

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – BUDGET
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the special 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.

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

Present via teleconference: Councilmembers Mike Everett and Diana Jennings

Absent: Councilmembers David Diaz and Javier Rodriguez

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council excused Councilmembers Diaz and Rodriguez from the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Staff present: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Assistant Public Works Director Todd Dorsett and City Clerk Anita Palacios

2. 2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mayor Mendoza started the budget meeting by distributing the attached “Mayor Remarks – October 11, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Discussion took place.

City Treasurer Cordray continued the presentation of the 2022 preliminary budget. He presented the 2022 Councilmember Budget Requests as follows:

Councilmember Rodriguez (Email dated August 30, 2021):

- Requested that a salary/benefit comparison be completed for the Mayor and Councilmembers. No estimate included in the 2022 budget until information was provided by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Souders (Email dated August 30, 2021):

- Recommended funds be allocated for fencing of properties located on the Eastside of Grandview. No estimate included in the 2022 budget.

- Requested funds be allocated for an electronic sign like the sign located at the intersection of West Second and Euclid which is owned by the Grandview School District. No estimate included in the 2022 budget.

Councilmember Everett (Email dated August 2021):

- Recommended a new employee Communication/Marketing Director. \$82,000 was included in the 2022 budget for the new full-time employee.
- Increased staffing in Code Enforcement Department: \$33,250 was included in the 2022 Code Enforcement budget to support a full time employee in the Code Enforcement Department.
- Downtown Development. No estimate included in the 2022 budget.
- Requested better sound equipment in the Council Chambers: No estimate included in the 2022 budget.

Councilmember Ozuna (Presentation at September 28, 2021 C.O.W. Meeting):

- Requested \$50,000 for a grant writer. No estimate included in the 2022 budget.

2022 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES

Current Expense Fund

Legislative Services - Council

2021 Budget \$57,440

2022 Proposed \$74,850

Notable Changes in 2022 –

- Council Retreat – \$5,000

Following discussion, Council allocated \$15,000 for a Council Retreat.

Community Support Services

2021 Budget \$40,510

2022 Proposed \$48,325

Notable Changes in 2022 –

- Increase in Election Services for election year
- Archiving the Grandview website and Facebook pages

Municipal Court Services

2021 Budget \$383,530

2022 Proposed \$369,175

Notable Changes in 2022 – Yakima County District Court costs decreased from \$208,266 in 2021 to \$194,033 in 2022. Each year, the City pays the County a sum equal to the City's percentage of the County's budget. The percentage was determined based on a 4-year running average of the total District Court cases divided by the average number of City cases. For example: if the 4-year average of the District Court cases including Grandview is 10,000 and Grandview's portion 4-year average is 1,000 – the City pays the county 10% of the total budget for that year. The cost to the City for probation services decreased from \$4,480 in 2021 to \$3,885 in 2022. The public defender agreement with the Law Firm of Beck and Phillips, PLLC was renewed in 2018 for a five-year period. The Public Defender compensation in a total fixed fee increased from \$85,400 in 2021 to \$88,816 in 2022. The Public Defender Agreement reflects a caseload limit, the reimbursement of costs for investigators and experts, warranty of public defender and quarterly reporting requirements. The City also contracts with other defense attorneys in the case of public defender conflicts.

Executive Administration – Mayor & City Administrator

2021 Budget \$118,710

2022 Proposed \$119,510

Notable Changes in 2022 – None

Following discussion, travel was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.

Clerk Services – City Clerk

2021 Budget \$54,140

2022 Proposed \$45,580

Notable Changes in 2022 – Adjusted FTE from 0.30 in 2021 to 0.25 in 2022.

Accounting Services – City Treasurer

2021 Budget \$145,000

2022 Proposed \$125,070

Notable Changes in 2022 – None

Risk Management Services

2021 Budget \$197,660

2022 Proposed \$209,420

Notable Changes in 2022 – The City's liability assessment with WCIA increased from \$158,115 in 2021 to \$170,693 in 2022. The main reason for the rate increase was loss exposures and the changing insurance market in Washington State. The assessment formula was based on two factors: worker hours multiplied by the assessment rate. The assessment rate was determined by an actuarial review of the City's last five years loss history and successful completion of WCIA's COMPACT requirements. Property, auto physical damage, boiler and machinery, and crime/fidelity coverages were also provided by WCIA. The property rate increased 4% from \$95,389 in 2021 to \$99,205 in 2022; auto physical damage rate increased 3% from \$14,823 in 2021 to \$15,300 in 2022; boiler and machinery rate increased 10% from \$3,198 in 2021 to \$3,500 in 2022; and crime/fidelity rate increased 10% from \$590 in 2021 to \$650 in 2022.

Legal Services

2021 Budget \$80,540

2022 Proposed \$88,690

Notable Changes in 2022 – Effective January 1, 2022, the Police Department would be doing audio/video recordings of juvenile and felony involved cases. This would increase the City Attorney's review of audio/video redactions for public records request. Continuation of union contract negotiations. All three union contracts expire December 31, 2021.

Human Resource Services

2021 Budget \$68,020

2022 Proposed \$59,080

Notable Changes in 2022 – Adjusted FTE from 0.30 in 2021 to 0.25 in 2022.

General Facilities Services

2021 Budget \$49,590

2022 Proposed \$47,945

Notable Changes in 2022 – City Hall's phone system was installed in 2000. \$7,500 has been included in line item "Communications" to upgrade the phone system at City Hall. \$2,100 increase

in professional services for janitorial services at City Hall. The Chamber of Commerce terminated their lease with the City for the building at 303 West Wine Country Road.

Following discussion, Council allocated \$50,000 for a digital sign at City Hall and \$4,000 for a sound system in the Council Chambers.

Planning & Community Development Services

2021 Budget \$60,920

2022 Proposed \$77,120

Notable Changes in 2022 – Adjusted FTE from 0.15 in 2021 to 0.25 in 2022 due to substantial increase in land use and development inquiries and applications. Increase in professional services for contracted planner and hearing examiner due to increase in land use applications.

Economic Development Services

2021 Budget \$71,760

2022 Proposed \$162,780

Notable Changes in 2022 –

- Economic Development Professional Services – \$40,000
- Marketing Director – \$82,000

Following discussion, Council allocated \$50,000 for grant writing services.

The next preliminary budget meeting would be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the special meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk



MAYOR REMARKS - October 11, 2021

I would like to share a message that I received over the weekend. The message is from a Grandview business owner. This business owner received a copy of the Yakima Valley Travel Guide with the following message:

This Message came from a former Grandview resident, who now lives in Texas and traveled to the Yakima Valley for a visit. Message reads:

Hello. Our wine trip was wonderful. Picked the Yakima Valley guide up at our hotel.

Interesting. Three towns had no info in the guide (Moxee, Wapato, and Grandview). Is Grandview now non-existent?

Is Grandview now non-existent? This question is so distressing to me. The issue of Grandview not being on the Map is greater than we think, Grandview is ignored in our own county. You watch the local news, and the news station announces, "bringing your local news from Yakima to Sunnyside", as if Grandview doesn't even exist. Grandview is the last community in the county, not Sunnyside.

The following questions come to mind; how long have we been allowing this to happen? How much longer are we going to allow it to continue? Who is responsible for things getting this bad? Who do we hold accountable?

So many unanswered questions and unfortunately, the problem is so significant that we can't wait any longer to figure it out. What I now know is that we are responsible! You and I. The City Council and the Mayor. As elected officials, we cannot surrender our authority to fulfill the vision of this community. Staff (City Administrator and Department Heads) are hired to help us fulfill the vision of this community. As Mayor I have a responsibility to begin addressing all issues that are interfering and impacting our cities growth.

We can no longer sit here week after week debating over whether we should Market and promote Grandview. Month after month our City Administrator saying there is no money in the budget.

As Mayor I have a duty and responsibility to tell you, we need to promote Grandview. When a community is ignored by its own County it is a matter of emergency. If we don't have the funding, then let's bring in funding.

This is our city we should be saddened that we have businesses concerned for their survival, Grandview businesses must work twice as hard to bring people into Grandview to buy their products and services.

I know we have all the talent we need in our TEAM to make a huge, impactful change in Grandview. We cannot continue to allow this to happen in our city. Councilmembers I have worked alongside all of you for some time now, when you believe in something you make it happen and you don't allow anything or anyone to get in the way.

I know you love Grandview; this town has given much to us and our families, it is time we start giving back not just our time, because time without progressive outcomes is just time wasted.

YAKIMA VALLEY TRAVEL GUIDE



**WINE COUNTRY
HOPS & BEER
FARMS & PRODUCE
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

The Official Yakima Valley Travel Guide 2020™

WELCOME TO THE YAKIMA VALLEY

WHAT MAKES THE
It's the 300 days of sun
Washington's wine in
harvested hops drifting
It's the farm-to-table co
picking your favorite fru
source. It's the music, fo
air from April through Oc
waterways for adventure v
tasting. This is the Yakima

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