

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020**



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COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING – 6:00 PM

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT** – At this time the public may address the Council on any topic whether on the agenda or not, except those scheduled for public hearing.
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 - B. Updated Solar Array for City of Grandview – Scott Lewis, Business Development Account Manager with Apollo Solutions Groups 4
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- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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**CITY OF GRANDVIEW
AGENDA ITEM HISTORY/COMMENTARY
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ITEM TITLE Councilmember Gay Brewer Resignation and Advertisement of Vacant Council Position	AGENDA NO.: New Business 4 (A) AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2020
DEPARTMENT City Administrator	FUNDING CERTIFICATION (City Treasurer) (If applicable)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW
Cus Arteaga, City Administrator

CITY ADMINISTRATOR 
MAYOR 

ITEM HISTORY (Previous council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)
None

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.
Attached is an email dated July 28, 2020 from Councilmember Gay Brewer advising of his resignation effective August 1, 2020.

ACTION PROPOSED
Move to accept Councilmember Brewer's resignation and direct staff to advertise for the vacant Council position with Declarations of Interest placed on the September 8th regular Council meeting for consideration.

Anita Palacios

From: Anita Palacios
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Bill Moore (mooreb@grandview.wa.us); Bill Moore 1 (billandrachel@charter.net); Cus Arteaga; David Diaz (ddiaz@grandview.wa.us); David Diaz 1; Diana Jennings (jenningsd@grandview.wa.us); Diana Jennings 1 (diana.r.jennings@gmail.com); Gay Brewer (dancefunproductions@yahoo.com); Gaylord Brewer (brewerg@grandview.wa.us); Gloria Mendoza; Gloria Mendoza (mendozag@grandview.wa.us); Javier Rodriguez; Javier Rodriguez (rodhav1@yahoo.com); Joan Souders; Joan Souders 1 (jesouders@hotmail.com); Mike Everett (everettm@grandview.wa.us); Mike Everett 1 (mike@everettlaw.net); Quinn Plant
Subject: FW: From: Councilman Gay Brewer

-----Original Message-----

From: Cus Arteaga <carteaga@grandview.wa.us>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Gay Brewer <dancefunproductions@yahoo.com>
Cc: Anita Palacios <anitap@grandview.wa.us>
Subject: RE: From: Councilman Gay Brewer

Thank you for your service and dedication to this Great City and I wish you well. I will pass this on to the Mayor and Council.

Cus Arteaga
City Administrator/Public Works Director City of Grandview
207 W. 2nd St.
Grandview, WA 98930
Ph: (509)882-9211
Fax: (509)882-9232
Website: www.grandview.wa.us

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gay Brewer <dancefunproductions@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Cus Arteaga <carteaga@grandview.wa.us>
Subject: From: Councilman Gay Brewer

[External Email]

From: Councilman Gay Brewer
To: Grandview City Council, staff & Grandview residents:

I'd like to thank the citizens of Grandview for electing me to 5 terms on the City Council. It has been a pleasure to work with many dedicated and fair-minded people here at the City - Jesse Palacios, Carl Stevens, Mike Bren, Paul Mowry, Helen Darr, Johnny Alba, Bill Flory, Dale Burgeson, Orin Fricke, Ed Powell, and others I may have forgotten.

This little town has been wonderful to Peggy and our family, even before we were born.

Employees: Jim Sewell, Dave Lorenz, Juan Moreno, Elaine Caufield, Nancy Davidson, Mike Carpenter, Greg Rodriguez , Tony Gonzalez, Dave Veely, Dave Montgomery, John Myers, Dave Martinez, Ted Wolfe, George Miller, Carl Butler, Amondo Martinez, Clarence Zahn, Dave Charvet, Al Ragsdale, Howard Madson, Howard Barnard, Mat Cordray, Sue Desallier , Elaine Caufield, Gordon Blechsmidt, Phil Noon, Jody Wheeler, Jack Maxwell, Tim Cooper, Al Gustafson, and those others who are still employed here, have really been very friendly and helpful.

I began serving as a volunteer with the Yakima County Fire Dept in the early 1960's and the City of Grandview Fire Dept. for over 20 years. Since then, Grandview has expanded & has changed for the better in some ways, other ways - not so much.

Ted Wolfe & I began working on the old site of the City Sewer Treatment Plant working on an arena & park, now developed as Dykstra Park.

Mayor Stevens appointed me to the Park Commission, and later to the Civil Service Commission. I and the other 2 members, Ron Bertram & Dean Whitworth, completely updated the Civil Service Commission guidelines.

I served as chairman of the Parks Committee, the Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee, and as Mayor Pro-tem.

Our City, during that time guided by an exceptional City Supervisor, Jim Sewell, had successes including the new fairgrounds, YVCC, Walmart, the Grandview Port, a new Parks & Rec location, the new Fire Station, and a major expansion of our City's Sewer Treatment Plant and swimming pool renovations, locating the National Guard Armory in Grandview, purchased & developed Vista Grande Park on North 4th.

We relocated our Public Works, replaced the open sewer transmission to the river with a pipeline, built a new sewer pump station, added a 2nd river crossing, & revamped the sewage treatment facilities.

Jim Sewell, Bob Fergus, and Coleen Byam worked tirelessly together establishing our Port district. Alys Means was our first economic development coordinator & worked to establish our down town park which was recently renamed the Mike Bren Memorial Park.

The efforts, good or bad, to attract a medium security prison, a regional landfill site, and control the cat population - didn't come about.

Of course, there were challenges during all of this, but with a remarkably smooth operation, it went very well. Those people were unselfish, hardworking Grandview residents or business owners.

I am nearly 80 years old now, and my wife & daughter have strongly encouraged me to give up my position on the council & I must admit my frustration with this "new age politics" has not improved my health. I find myself taking longer to: walk into the council chambers, choose my words, recover mentally from failures to accomplish certain efforts towards improving Grandview, that I have considered good for our city.

Please forgive me for being persistent with my beliefs & goals, especially safety concerns. That's just me.

I would have preferred to have finished my term, allowing the voters to choose my replacement, but physical & mental health is more important at this time to me & my family.

In conclusion, I am hereby retiring from my position on the council, effective August 1, 2020.

Respectfully, Gaylord Brewer.

Sent from my iPad



City of Grandview – Solar Array

*Please note that these are preliminary numbers. The Final numbers will be compiled during the RFP.

Total Project Cost - \$522,728

TransAlta Grant Request - \$215,000

Commerce Grant Request - \$215,000

Grandview Out of Pocket - \$92,728

Projected Savings - \$10,099

Simple Payback – 9.1 years

Important Notes:

- Submission for both grants will be Fall of 2020.
- We should hear back on both grants by Spring 2021.
- Construction will take place in the Summer/Fall 2021.
- If we do not get awarded both grants, we will apply again the following year.
 - **NO out of pocket for the City of Grandview until we are into construction (meaning both grants are secured.)**
- Next Step is to do an RFP and select a company to move forward with.
- Selection of an Energy Service Company from the RFP will:
 - Provide an Energy Services Proposal
 - Documented Guaranteed Not To Exceed Cost of the Project
 - Documented Guaranteed Savings

GRANDVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

207 W. 2ND STREET, GRANDVIEW, WA 98930 TELEPHONE (509) 882-2000
FAX (509) 882-1232



KAL FULLER
Chief of Police

Date: 08/5/2020
To: Cus Arteaga, City Administrator
From: Kal Fuller, Chief of Police
Re: Dispatch Services

Please consider this memorandum as a follow up to the Dispatch Services questions during the 2020 Budget deliberations. During our discussions, I was asked questions regarding staffing levels and/or potential out-sourcing of Dispatch Services.

In this memorandum I will address three potential options which are as follows:

1. Maintain current staffing and services
2. Contracting out for all Dispatch services
3. Contracting out portions of our current Dispatch services

CURRENT SERVICES:

We currently have five (5) full time Dispatch positions budgeted at an annual expense of approximately \$520,000 per year (wages/benefits). Two of the five budgeted dispatch positions are currently vacant.

A dispatcher's duties include but not limited to, providing phone intake, radio dispatching, administrative support, general phone information, records clerk, officer support and front counter contact.

Grandview dispatchers wear several different hats when working here. They handle one job then in their down time put on another hat and handle those duties until called back to the first. It provides for cost effective service.

BENEFITS

Some of the services that are provided and/or are considered important by a dispatcher are as follows:

1. Personal interaction for the Public when they come into the Police Department.
2. Personal knowledge of the Community they work in.

3. Police Patrol support especially when we only have one patrol officer on duty (due to sick leave/vacation).
4. Assisting with administrative duties.

CONTRACTING OUT ALL SERVICES:

To contract out dispatch services, we would need to expand our current phone and radio systems (this has been an ongoing task for the last couple of years). Because of the technical issues involved at this time there is no ability to make this full contract option happen.

Even if it were possible from a technology standpoint, because of all the duties that are involved in the Dispatch Center we would be unable to eliminate all five budgeted dispatch positions. Many duties can only be handled in-house and so we would still need to retain at least three of the five budgeted employees. The \$200k savings from eliminating two employees would be offset by the cost of contracting with someone off-site to handle phone calls and radio traffic. Assuming the 6,000 calls GPD averages per year were contracted at a charge of \$20.00 per call, we would pay \$120k for that part of the service.

PROS:

1. We could see a reduction to our expenditures of approximately \$80,000 per year in wages/benefits.

CONS:

1. We would need to bargain with the Union to eliminate our Dispatch services.
2. We would lose the support supplied to the patrol.
3. We would lose the one-on-one with the public.
4. We would need to negotiate with the County for services.
5. We would lose local control of dispatch policy and procedures.

CONTRACTING ON AS-NEEDED BASIS:

Currently we operate a 24 hour a day 7 day a week Dispatch Center. We could consider contracting for off-site call taker and radio dispatch duties for portions of that time when we have no staff to work and cover shifts.

The current GPD dispatch center is well functioning and meets officer and public safety needs while being financially cost effective. If overtime costs could be reduced by contracting out when needed, efficiency could be improved without major upheaval.

PROS:

1. Maintain personal contact with the public when they come to the PD.
2. Maintain staff that have personal knowledge of the Grandview community.
3. Maintain local control of dispatch services, policy and procedures.
4. Once off-site contracting is proven to work well or not, better information will be available to inform future choices.

CONS:

1. Uncertainty and anxiety in the current workforce that fears they are being eliminated.

RECOMMENDATION:

I have no hesitation considering all options that are available at any given time in respect to keeping or contracting out any part of our local operation. All aspects of our activities should be reviewed periodically to see if any changes in technology or staffing can make us better, more efficient, or reduce costs. If that is the case, I am more than willing embrace change.

At this time I would recommend keeping the majority of Dispatch Center duties in-house but working toward the ability to contract out for periods of time when there are staffing shortages.

I recommend this course of action because I believe that the Grandview public is best served by Grandview employees that know our community. I believe that any small theoretical savings are outweighed by the security that comes with local control of essential services that people rely on for their lives.

Grandview as a city will benefit by maintaining a strong in-house dispatch center. We will maintain local control and increase opportunities to interact with citizens to meet their needs.

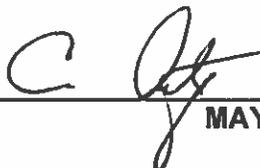
By embracing change and exploring new technology we can continue to improve.

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Mike Bren Memorial Park Sign	AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2020
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City Administrator	

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REVIEW

Cus Arteaga, City Administrator

CITY ADMINISTRATOR  **MAYOR** 

ITEM HISTORY (Previous council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

On June 23, 2020, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-27 renaming Stokely Square to the Mike Bren Memorial Park.

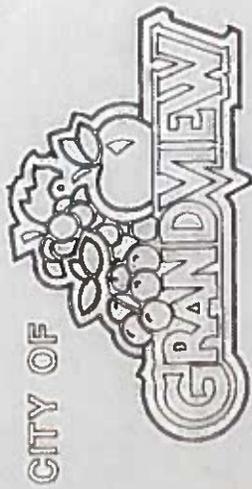
ITEM COMMENTARY (Background, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

Staff is proposing to purchase a new granite sign for the Mike Bren Memorial Park using the same dimensions as the previous sign in order to utilize the current sign brackets that are already there. The cost of the sign is \$1,600 plus tax.

ACTION PROPOSED

Move to direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending the budget for the purchase of the Mike Bren Memorial Park Sign in the amount of \$1,600 plus tax for consideration at a regular Council meeting.

8/4/2020



MIKE BREN MEMORIAL PARK

5' x 18.5" x 2"

Cost: \$1,600⁰⁰



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SQUARE*



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