

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

**March 22, 2021**

**Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into special session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Anna Stout (participated remotely), Rick Taggart, Council President Duke Wortmann (participated remotely) and Council President Pro Tem Kraig Andrews.

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

Council President Pro Tem Andrews called the meeting to order and Councilmember Pe'a led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Updated Request for 2021 Fireworks Displays at Suplizio Field**

At the March 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting staff requested approval for nine fireworks shows at Suplizio Field. City Council expressed concerns for the surrounding neighborhood and asked that laser shows be considered in lieu of fireworks.

The Grand Junction Rockies found laser shows were not financially (cost and decreased attendance) or logistically feasible and, in order to further lessen negative impacts to the surrounding neighborhood, the Grand Junction Rockies said they would reduce their shows from six to five, start Friday night games earlier in order to start shows earlier, have shorter shows, end all shows by 10:30 p.m., use smaller shells and continue to provide neighborhood notifications including the Grand Junction Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou and Grand Junction Rockies President Mick Ritter presented this item.

Discussion included that a neighborhood citizen letter said they enjoyed the fireworks and research on laser shows was appreciated.

The public hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Councilmember Norris moved to approve the request to host eight public fireworks displays at Lincoln Park Stadium as presented by Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction Baseball (JUCO), Grand Junction Rockies, and the City of Grand Junction. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Stout voting NO.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Wanda Winkelmann, MMC  
City Clerk

