

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

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.

The meeting was held in person and was also available via teleconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present in person: Mayor Mendoza and Councilmembers David Diaz, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmembers Mike Everett and Diana Jennings

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Police Chief Kal Fuller, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett, WWTP Superintendent Dave Lorenz and City Clerk Anita Palacios

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eagle Scout Project – Darrel Franworth of Boy Scout Troop 643, presented a proposal to construct horseshoe pits at Eastside Park for his Eagle Scout project.

Council concurred with the project and agreed for him to proceed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. American Rescue Plan Act – Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program for Long-Term Benefits – Chris Wickenhagen, YVCOG Executive Director

Chris Wickenhagen, Executive Director with the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG), presented the Infrastructure Revolving Loan (IRL) program for long-term benefits that would remove a huge barrier to development. The program would provide short-term, low interest loans to developers and YVCOG members to fund the construction of infrastructure for housing. The initial start-up costs would include the following: each IRL participant would provide a minimum 20% of ARPA funds; developers would pay a low flat rate application cost for each loan; and non-profit HUD-approved housing developers would be included at no application cost. Administration of the program was outlined as follows: YVCOG staff would vet each program for ARPA compliance; YVCOG would create a Technical Advisory Committee of IRL city participants; IRL TAC would review, approve and prioritize projects for funding; and YVCOG would handle contracts, compliance and reporting. She explained that if the City was interested in participating in the IRL program, she would need to receive a letter indicating that along with the name of the City representative that would sit on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Discussion took place.

Council agreed to place this item on the next C.O.W. agenda for further consideration.

B. Bulletproof Vest Purchase

Police Chief Fuller explained that the Grandview Police Department for many years participated in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998. This was a U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement by providing grants that cover part of the cost of bulletproof vests. Applications for grant funds were accepted in April of each year and awards were issued before October of each year. Bulletproof vests have a five-year expiration date. Every five years, Grandview PD purchases replacement vests for its officers. The current vests that the officers have expire in November 2021. It was recently discovered that the PD vests were due for replacement in 2021. Expiration dates were improperly calculated during the 2020 budget process and capitol replacement funds were not requested at that time. The cost for each vest was approximately \$1,300 plus shipping and 18 vests were needed for an estimated expenditure of \$27,000. Reimbursement from the grant program would be approximately \$8,000. Vests were one of the City's normal capital replacement items and were funded. Safariland LLC vests were an item on the State Bid Contract #03720 and no bidding would be necessary.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. authorized the City Treasurer to prepare a budget amendment in the amount of \$27,000 to purchase vests as a capitol replacement item from Acct# 001-032-0-594-22-64-02 and to present that amendment to Council for consideration at the September 28, 2021 regular Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

C. Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Local Agency Financing Lease and related documentation relating to the refinancing of the costs of acquisition of certain real property

City Treasurer Cordray explained that in 2011, the City entered into an agreement with Yakima Valley College to occupy a joint library building. The cost to the City was \$750,000. This was paid by a loan, with a term of 20 years at an interest rate of 3.875%, from the Washington State Treasurer. Recently, the City Treasurer was contacted by the State Treasurer with an opportunity to refinance the remaining life of the loan to a lower interest rate of 1.0%. This could be done at no cost to the City. Given current interest rates, it was in the best interest of the City to refinance the remaining 11 years of the Library loan. The total savings within the Current Expense Fund

was estimated to be around \$70,000.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Jennings, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Local Agency Financing Lease and related documentation relating to the refinancing of the costs of acquisition of certain real property to the September 14, 2021 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. Ordinance amending 2021 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 would be prepared to provide for the amending of the 2021 Annual Budget to accommodate the changes in sources and uses. By Fund the highlights of the budget changes were:

- Current Expense Fund: Increase revenues for One Time Law Enforcement Legislative Assistance. Increase appropriations to General Facilities Repairs & Maintenance for new fire alarm system and to Police Administration Regular Salaries & Wages for Assistant Chief early retirement. Net effect was a decrease to estimated ending fund balance.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an Ordinance amending 2021 Annual Budget to the September 28, 2021 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. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Industrial Wastewater User Contract Amendment with FruitSmart Inc.

City Administrator Arteaga explained that Grandview Municipal Code Section 13.12.130 requires industrial discharge contracts for each large industrial user. The contract includes a Schedule "A" attachment that identifies maximum loading limits for flow, BOD and TSS. FruitSmart was continuing to grow and expand operations which requires them to request additional capacity for their Schedule "A" attachment. In order to allow FruitSmart to operate and in order for the City not to restrict additional sewer capacity, staff recommended that a new Schedule "A" for FruitSmart be approved.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Industrial Wastewater User Contract Amendment with FruitSmart Inc., to the September 28, 2021 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

5. OTHER BUSINESS – None

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk