

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

April 6, 2020

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into special session on the 6th day of April 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Kraig Andrews, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Anna Stout, Duke Wortmann and Council President Rick Taggart. Councilmember Chuck McDaniel joined remotely via GoToMeeting.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

Council President Taggart called the meeting to order. Councilmember Andrews led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

REGULAR AGENDA

An Emergency Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation of \$500,000.00 from the City General Fund Reserve to Support the City's #GJSTRONG Fund in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado

The purpose of this item is to adopt an emergency ordinance for expenditure for the expenses related to providing basic needs of food and shelter.

Pursuant to the local declaration of emergency, and by and with this ordinance, the City is authorized to assist persons impacted by complying with the Federal, State or local public health official's imposition or recommendation of social distancing, self-quarantine, business closures and other measures related to COVID-19 that have direct and indirect impacts on business and economic conditions.

The temporary assistance afforded by this ordinance includes the creation of an emergency fund (“#GJSTRONGFUND” or “Fund”) in the City’s budget for expenditures directly and indirectly related to providing basic needs of food and shelter, in collaboration with the Western Colorado Community Foundation (“WCCF”) in the City of Grand Junction.

City Manager Greg Caton introduced this item. City Attorney John Shaver spoke of Charter requirements for Emergency Ordinances to be passed, the relationship with WCCF, the application process and organizations that are eligible.

Council President Taggart read a citizen comment from Dennis Simpson regarding this item into the record as well as the response by City Attorney Shaver.

Conversation ensued regarding churches' eligibility and the structure of the ordinance and program.

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 4915, an ordinance to make a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000.00 from the City General Fund Reserve to support the City's #GJSTRONG Fund in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado on final passage and ordered final publication. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Wanda Winkelmann, MMC
City Clerk