

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gloria Mendoza called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 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 David Diaz, Jessie Espinoza, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: None

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council approved the September 27, 2022 regular meeting agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction-Working Families Tax Credit – Kevin Dixon & Perla Gamboa, Washington State Department of Revenue

Kevin Dixon, Assistant Director of the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) division with the Washington Department of Revenue (DOR) and Perla Gamboa, Outreach & Community Partnerships Manager for the WFTC division provided an introduction to the new WFTC program. The WFTC program was passed in 2021 and goes live in 2023. The program provides up to a \$1,200 refund to eligible low-to-moderate income working individuals and families in Washington. Eligibility requirements include, among others, eligibility to claim the federal Earned Income Tax

Credit (EITC) and residency in the state. Unlike the federal EITC program, individuals with a valid ITIN would also be eligible to apply. It was anticipated approximately 400,000 individuals would be eligible for the credit. In preparation of program implementation for next year, DOR was conducting communication and outreach to local governments, stakeholders, partners, and community-based organizations around the state to drive awareness and promote the program so eligible individuals know to apply for the credit. The IRS estimates about 21% of eligible filers for the federal EITC do not claim the credit. These tax credits paid to Washington residents will be reinvested within local communities. To date, the WFTC outreach team has done the following:

- Hired a marketing vendor to launch a robust media campaign to promote WFTC through tv, billboard, digital, and social media channels.
- Launched a new website at WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov that includes important information about the program, an eligibility checker, a partner toolkit with materials and resources, and an opportunity to sign up for key notifications about the program.
- Conducted speaking engagements and attended various events around the state to introduce the program and drive awareness.
- Partnered with the Department of Commerce to award \$10 million in community outreach grants to organizations to promote the WFTC program and provide application assistance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty Graf, 44602 Griffin Road, Grandview, WA, expressed concern with the homeless individuals camping on East Wine Country Road next to the rose garden.

2022 Yakima County ARPA Fund Applications – LaDon Linde, Yakima County Commissioner, explained that the City submitted three applications for 2022 Yakima County ARPA Funds which included: (1) purchase ambulance and equipment in the amount of \$387,000; (2) sanitary sewer trunk main replacement improvements in the amount of \$2.27 million; and (3) source well improvements in the amount of \$1.01 million. He asked for Council's priority of the three applications. City Administrator Arteaga recommended the following priority list: (1) source well improvements; (2) sanitary sewer trunk main replacement improvements; and (3) purchase of ambulance and equipment. Council concurred.

Grandview Rotary Club Activities – Darren Still with the Grandview Rotary Club advised that the Rotary Gala Fundraiser was held on September 22, 2022; a political candidate forum hosted by the Rotary Club would be held on October 19, 2022 at the Community Center; installation of the new disc golf pads at Dykstra Park would be completed by September 30, 2022; and the Rotary Senior Citizens Dinner was scheduled for December 11, 2022.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Espinoza, Council approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- A. Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting**
- B. Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Council meeting**
- C. Payroll Check Nos. 12945-12959 in the amount of \$85,674.33**
- D. Payroll Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) Nos. 60883-60887 in the amount of \$90,487.67**
- E. Payroll Direct Deposit 9/1/22-9/15/22 in the amount of \$123,468.66**

F. Claim Check Nos. 125009-125082 in the amount of \$395,320.08

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

7. ACTIVE AGENDA

A. Ordinance No. 2022-13 amending the 2022 Annual Budget

This item was previously discussed at the September 13, 2022 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, Council approved Ordinance No. 2022-13 amending the 2022 Annual Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

B. Resolution No. 2022-48 approving Task Order No. 2022-05 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Cemetery Improvements

This item was previously discussed at the September 13, 2022 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-48 approving Task Order No. 2022-05 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Cemetery Improvements.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

C. Wine Country Road and McCreadie Road Roundabout Utility Extension

Mayor Mendoza recused herself as the chair as she owns commercial property that would benefit from the utility extension. Mayor Pro Tem Moore presided as chair.

This item was previously discussed at the September 13, 2022 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Espinoza, second by Councilmember Diaz, Council approved the extension of water and sewer utilities to the north of Wine Country Road as part of the Wine Country Road and McCreadie Road roundabout project.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Resolution No. 2022-49 accepting the Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Replacement as complete

This item was previously discussed at the September 13, 2022 C.O.W. meeting.

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Moore, Council approved Resolution No. 2022-49 accepting the Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main Replacement as complete.

Roll Call Vote:

- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Espinoza – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS – None

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

Pickleball Court – Assistant Public Works Director Dorsett reported that a citizen group met with the Public Works Department to discuss the installation of a pickleball court. There were currently two existing basketball courts at Eastside Park. The plan would be to resurface one of the basketball courts to a pickleball court. The citizen group would be assisting with fundraising efforts to cover the costs for resurfacing.

Sidewalk Trees – Assistant Public Works Director Dorsett reported that a couple of overgrown sidewalk trees were being removed.

West Second/Euclid Intersection Traffic Signal – Assistant Public Works Director Dorsett reported that the Washington State Department of Transportation was upgrading the traffic signals at the intersection of West Second and Euclid to include an auto-detection signal camera.

Small Business ARPA Grants – City Treasurer Cordray reported that 32 small business ARPA grant applications were received to date. The application closing date was October 10, 2022. Council previously allocated \$150,000 to fund 15 businesses in the amount of \$10,000 each. He suggested Council consider allocating additional ARPA funds to fund more grants. For example, he suggested the resident utility support in the amount of \$50,000 could be redirected to the small business grants.

10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Small Business ARPA Grant Award Program – Councilmember Ozuna reported that an award program for the small business grants would be held on October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Dog Park Amenities – Councilmember Souders reported some of the dog park amenities were in need of repair.

Employee Appreciation Picnic – Councilmember Espinoza reported that the Employee Appreciation Picnic was scheduled for September 28, 2022 at the Fire Department.

YVCOG General Membership Meeting – Mayor Mendoza and Councilmember Moore attended the YVCOG General Membership virtual meeting on September 21, 2022 hosted by the City of Grandview. The next meeting was scheduled for October 19, 2022 in Sunnyside.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Gloria Mendoza

Anita Palacios, City Clerk