

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 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 20-28.10 continued the prohibition on "in-person" meetings through November 9, 2020. This meeting was available via teleconference.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Mike Everett, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance levying the 2021 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that pursuant to legislation RCW 84.52.020, the City's certification for the purpose of levying 2021 property taxes was to be filed with the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on or before November 20, 2020 or the City would receive no funding from this source. As a result of Referendum 47, the City would need to pass an ordinance for the levy amount up to the full 101%. The regular levy request in the amount of \$1,632,160.00 was a \$16,160.00 increase from the 2020 levy amount and a 1% increase of that same 2020 levy amount, plus any amount allowed for new construction and increase in state assessed value. He presented an ordinance levying the 2021 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance levying the 2021 ad valorem property taxes and excess levy taxes to the November 10, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**B. Ordinance increasing the 2021 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the “limit factor” up to 101 percent**

City Treasurer Cordray explained that as a result of Referendum 47, the City would also need to pass a second ordinance increasing the property tax levy to the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) as the City’s population was over 10,000.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance increasing the 2021 property tax levy for the City of Grandview above the “limit factor” up to 101 percent to the November 10, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**C. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment of Lease with the Grandview Chamber of Commerce**

City Administrator Arteaga explained that at the October 13, 2020 C.O.W. meeting, the Council agreed to waive rental payments owed by the Grandview Chamber of Commerce under the Lease for a period of six months commencing January 1, 2021 and concluding June 30, 2021, in recognition of the financial impacts of COVID-19 on the Chamber and the important role the Chamber plays in supporting and promoting the economic vitality of the City’s business community. Staff prepared an Amendment of Lease with the Grandview Chamber of Commerce for consideration.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment of Lease with the Grandview Chamber of Commerce to the November 10, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Everett – Yes
- Councilmember Jennings – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes

- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

**D. Resolution adopting a Public Participation Plan for the City of Grandview Shoreline Master Program Update**

City Clerk Palacios explained that at tonight's regular meeting, Council would consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Shoreline Master Program Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the City's Shoreline Master Program Update. The Shoreline Master Program Agreement outlined the Scope of Work and provided in Task Number 3 - Public Participation that the City would develop a public participation plan and conduct public participation activities. Staff prepared, in consultation with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, the City's Shoreline Master Program Update Public Participation Plan.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved a resolution adopting a Public Participation Plan for the City of Grandview Shoreline Master Program Update to the November 10, 2020 regular Council meeting for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**E. Ambulance Service Utility Fee – Report and Recommendation**

Fire Chief Mason explained that at the October 19, 2020 special budget meeting, the Ambulance Service Utility Fee Report and Recommendation memo was presented by staff and three options were identified. Council discussion took place, however, no action was taken. In order for an Ambulance Service Utility Fee to be implemented by January 1, 2021, staff would need Council direction. He recommended the C.O.W. direct staff to prepare the documentation needed to implement an Ambulance Service Utility Fee based on providing funding for Option 1 (recommended, Option 2 or Option 3. In addition, provide staff with a projected monthly fee dollar amount per account that Council would like to consider.

Discussion took place.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. directed staff to prepare the documentation needed to implement an Ambulance Service Utility Fee based on providing funding for Option 1 in the amount of \$6.00.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

2021 Preliminary Budget Special Meeting – City Administrator Arteaga explained that at last night's special budget meeting, staff finalized the presentation of the 2021 preliminary budget. He advised that according to the Budget Preparation Schedule, a special meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020. He asked whether or not Council needed an additional budget meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He indicated that the proposed ordinance adopting the budget would be presented at the November 24<sup>th</sup> C.O.W. meeting for final adoption at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Moore, Council cancelled the November 2, 2020 special budget meeting.**

Roll Call Vote:

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mayor Gloria Mendoza

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Anita Palacios, City Clerk