

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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.

Governor Proclamation 20-28.7 continued the prohibition on "in-person" meetings. This meeting was available via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Absent: Councilmember Gay Brewer

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks & Recreation Department Program Update – COVID-19 Phased Approach

Parks and Recreation Director Chronis explained that as a follow-up to a question that arose during the last City Council meeting, she shared the COVID-19 Phased Approach as it relates to programming within the Parks & Recreation Department.

Phase 1:

- Museum Facility Closed to Public
- Community Center Closed to Public
- People For People Meal Prep Continues Daily for Homebound Seniors
- Blood Drives Continue as Scheduled
- Pool Closure Announced
- Park Playgrounds/Restrooms Closed
- Coordinate Virtual Beautification Awards Program

Phase 1.5 - CURRENT:

- Begin Virtual Youth Activities via Facebook (contests, physical fitness videos, games, challenges, puzzles, etc.)
- Continue Virtual Beautification Program
- Begin Virtual Museum Program "A Peek inside the Museum"
- Explore Activity Packet/Handouts Distribution (Little Libraries, Food Drives, etc.)

Phase 2:

- Implement Free Family Fun Hour at Community Center (by appointment)
- Resume Fitness Classes with Social Distancing Guidelines
- Open Park Restrooms (large gatherings not permitted)
- Complete Maintenance Projects at Pool Facility

Phase 3:

- Resume Youth Programs with Special Guidelines
- Limited Senior Citizen Programs (no dining in)
- Museum and Community Center Open to Public
- Rentals Permitted at Parks and Facilities (50 or less)

Discussion took place. No action was taken.

B. Resolution approving the COVID-19 Emergency Utility Payment Policy and Procedures

City Administrator Arteaga explained that in recognition of the financial hardships that many individuals have faced due to the COVID-19 crisis as well as the importance of maintaining utility services during this time, Governor Inslee issued a series of proclamations related to utility services. Proclamation 20-23.6 required local government utilities to develop and post COVID-19 customer support programs. He presented the COVID-19 Emergency Utility Payment Policy and Procedures for Council consideration.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Jennings, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving the COVID-19 Emergency Utility Payment Policy and Procedures to the July 28, 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 Everett requested that the issue of the 4% service fee for the use of credit cards be discussed at a future C.O.W. meeting.

C. Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the City may be eligible for a reimbursement funding program through the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments for COVID related expenses which may include some of the following:

1. Funding to upgrade electronic equipment to support conference calls and/or zoom meetings. Consider replacing some of the old phones and purchase new laptop computers for zoom meetings for the Mayor, Council and Department Heads.

2. Consider submitting the 4% credit card service fees.
3. Consider submitting the ambulance service fees.
4. Submit all equipment, tools and/or supplies that was purchased for the pandemic.
5. Provide a financial grant to commercial businesses to subsidize their monthly utility bill. The program could be administered by the Yakima County Development Association similar to what they were doing for the City of Yakima and Yakima County.

The Coronavirus Relief Funds were only for costs incurred through the limited timeframe of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Government to the July 28, 2020 C.O.W. meeting for further discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk