

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ashley Lara called the Committee-of-the-Whole (C.O.W.) 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: Councilmembers David Diaz, Laura Flores, Bill Moore (Mayor Pro Tem), Robert Ozuna, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders

Present via teleconference: Councilmember Steve Barrientes

Absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator Shane Fisher, City Attorney Quinn Plant, Police Chief Kal Fuller and City Clerk Anita Palacios

Also present was Stephen Hazzard, City Engineer with HLA Engineering and Surveying, Inc.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alicia Fajardo with Mainstreet Grandview Association, provided an update on Mainstreet's designation efforts and upcoming events.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Regional Mobility and Regional Mobility Contingency Grant Programs Construction Grant Agreement Amendment No. PTD0767-01 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride**

City Engineer Hazzard explained that the City was awarded funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation Regional Mobility Grant Program Capital Construction Grant to improve the City's existing Park and Ride located on Wine Country Road which would add transit opportunities and complete the multi-modal capabilities. The funding would include the following amenities: EV charging stations, bus cover with bench, bike rack, concrete wheel stops, asphalt overlay and new striping and concrete sidewalk. The City needs to amend the current funds in the funding table to reflect the addition of \$60,284 in Regional Mobility contingency funds in the 2023-2025 biennium. The scope of work remains the same.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Regional Mobility and Regional Mobility Contingency Grant Programs Construction Grant Agreement Amendment No.

PTD0767-01 with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

B. Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-12 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride Improvements

City Engineer Hazzard explained that the City received funding through the Regional Mobility Grant program by the Washington State Legislature, administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation, in the amount of \$323,384. Funding is for the design and resurfacing of the parking lot, relocation of the existing pathway, construction of a bus shelter, and installation of two (2) electric charging stations necessary to improve vehicular and transportation passenger safety. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-80 on December 12, 2023 approving Task Order No. 2023-12 with HLA to provide professional engineering services for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride Improvements. Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-12 provides additional design engineering efforts, in the form of contract and project administration, were necessary due to the disqualification of bids from bid process one, the process of re-bidding the project, and funding coordination. Amendment No. 1 adds design engineering services associated with both bidding processes and funding coordination. All work in design engineering services shall be performed for the lump sum fee of \$51,312; \$41,312 (original contract) and \$10,000 (Amendment No. 1). Staff recommended Council approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-12 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., to provide professional engineering services for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride Improvements.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 2023-12 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Wine Country Road Park and Ride Improvements to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes

- Councilmember Souders – Yes

C. Resolution accepting the bid for Wine Country Road Sidewalk, Pathway, and Park and Ride Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Culbert Construction, Inc.

City Engineer Hazzard explained that the City received Regional Mobility Grant (RMG) funding through the Washington State Department of Transportation for the design and resurfacing of the parking lot, relocation of the existing pathway, construction of a bus shelter, and installation of electric charging stations. Bids for the Wine Country Road Sidewalk, Pathway, and Park and Ride Improvements were opened on December 4, 2024. A total of four (4) bids were received with Culbert Construction, Inc., of Pasco, Washington, submitting the low bid in the amount of \$394,724.57.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Ozuna, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the bid for Wine Country Road Sidewalk, Pathway, and Park and Ride Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to sign all contract documents with Culbert Construction, Inc., to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

D. Ordinance amending the City of Grandview 2025 Non-Union Salary Schedule to include the salaries for the Public Works Facilities Supervisor and Public Works Utilities Supervisor positions

City Administrator Fisher explained that at the January 14, 2025 City Council meeting, Council approved Resolution No. 2025-02 establishing job descriptions for the Public Works Facilities Supervisor and Public Works Utilities Supervisor and setting forth procedures to establish the Public Works Facilities Supervisor and Public Works Utilities Supervisor salaries. He presented a proposed ordinance amending the 2025 Non-Union Salary Schedule to include the salaries for the Public Works Facilities Supervisor and Public Works Utilities Supervisor positions.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Diaz, the C.O.W. moved an ordinance amending the City of Grandview 2025 Non-Union Salary Schedule to include the salaries for the Public Works Facilities Supervisor and Public Works Utilities Supervisor positions to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

E. Resolution approving the Animal Sheltering Services Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Yakima Humane Society

Police Chief Fuller explained that Grandview Municipal Code Title 6 Chapter 4 addresses Dogs and Chapter 6 addresses Dangerous Dogs. In years past, the City contracted with the Yakima Humane Society for various services related to animal control and/or the housing of animals. In 2024, the City entered into an animal control agreement with the City of Sunnyside for animal control services. The City of Sunnyside was no longer able to fulfill the agreement and provide neither animal control services (a dedicated employee) nor sheltering. The City addresses animal issues that involve life and/or safety situations with the public through the Police Department's normal case intake and officer response system. Non-life/safety related animal calls were handled as time and staffing permit, based on the priority level of the call. In the enforcement of some life/safety related animal calls it is sometimes necessary to impound a dangerous animal. If an animal bites a person, it was suggested by the Department of Health that it be confined for ten (10) days. The City has no location to confine animals. The Yakima Humane Society proposed an agreement with the City to provide guaranteed sheltering services for up to four (4) animals per month for a monthly fee of \$1,000. In 2024, the City sheltered 34 animals with the Humane Society. An agreement with Yakima Humane Society would provide the City with the ability to adequately respond to those life/safety situations where an dog must be impounded.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving the Animal Sheltering Services Agreement between the City of Grandview and the Yakima Humane Society to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

F. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Garrison Law Offices, Inc., P.S.

City Clerk Palacios explained that the City contracts with Yakima County District Court for municipal court services. Under the terms of the contract, the City must provide indigent defense services to indigent defendants. In the event of a conflict with the current public defender, the City must also provide alternate counsel for indigent defendants. Staff re-negotiated contract terms with Garrison Law Offices, Inc., P.S., to provide conflict indigent defense counsel. It was in the best interest of the City to re-negotiate a contract with Garrison Law Offices, Inc., P.S., to provide conflict indigent defense counsel.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Souders, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Garrison Law Offices, Inc., P.S., to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

G. Resolution approving Task Order No. 2025-01 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Bonnieview Road Water Main Looping

City Administrator Fisher explained that currently the developer was constructing off-site infrastructure for the property north of Bonnieview Road and west of Elm Street. There was a 325' section of roadway on Bonnieview Road that was developed and would not be the responsibility of the developer. The City would pay for the construction of 325' of watermain and reconnect the homes that currently receive their water from a 2" water pipe on Elm Street. City staff requested to install approximately 325 linear feet of new water main, including service connections and repair and replacement of existing sidewalk as necessary to properly maintain and operate existing water main. Engineering design work would begin immediately following execution of this Task Order. Construction was anticipated to occur in 2025.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Diaz, second by Councilmember Moore, the C.O.W. moved a resolution approving Task Order No. 2025-01 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., for the Bonnieview Road Water Main Looping to the January 28, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

H. Resolution accepting the Country Park Well – Drilling, Casing and Testing as complete

City Administrator Fisher explained that Empire Well Drilling, LLC completed the construction of the Country Park Well – Drilling, Casing and Testing. Staff recommended Council accept the project as complete once the requirements in the January 15, 2025 letter from HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc., were satisfied.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. moved a resolution accepting the Country Park Well – Drilling, Casing and Testing as complete to the February 11, 2025 regular Council meeting for consideration.

Vote:

- Councilmember Barrientes – Yes
- Councilmember Diaz – Yes
- Councilmember Flores – Yes
- Councilmember Moore – Yes
- Councilmember Ozuna – Yes
- Councilmember Rodriguez – Yes
- Councilmember Souders – Yes

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR STAFF REPORTS

AWC City Action Days – The AWC City Action Days was scheduled for February 19-20, 2025. A delegation from the City of Grandview would be attending.

Council Retreat – The Council retreat was scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at City Hall to revisit the retreat action items.

6. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

AWC City Action Days Legislative Dinner Meeting – Councilmember Ozuna reported that a dinner meeting was scheduled on February 19, 2025 with Senator Curtis King, Representative Gloria Mendoza and Representative Deb Manjarrez during the AWC City Action Days to discuss city priorities.

New Police Department – Councilmember Ozuna reported that a Zoom meeting was scheduled on February 4, 2025 at 10:00 am with U.S. Senator Patty Murray’s office to discuss funding for a new Police Department.

Yakima County Homeless Coalition – Councilmember Souders reported that she had been asked to serve on the Yakima County Homeless Coalition Executive Committee.

Mainstreet Grandview Association – Councilmember Flores asked if fellow Councilmembers were aware of grant funding opportunities for Grandview Mainstreet Association.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilmember Moore, second by Councilmember Ozuna, the C.O.W. meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Ashley Lara

Anita Palacios, City Clerk