, David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore and Joan Souders.

Absent was Councilmember Javier Rodriguez.

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance permitting commercial/downtown business establishments to use public sidewalks as a seating area, and adding a new chapter to the Grandview Municipal Code entitled 12.10-Obstructing Streets and Sidewalks**

Mayor Mendoza recused herself from the discussion due to being the business owner of Casa de Vino.

City Administrator Arteaga explained that at the May 14, 2019 C.O.W. meeting, Humberto Rodriguez on behalf of the following downtown businesses: Casa de Vino, El Camprestre, Javi's Chicken, Casa Tequila and The Happy Watermelon, presented a formal request that the City grant permission to downtown restaurants/taverns/eateries the use of sidewalk seating. He explained that sidewalk usage would create a more approachable and engaging environment in the downtown corridor and better appeal to potential customers as well as offer an inviting atmosphere for economic growth in the community. The City would simply have to make sure businesses were following guidelines that would not cause the City to violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. He presented a sample ordinance from the City of Prosser. Following his presentation, the C.O.W. directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance providing for sidewalk use by downtown establishments for consideration at the May 28, 2019 C.O.W. meeting. A draft ordinance was presented at the May 28, 2019 meeting and following discussion, the C.O.W. tabled the ordinance and directed staff to research a fee, permit application and enforcement. The following cities have sidewalk use permit fees: Prosser \$50, Sunnyside \$200 and Yakima \$50. Staff recommended the City of Grandview implement a \$50 permit fee. Also presented was a draft application. In addition, the City Attorney revised the ordinance to provide for enforcement.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance permitting commercial/downtown business establishments to use public sidewalks as a seating area, and adding a new chapter to the Grandview Municipal Code entitled 12.10-Obstructing Streets and Sidewalks to the June 25, 2019 Council meeting for consideration.**

Councilmember Brewer voted in opposition.

**B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Benton County**

Fire Chief Mason explained that in June 2013, Council agreed to enter into an agreement with Benton County to allow them to be a provider of maintenance for city vehicles. Benton County was the only Certified Emergency Vehicle Technicians in the local area. The Fire Department used this provider on several occasions to provide maintenance on their vehicles since entering into the agreement. He was recently approached by the Benton County Department of Public Works with a request to renew the agreement. The current agreement expired December 31, 2018. The new agreement would be for 2019 and 2020. The agreement was reviewed by the City Attorney Plant. The 2019 rates would be \$118.45 per hour plus parts. The hourly rates for 2020 would be set by the Board of Benton County Commissioners in January of 2020, so they were not spelled out in the agreement.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. tabled the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Benton County to the July 9, 2019 C.O.W. meeting for further consideration and directed the Fire Chief to explore alternative providers.**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

On-Street Semi-Truck Loading/Unloading – City Administrator Arteaga requested clarification on a previous request to restrict loading/unloading of semi-trucks which were parked on the street. He indicated there was some concern expressed by a councilmember regarding semi-trucks parking on West Fifth Street loading/unloading wine from the Ste. Michelle Winery. He provided photos of other semi-trucks loading/unloading on City right-of-way. He indicated that if Council wanted to restrict on-street loading/unloading that it should be done city-wide.

Discussion took place and no action was taken and/or recommended.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Gloria Mendoza

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk