

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The Council Chambers was open to the public. To ensure compliance with the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines, and the Governor's Proclamation #20-07 for social distancing, the Council, staff and public were encouraged to participate remotely by telephone.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present in person: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present by telephone: Councilmembers Gay Brewer, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings and City Attorney Quinn Plant

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Fire Chief Pat Mason, Parks & Recreation Director Gretchen Chronis and City Clerk Anita Palacios

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2020 Pool Operation**

Parks and Recreation Director Chronis explained that swim pool preparation would begin in April with the recruitment of staff and pool maintenance would begin in May with programs commencing on June 1 with Swim Team activities. Due to recent restrictions and public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the following important factors would need to be considered regarding the 2020 pool operation before a final decision was made:

- The Governor's Proclamation continued to prohibit public and private gatherings and multi-person activities for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, regardless of the number of people involved.
- The current social and physical distancing requirements could not be enforced in a public pool setting.
- Staffing level for the 2020 season would be reduced to 50%. Reserve guard recruitment was on hold because there were no current lifeguarding courses available. In an effort to give current lifeguards an opportunity to seek alternate summer employment, they would need to be notified as soon as possible.
- The Swim Team organization would generate group gatherings of 50-200 individuals for practices and swim meets and was considered to be a sports team (such activities were currently prohibited). Their organization would need to be notified promptly for planning purposes.
- The swim lesson program attracts groups of 50 or more when operating at a full staffing level.

- Consideration must be given to the level of comfort that staff members would have when potentially being faced with direct contact with a pool patron during a lifesaving emergency.
- Contact was made with the Yakima Health District to seek input and/or recommendations for municipal pool operations. They would provide updated information as it becomes available.
- The Cities of Ephrata and Manson were the first to announce pool closures for this season. The City of Wenatchee would be announcing the closure of their pool facility on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Neighboring cities were considering delayed openings contingent on the timeframes for the proposed phases. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Cities of Toppenish and Sunnyside announced the closure of their pool facilities.

She recommended Council consider and authorize staff to postpone or cancel the 2020 swim season for the following reasons:

- There was much uncertainty as to what restrictions were ahead after the May 31<sup>st</sup> "Stay at Home" order was lifted.
- Confident that social distancing would continue throughout the summer
- Currently, do not have enough certified lifeguards to man the hours of operations.
- Need to provide adequate notice to the Swim Team coaches/parents.
- Announcing the closure would allow the current employees with the opportunity to seek employment elsewhere.
- Annually, the pool was subsidized by the General Fund and with the closure of the commercial businesses, there was the potential to receive less revenue this year.
- Rapid track option: Open the pool on or about July 1 for a limited programming season (with adequate staff availability and maximum attendance of 50).

Staff understood the importance and benefit the pool brought to the community, but as the community battles this pandemic, the City must make some hard decisions that in the end would be for the safety of the citizens. Staff would continue to make maintenance repairs in order to keep the pool in quality condition for future operation. Staff requested a formal recommendation regarding the swim pool operation for the 2020 season.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved the cancellation of the 2020 swim pool season due to recent restrictions and public health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic to the May 12, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – No
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Brewer – No

**5. RECESS & RECONVENE OF C.O.W. MEETING**

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the Council recessed the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting at 7:00 p.m., to reconvene following the regular Council meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Brewer – Yes

The Committee-of-the-Whole meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m., to discuss the following item:

**B. Ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that staff monitoring and review of fund and department budgets identified a budget account to be amended. An ordinance was prepared to provide for the amending of the 2020 Annual Budget to accommodate the changes in sources and uses. By fund the highlights of the budget change was as follows:

- Current Expense Fund: Increased revenues for USDA Rural Grant – SCBAs. Increased appropriations for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses in Fire Control. Net effect was a decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Brewer, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the 2020 Annual Budget to the May 26, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Brewer – Yes

**6. OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.