

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

**November 4, 2020**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Kraig Andrews, Chuck McDaniel (participated remotely), Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Rick Taggart (participated remotely), and Council President Duke Wortmann. Councilmember Anna Stout was absent.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann, and Deputy City Clerk Janet Harrell. Council President Wortmann called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by an invocation by Pastor Laura Stephenson, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

**Citizen Comments**

Bruce Lohmiller spoke about local shelters, night patrols and thanked those who voted for him for Senate.

Richard Puter talked about the election and the future of our nation.

Jeff McClusky spoke about the economic shut down due to the pandemic.

Mark Rebick expressed concern regarding civil unrest.

**Proclamations**

**Proclaiming November 11, 2020 as A Salute to All Veterans 2020 in the City of Grand Junction**

Councilmember Pe'a read the proclamation. Greg Merschel accepted the proclamation.

**Proclaiming November 9 -13, 2020 as Law Enforcement Records Personnel Week in the City of Grand Junction**

Councilmember Norris read the proclamation. Grand Junction Police Department Deputy Chief Mike Nordine and Lead Police Records Specialist Amber Peck accepted the proclamation.

**Appointments**

**To the Grand Junction Housing Authority**

Councilmember Andrews moved to reappoint John Howe and appoint Richard Krohn to the Grand Junction Housing Authority for five-year terms expiring October 2025. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Presentations**

**Summary of November Election Results: Ballot Question Related to Removing Revenue and Spending Limitations**

City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann reviewed the votes cast for City ballot measure 2A, which passed with 21,483 “yes” votes and 11,977 “no” votes.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Greg Caton accepted a *Great Place* award from the Colorado Chapter of American Planning Association on behalf of the City recognizing the City's partnership, support and financial contribution for the Palisade Plunge Trail.

**Council Reports**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Norris moved to adopt Consent Agenda items 1-4. Councilmember Andrews seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Summary of the October 19, 2020 Workshop
- b. Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

**2. Set Public Hearings**

- a. Quasi-judicial
  - ii. Introduction of an Ordinance to Rezone Two Parcels Totaling 2.97 Acres from IO (Industrial Office) to BP (Business Park Mixed Use) Located at the

Southwest Corner of Fracture Lane and 25 ½ Road and Set a Public Hearing for November 18, 2020

- iii. Introduction of an Ordinance in Regards to the Refunding (Refinancing) of \$5,540,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2010, Increasing the Certificates of Participation Payments, extending the term to 2045, and Set a Public Hearing for November 18, 2020

**3. Contracts**

- a. CDBG 2020 Program Year Subrecipient Agreements between the Counseling and Education Center, HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, HopeWest, Hilltop Community Resources, Inc., the Community Food Bank and the City of Grand Junction

**4. Resolutions**

- a. A Resolution Adopting the 29 Road at I-70 Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkages Study

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Taser/AXON Body Camera and Taser Contract**

This request is to award Axon, Inc., a ten-year contract, which is subject to annual appropriations, to provide body worn cameras and Tasers, along will all associated software, licensing and storage costs with their operation.

The Grand Junction Police Department has been utilizing body-worn cameras provided by Axon, Inc. since 2019 and Axon Tasers since 2004. To ensure compatibility and consistency with these products, this purchase will be a sole source procurement.

Police Chief Doug Shoemaker presented this item.

Conversation ensued regarding how the information gathered from the equipment is tracked (unlimited storage in the cloud).

The public hearing opened at 5:59 p.m.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 5:59 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved to authorize the Purchasing Division to enter into a sole source contract with Axon, Inc. and approve an initial payment in the amount of \$229,924.81 with an aggregate amount of \$3,039,337.35 over a ten-year period subject to annual appropriations. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **A Resolution Authorizing the Business Incubator/Small Business Development Center Grant Program for Small Businesses**

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a state of emergency for the small business community in Grand Junction. Due to local, state, and national orders, many businesses that were not considered "Critical Businesses" were forced to temporarily close or dramatically limit operations. While nearly all local businesses are facing hardship and economic losses, businesses that have been forced to close or significantly cut back are struggling to pay mortgages, rent and other obligations. On May 6, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 4920 authorizing temporary assistance by and through an appropriation of \$540,000.00 to the Business Stabilization and Recovery Fund ("Fund"). The City's Fund, which was administered by the Business Incubator/Small Business Development Center ("BIC/SBDC") as a revolving loan fund, was to support business with a physical location in Grand Junction with expenses directly and indirectly related to forestalling foreclosure, rental assistance and temporary mitigation of other financial impacts due to COVID-19.

On October 19, 2020 the US Treasury issued Guidance that makes clear that eligible expenditures may include expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by closures due to COVID. The Guidance establishes that the City has discretion to determine what payments are necessary and accordingly, with approval of this Resolution, a program for assisting small businesses with grants to help cover the costs of business interruption caused by required closures will be authorized. The grants will be administered by the BIC/SBDC and shall be awarded and expended in furtherance of the purposes of this Resolution and in response to and because of the declared COVID-19 emergency. The Business Incubator is requesting \$300,000 from the City of Grand Junction that will be used to create a COVID-19 response grant fund that will be administered through the Revolving Loan Fund, subject to approval and qualification of the grantees of the fund. Grants will be up to \$7,500 based on certain criteria.

City Manager Greg Caton and Business Incubator Executive Director Jon Maraschin presented this item.

Councilmember Norris thanked all Economic Development partners for working on this grant program.

Public comment opened at 6:07 p.m.

Diane Schwenke spoke favorably of this item and expressed the importance of these funds for some local businesses.

Public comment closed at 6:09 p.m.

Councilmember Pe'a moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-20, a resolution authorizing the Business Incubator/Small Business Development Center Grant Program for Small Businesses. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**A Resolution Approving and Accepting the Improvements Connected with the Victor Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement District No. SS-20, Giving Notice of a Public Hearing, Introduction of an Ordinance Approving the Assessable Cost and Set a Public Hearing for December 16, 2020**

The City has completed the installation of sanitary sewer facilities as requested by the majority of the property owners located on Victor Drive. The proposed resolution is the required first step in the formal process of levying assessments against properties located in the improvement district. A public hearing and second reading of the proposed assessing ordinance will be scheduled for the December 16, 2020 Council meeting.

Utilities Director Randi Kim presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 6:13 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved adopt Resolution No. 66-20, a resolution approving and accepting the improvements connected with the Victor Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement District No. SS-20, and introduce an ordinance approving the assessable cost of the improvements made in and for the Victor Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvement District No. SS-20, and to set a public hearing for December 16, 2020. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors**

There were none.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Wanda Winkelmann, MMC  
City Clerk