

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2020**

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, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2020-Grandview-00007 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Grandview for the Grandview Stormwater Improvements

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the City through annexation became responsible for several existing stormwater conveyance systems from Yakima County. These systems were located at Larson Street, West Fifth Street and Butternut Road. The existing stormwater systems included a series of catch basins and storm drainage piping to direct collected stormwater to existing irrigation infrastructure. The irrigation conveyance system was owned and operated by Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID). This project would improve water quality in the SVID drain and the Yakima River through the design of a manufactured treatment device, bio-swale, or an underground injection control well (UIC) at three separate drainage basins in the City. This project would reduce total suspended sediment and increase stormwater infiltration. Additional benefits of this project included separation of stormwater and irrigation water. The City applied for and was awarded a Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance grant from the State of Washington Department of Ecology to fund the Grandview Stormwater Improvements.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2020-Grandview-00007 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Grandview for the Grandview Stormwater Improvements to the January 28, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner Services with Gary M. Cuillier

City Clerk Palacios explained that pursuant to Grandview Municipal Code Section 2.50, the City contracted with Gary M. Cuillier for professional hearing examiner services since January 15, 2008. The current contract expired December 31, 2019. Mr. Cuillier agreed to continuation of the contract for professional hearing examiner services. He requested an increase in his hourly compensation from \$140 to \$155 per hour. His compensation had not been increased since 2008. Staff recommended Council consider continuation of the contract for Hearing Examiner Services with Mr. Cuillier effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract for Hearing Examiner Services with Gary M. Cuillier to the January 28, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010120GV with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

City Clerk Palacios explained that each year, the City contracts with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) for technical assistance to include planning activities and grant applications on an as needed basis as requested by the City. YVCOG has the expertise and capability of assisting the City with planning activities and projects. The maximum amount of compensation and reimbursement to be paid by the City to YVCOG under this Technical Assistance Contract was \$5,000. When assistance was requested by the City, YVCOG prepares a scope of work and cost estimate. YVCOG invoices the City based upon actual expenses incurred. This amount was appropriated in the 2020 planning budget under professional services.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Technical Assistance Contract No. 010120GV with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments to the January 28, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.

D. Hotel/Motel Taxes to Chamber of Commerce

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the City received the accounting of the Chamber of Commerce's 2019 tourism expenditures of the Hotel/Motel taxes remitted in and prior to 2019. Review of the expenditures included cancelled checks written on the Chamber's account and corresponding invoices for services or materials. The 2019 expenses claimed by the Chamber were \$3,248.28. City of Grandview Resolution No. 87-15, paragraph 3 Records states "*The Chamber shall keep and provide all copies of any and all records, receipts, lists, descriptions and itemizations of expenses involved in the Chamber's activities in promoting and advertising the City of Grandview and encouraging tourism expansion upon request by the City.*" There was sufficient evidence of invoice support for all checks written on the tourism account. Expenses for 2019 were consistent with recent prior years. Based on review of the Chamber records, the Chamber was due the Hotel/Motel Taxes receipted by the City during 2019. That amount was \$2,453.26, to be

processed by a Treasurer's check after Council's approval at the January 14, 2020 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Discussion took place

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Brewer, the C.O.W approved the hotel/motel tax payment to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,453.26.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Retail Recruitment – City Administrator Arteaga reported that retail recruitment efforts continue and Casey Kidd would be visiting Grandview this spring to update Council on his contacts.

Council Training – City Administrator Arteaga reported that the following training would be scheduled with the Law Firm of Menke Jackson Beyer:

- Mayor/Council to receive updated land use training. A land use training session with Ken Harper would be scheduled. This training would be important because of new land use proposals (e.g., annexations, rezones, developments, etc.) in the near future.
- Mayor/Council to participate in parliamentary procedure training in order to demonstrate professionalism and leadership when new developers and/or citizens attend Council meetings.
- Councilmembers were policy makers and a training session with Tony Menke would be scheduled to provide training on how to interact with City employees, the public and how to address one another in a professional setting.

Water Sample Nitrate Violations – City Administrator Arteaga reported that water samples collected on January 6, 2020 and January 8, 2020 showed nitrate levels in the wells and portions of the distribution system that exceeded the State Board of Health standard of 10.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The Olmstead Wells (S07 and S16) with the nitrate contamination were turned off and no longer supplying water to consumers. Water samples collected on January 10, 2020 from all active wells serving the City showed nitrate levels at or below 5.0 mg/L. The City and the Washington State Department of Health would be reviewing the nitrate blending procedures, which included the sampling, tracking, and reporting requirements, for the Olmstead Wells (S07 and S16). The City chose to blend the water from these two wells to reduce the nitrate level being supplied to its residents.

Washington State Legislature – Councilmember Souders reported that she visited the Washington State Legislature and met with 15th District Legislative representatives.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk