

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Gaylord Brewer, Mike Everett, Dennis McDonald, Gloria Mendoza, Bill Moore, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga, City Attorney Quinn Plant, City Treasurer Matt Cordray, Assistant Public Works Director Santos Trevino and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Fuel Tax Grant Agreement for the 2017 Emergency Pavement Repair Project 3-E-183(006)-1

City Administrator Arteaga explained that the winter of 2016 took a real toll on City streets and the repairs were beyond what the City street budget could support. The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) implemented a one-time financial program for 2017 emergency pavement repairs to assist cities in repairing and maintaining their street system due to the harsh 2016 winter. Grandview applied for the maximum amount of \$50,000 for various locations throughout the City to repair classified streets. On May 9, 2017, TIB announced that the City of Grandview was selected for \$50,000 from the TIB 2017 Emergency Repair Program. He presented the Fuel Tax Grant Agreement with TIB that would require Council approval.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Souders, second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Fuel Tax Grant Agreement for the 2017 Emergency Pavement Repair Project 3-E-183(006)-1 to the regular Council meeting for consideration.

B. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Daniel Polage

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. Currently, the City has only one attorney providing conflict indigent defense counsel and it would be in the best

interest of the City to have more than one. The City negotiated contract terms with Daniel Polage to provide conflict indigent defense counsel through December 31, 2018.

Discussion took place.

On motion by Councilmember Everett, second by Councilmember Brewer, the C.O.W. moved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Public Defender Agreement for conflict indigent defense counsel with Daniel Polage to the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting for consideration.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Homestead Place Facility Closure – Mayor Childress reported that the Homestead Place (formerly Orchard House) senior living facility located on West Fifth Street would be closing effective June 30th. He received a statement from Joseph Hessley, VP of Special Projects for Enlivant Corporate office, which he read into the record, as follows:

“We appreciate your request for a meeting and all of the email concerns. Despite extraordinary efforts from community leadership and Enlivant field support, we have not been able to create a full community, capable of providing the vibrant environment we strive to deliver and our residents deserve. We therefore are in the unfortunate position where we need to close Homestead Place in order to consolidate business operations in the local market.

This is never an easy decision, and one we do not make without fully considering all alternative options. Our primary focus now is to work with all of our residents and their families to find the best alternative senior living solution for their individual needs. Our community team is diligently coordinating with various local senior living providers in order to make this as seamless of a transition for our residents as possible.

We understand this is disappointing news for all concerned parties. Homestead Place has strove to be a good partner to the local community, and it is a somber occasion that we must close our doors by June 30th. Throughout these final weeks, we will continue to provide excellent care for all of our residents and support our employees in their transition.”

Discussion took place and would continue at the regular Council meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The study session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk