

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

May 1, 2019

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 1st day of May, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Chris Kennedy, Duncan McArthur, Phyllis Norris, Duke Wortmann, Rick Taggart and Council President Barbara Traylor Smith. Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann, and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

Council President Traylor Smith called the meeting to order. The Grand Junction Police Department Honor Guard presented the Posting of the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by an invocation by Michael B. Shannon of Fruita Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Presentations

Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers

Parks and Recreation Director Rob Schoeber presented a slideshow displaying the type of tree, benches and markers that were made and will be placed at Las Colonias Park in appreciation of the outgoing councilmembers' service to the City of Grand Junction.

City Manager Caton thanked the outgoing councilmembers for their leadership.

Maria Keenan, resident of Grand Junction, presented the outgoing councilmembers with flowers.

Councilmember Norris presented outgoing Council President Traylor Smith with a plaque of appreciation.

Proclamations

Proclaiming May 12 - 18, 2019 as Police Week in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Norris read the proclamation. Deputy Chief Mike Nordine accepted the proclamation.

Proclaiming May as Bike Month and May 8, 2019 as Bike to Work and School Day in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Boeschstein read the proclamation. Urban Trails Committee Members Sarah Johnson and Steven Meyer accepted the proclamation.

Proclaiming May 5 - 11, 2019 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Wortmann read the proclamation. Utilities Director Randi Kim and Lead Water Treatment Plant Operator Andy Thatcher accepted the proclamation.

Appointments

To the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board

Councilmember Taggart moved to reappoint Erling Brabaek to the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Board for a four-year term to expire May 31, 2023. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Citizen Comments

Rebecca Scarrow thanked Council for moving the Transportation Capacity Payments (TCP) discussion to a later time.

City Manager Report

City Manager Caton spoke about the neighborhood meeting in regards to Fire Station #6 and gave an update of what was shared during this meeting.

Council Reports

Councilmember Kennedy thanked Council for the last four years. He took time to speak about his term and the accomplishments including: Completion of Las Colonias Ampitheater, the business park and other brick and mortar additions to the City, the continuing development of the Riverfront, and the ongoing process of delivering more transparency of the operations of the City. He noted he is most proud of moving forward the conversations about tolerance and inclusivity through Pride Week Proclamations and the Inclusivity Proclamation, and urged people to continue to speak against intolerance and bigotry. Councilmember Kennedy urged current and future councilmembers to speak against discrimination and to continue advancing the goals of Grand Junction. He spoke about his disappointment that efforts to bring broadband to the City were abandoned. He thanked residents for the opportunity to serve and ended with a poem.

Councilmember Boeschstein thanked Council, staff, and the residents of Grand Junction for their support and referred to the list of accomplishments during his term noted at the previous City Council Meeting.

Council President Traylor Smith thanked staff for helping lead policy in the City. She took time to address the continuance of the Transportation Capacity Payments fee increase as an example of how municipal government works towards addressing the needs of the community and the impacts of growth. She urged the new Council to address these fees to establish the future infrastructure of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda items #1 - #5 with an amendment to the minutes to include the list of accomplishments as stated by Councilmember Boeschstein at the April 17th meeting. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Planned Development Zoning Ordinance No. 4676 and Amending the Outline Development Plan for "One West Development", Now Known as "The Community" Planned Development, Located at 2350 Highway 6 & 50 Between 23 ¼ Road and 23 ¾ Roads, from G Road to Highway 6 & 50, and Set a Public Hearing for May 15, 2019

3. Continue Public Hearings

- a. A Resolution Accepting the Petition for Annexation of 19.608 Acres of Land and Ordinances Annexing and Zoning the Maverick Estates Annexation to R-4 (Residential - 4 du/ac), Located at 2428 H Road - **Continued to a Date to be Determined**
- b. Consider a request by the City of Grand Junction for a Group of Actions Including 1) An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3641, 2) An Ordinance Amending Section 21.06.010 of the Zoning and Development Code Concerning Infrastructure Standards, Transportation Capacity Payments Including Calculations Thereof, Credit and Approving Consumption Based Calculation Methodologies and 3) A Resolution Amending Transportation Impact Fees and Establishing the Implementation Schedule - **Continued to a Date to be Determined**

4. Contracts

- a. Contract for 2019 Monument Road Bicycle Path (Lunch Loop Connector) Trail

- b. Memorandum of Understanding Between the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, the Town of Palisade, and the City of Grand Junction to Establish a Framework of Cooperation in Support of the Palisade Watershed Fire Mitigation Plan

5. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Authorizing a City Council Acting President Pro Tem

- b. A Resolution Appointing a Municipal Court Judge

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing - An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations for the 2019 Budget for the City of Grand Junction and the Downtown Development Authority

This request is to appropriate funds and authorize spending to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the accounting funds of the City of Grand Junction and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) based on proposed 2019 budget amendments. Supplemental appropriations are required to ensure adequate appropriations by fund and often are needed to carry forward capital projects that regularly span more than one year. This action re-appropriates the funds for projects approved and started in the prior budget year but not completed in that year. Because these capital projects have already been planned for and the expenditure approved by Council in the 2018 budget, they do not decrease the budgeted fund balances. Supplemental appropriations are also required to authorize spending of unbudgeted revenues which are a result of successful grant applications, as well as new spending from available resources because of project or economic development opportunities that arise during the year, all subject to City Council approval.

Finance Director Jodi Romero presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 6:48 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed 6:48 at p.m.

Conversation ensued about the progress for the pedestrian access for the Bookcliff Middle School area project, clarification of what supplemental appropriation is (reappropriation of a budget from a previous year requiring Council approval), the clarification of the DDA portion of the ordinance being DDA funds, and the process explaining why there is carry over into other years.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4850, an ordinance making Supplemental Appropriations to the 2019 budget of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado and the Downtown Development Authority for the year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Hearing - An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan to Include the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID) Trail Network Plan as a Part of the Grand Junction Circulation Plan

The Horizon Drive BID Trail Network Plan identifies a series of proposed multi-modal trail connections within the Horizon Drive corridor area to provide safe, convenient and functional non-motorized linkages to amenities within the District and to the surrounding area. The need for this sub-area plan was identified as an implementation strategy in the adopted 2018 Grand Junction Circulation Plan. Both the Horizon Drive BID and the Grand Junction Urban Trails Committee have reviewed and unanimously recommended approval of the trails plan.

Community Services Manager Kathy Portner presented this item.

Vara Kusal Executive Director for the Horizon Drive Association BID, was present to answer questions.

Conversation ensued about Phase I of the proposed trail plan and the impact on pedestrians on Horizon Drive, whether the easements have been secured, projection of time for the Army Corps of Engineer study on the project, and budget restraints.

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4851, an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan to include the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID) Trail Network Plan as a Part of the Grand Junction Circulation Plan on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Public Hearing - An Ordinance Authorizing the Refunding (Refinancing) of \$30,000,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2010B

The City has an opportunity to refund its \$30,000,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2010B (the "Series 2010B COPs") in order to accomplish debt service savings of

\$205,000 each year. In addition, because of the City's credit rating improving from A+ to AA- which is a move from medium to high grade, an additional \$200,000 in costs are saved on the refunding.

As of March 25, 2019, the City can advance refund the \$28,320,000 portion of the Series 2010B COPs callable on December 1, 2020 at an expected interest rate of 3.2% to 3.3%, for a total estimated savings of \$4.26 million over the next 22 years. Savings would be approximately \$50,000 in 2019, \$105,000 in 2020 and \$205,000 in each year from 2021 to 2040. The term of the new COPs is the same as the original which mature in 2040. Debt Service payments for the Series 2010B COPs and for the preliminary Series 2019 COPs are subject to annual appropriation by City Council.

Director of General Services Jay Valentine presented this item.

Conversation ensued about debt service reserve, debt service due from the federal government and sequestration on that.

The public hearing opened at 7:17 p.m.

Ron Perez addressed Council about his questions on the proposed ordinance and staff answered those questions.

The public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Clarification was made on the intent for the refunding, which was to reduce the debt service and not to finance more debt and whether this opportunity was available for other City debt.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4854, and ordinance authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding certificates of participation; authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to a ground lease and lease purchase agreement and approval of certain other documents and matters related thereto; and authorizing officials of the City to take all action necessary thereto on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Ron Avalo thanked staff for their attention to industry concerns about the TCP Fee Increase.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Wanda Winkelmann, MMC
City Clerk