

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

February 17, 2021

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 17th day of February 2021 at 5:31 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Kraig Andrews, Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a (participated remotely, arriving at 6:19 p.m.), Anna Stout (participated remotely), Rick Taggart (participated remotely), and Council President Duke Wortmann.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton (participated remotely), 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 a moment of silence.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

Proclamations

Proclaiming February 27, 2021 as National TRIO Day in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember McDaniel read the proclamation. Colorado Mesa University Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kurt Haas accepted the proclamation virtually.

Honoring National Peace Corps Volunteers in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Andrews read the proclamation. Retired Peace Corps Volunteers Bennett Boeschenstein, Dana Brosig, Dr. Shannon Keel and Gigi Robinson accepted the proclamation virtually.

City Manager Report

City Manager Greg Caton did not have a report.

Council Reports

Councilmember Stout announced the Grand Valley Task Force will give an update on

February 25th via Zoom.

Councilmember Taggart attended the One Riverfront meeting and requested City Attorney Shaver provide information to the Commission regarding the upcoming Referred Measure 2C ballot question. He also noted a group, to which he belongs, is developing a vision document regarding a proposed bicycle park to be located within Matchett Park and suggested an Executive Session be scheduled to discuss Glacier Ice Arena.

Councilmember Andrews said the State Legislature is in session and bills are being monitored for those that may affect the City.

Council President Wortmann stated the City will not pursue a purchase of the vacant City Market building located on 1st Street and announced the Bonsai building is close to completion and the Dos Rios Development looks fantastic.

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 February 1, 2021 Workshop
- b. Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Executive Session
- c. Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Legislative
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Adopting the Patterson Road Access Control Plan (ACP) as Volume III, Title 38 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code and Setting a Public Hearing for March 3, 2021
 - ii. Introduction of an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriations for 2021, Authorization of Use of General Fund Reserve, and Setting a Public Hearing for March 3, 2021

3. Contracts

- a. CDBG-CV Subrecipient Agreements between Karis, Inc., HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach and Housing Resources of Western Colorado and the City of Grand Junction
- b. Purchase Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaning Truck
- c. Purchase Side Load Refuse Trucks
- d. Purchase Two North Star Ambulances Mounted on Ram Chassis
- e. CDBG 2020 Program Year Subrecipient Agreement between Housing Resources of Western Colorado and the City of Grand Junction

4. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Approving the Notice of Election for the Regular Municipal Election April 6, 2021
- b. A Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying a Contract for the Purchase of Property Located at 649 24 Road

REGULAR AGENDA

An Ordinance Amending Grand Junction Municipal Code Pertaining to Liquor Licensing Distance Requirements

The City has been requested to reduce the distance for Beer & Wine and Hotel & Restaurant licenses to 450 feet in order to facilitate the redevelopment of property near 7th Street and North Avenue. Certain licenses already exist near that location and a possible reuse/redevelopment of vacant property may be facilitated by adoption of the ordinance.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

Discussion included this would become the new standard for Beer & Wine and Hotel & Restaurant licenses only, the COVID-19 temporary modifications would be available to new licenses if still applicable, the 50-foot reduction would be an insignificant difference to schools and there is not a concern liquor licensed businesses would provide illegal service.

The public hearing opened at 6:02 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4980, an ordinance amending Section 5.12.220 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code reducing the distance Beer & Wine and Hotel & Restaurant liquor licensed premises must be from any parochial or public school in the City of Grand Junction on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2768 (Conditionally Vacating Rights-of-Way)

In 1994 the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2768 conditionally vacating Northacres Road and Sage Court rights of way. This action is consideration of an ordinance to repeal Ordinance 2768 because the conditions of the vacation have not been met.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

Council President Wortmann said he will abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

The public hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

Councilmember Norris moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4984, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2768, an ordinance vacating Northacres Road and a portion of Sage Court in the City of Grand Junction on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Andrews seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

A Resolution Authorizing Nonprofit Business Stabilization and Recovery Grant Fund: “Nonprofits are Businesses Too”

The Business Incubator Center (BIC) requested \$250,000 from the City of Grand Junction to create a new COVID-19 response grant fund specifically to assist with shortfalls in the operational funding needs of eligible nonprofit entities (NPE) negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic as those NPE’s endeavor to meet the various needs of our Grand Junction community.

City Manager Greg Caton, Councilmember Stout and BIC Executive Director Jon Maraschin presented this item.

Discussion included if grants do not exceed \$250,000, the BIC administration fee would be paid from this distribution, but if grants are issued up to that amount, it would be paid from another City account.

The public comment period opened at 6:19 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public comment period closed at 6:19 pm.

Councilmember Stout moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-21, a resolution authorizing and ratifying the expenditure of the Emergency Appropriation of up to \$250,000.00 in support of nonprofit business enterprises in Grand Junction in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ratification of a Contract for the Sale of 2982 Patterson Road

2982 Patterson Road, also known as the Burkey property, was deeded to the City in 1967 by Lewis and Mildred Burkey. From 1967 to 2019, this property was designated as parkland and in accordance with the City Charter could not be sold without voter approval. In the April 2019 Municipal Election, voters decided the property could be sold if the proceeds are used for the development of Matchett Park. This item is to ratify an offer to buy the property from the City for \$740,000.

General Services Director Jay Valentine presented this item.

Discussion included that the proceeds will be held for a pavilion dedicated to the Burkey's at Matchett Park.

The public comment period opened at 6:25 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public comment period closed at 6:25 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-21, a resolution authorizing the sale by the City of real property located at 2982 Patterson Road to Wahl Civil Constructors and ratifying action heretofore taken in connection therewith. Councilmember Taggart 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 adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Wanda Winkelmann, MMC
City Clerk

