

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

**April 21, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Kraig Andrews, Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Anna Stout, Rick Taggart and Council President Duke Wortmann.

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 Councilmember Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

**Citizen Comments**

The following spoke in favor of the City purchasing Glacier Ice Arena: Debra Williams, Chris Birdsong, John Talbert, Tim Winegard, Blake Cloutier, and Walter Fox.

Robbie Koos thanked the City for its interest in the ice arena and for offering to provide a backup contract, but declined to pursue a backup contract at this time, preferring to concentrate efforts on the existing contract to purchase.

Councilmember Stout thanked Robbie and Alan Koos for their work with Glacier Ice Arena and said she appreciated the show of community support.

**Presentations**

**Final Certification of Election Results**

City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann presented final certification of election results.

**Recognition of Outgoing Councilmembers**

Councilmember McDaniel presented outgoing Council President Wortmann with a plaque of appreciation. Council President Wortmann spoke about accomplishments during his term and thanked the community and staff.

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou recognized outgoing Councilmembers

Kraig Andrews, Phyllis Norris and Duke Wortmann. He then displayed the benches and markers to be placed at Las Colonias Park in appreciation of their service to the City of Grand Junction.

City Manager Caton thanked the outgoing councilmembers for their leadership and achievements.

### **Proclamations**

#### **Proclaiming April 24, 2021 as Arbor Day in City of Grand Junction**

Councilmember Stout read the proclamation. Forestry Board President Susan Carter accepted the proclamation.

#### **Proclaiming May 2021 and May 5, 2021 as Bike Month and Bike to Work and School Day in the City of Grand Junction**

Councilmember Taggart read the proclamation. Urban Trails Committee Chair Shana Wade accepted the proclamation.

### **Appointments**

#### **To the Historic Preservation Board**

Councilmember Pe'a moved to appoint Vida Jaber to the Historic Preservation Board for a four-year term ending December 2024. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **City Manager Report**

City Manager Caton thanked City staff and local contractors for their work on the Spring Cleanup project and noted it was completed in only nine days.

### **Council Reports**

Councilmember Taggart thanked Colorado Attorney General Philip Weiser for hosting a tour and meeting for himself and Councilmember Stout. He also attended a One Riverfront meeting that covered updating their strategic plan and how they will continue the life jacket program.

Councilmember Stout noted AG Weiser said opioid specific funding will become available to the community and encouraged impactful allocations. She also attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting where CML policy

positions were discussed. Councilmember Stout then recognized students Ellie King and Giorgio Weissmuller.

Councilmember Andrews attended a Persigo Committee meeting with Councilmember McDaniel and was encouraged by the progress. He also went to a Colorado Mesa University Wayne Aspinall display.

Councilmember Pe'a attended a Visit Grand Junction meeting.

Councilmember McDaniel agreed with Councilmember Andrews regarding the Persigo Committee meeting and noted Commissioner Cody Davis is the County representative.

Councilmember Norris noted this was the last regular meeting during her term and thanked the citizens of Grand Junction for electing her and staff for their help.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Consent Agenda items 1 - 3. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

**2. Set Public Hearings**

- a. Quasi-judicial
  - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning the Northern 21.53 Acres Portion of a Property from an I-1 (Light Industrial) to an R-5 (Residential - 5 du/ac) Zone District, Located at 853 21½ Road and Setting a Public Hearing for May 5, 2021

**3. Withdrawn Public Hearings**

- a. Quasi-judicial
  - i. An Ordinance to Amend Municipal Code Volume II: Development Regulations to Adopt Standards and Guidelines for Lincoln Park Residential Historic District as Title 30 and Amend Section 21.07.040 of the Zoning and Development Code pertaining to the Role of the Historic Preservation Board in Review of Alterations within the District **(ITEM WITHDRAWN)**

**REGULAR AGENDA****An Ordinance Regarding the 2021 Compensation for the Municipal Judge, City Attorney and City Manager**

The City Council has three employees that report to them, the Municipal Judge, City Attorney and City Manager. Pursuant to the City Charter, the salary of the City Manager is set by ordinance which serves to amend his employment agreement. The salary of the City Attorney and the compensation paid to the Municipal Judge are established annually by letter on terms established in the discretion of the City Council. In December 2020 the City Council approved a budget and appropriated funds to pay City employees a 2.5% wage increase for 2021. Because the City Council has determined that its employees are performing at or above expectations, with approval of this ordinance it will award a 2.5% increase to the Municipal Judge, City Attorney and City Manager.

Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel and Kraig Andrews presented this item.

Discussion included transitioning to a different evaluation system to include performance and professional development goals, using the Council Strategic Plan as a guide for employee goals, ensuring any changes are implemented at an appropriate time during the evaluation year and appreciation for their work.

The public hearing opened at 6:29 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

Councilmember Pe'a moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4996, an ordinance concerning the salary of the Municipal Judge, City Attorney and City Manager on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**An Ordinance Amending Section 5.12.220 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Reducing the Distance Brew Pub Liquor Licensed Premises must be from Any Parochial or Public School in the City of Grand Junction**

The developer of the property at the northwest corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and North Avenue determined that a Brew Pub is the preferred use for the site. Earlier this year City Council reduced the distance for Hotel and Restaurant and Beer and Wine licenses from a school campus to 450 feet (from 500). The proposed ordinance will similarly reduce the distance for a Brew Pub license.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

Discussion included State law requires a 500-foot distance from schools but also allows for local changes and anticipation was expressed to see a revitalization project in the area.

The public hearing opened at 6:39 p.m.

Applicant representative Sandra Weckerly spoke about the proposed project.

The public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4997, an ordinance amending Section 5.12.220 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code reducing the distance a Brew Pub liquor licensed premises must be (450') from any parochial or public school in the City of Grand Junction on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**An Ordinance Amending Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to Modify and Clarify Various Provisions of the Zoning and Development Code**

The Community Development Director proposed amendments to sections of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Title 21 to modify and clarify various provisions of the Zoning and Development Code. The amendments address a variety of items identified by staff and members of the development community as being unclear, conflicting or a desired modernization of the Code.

Principal Planner Kristen Ashbeck presented this item.

The public hearing opened at 6:56 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

Councilmember Norris moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4998, an ordinance to amend Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to modify and clarify various regulations of the Zoning and Development Code on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Pe'a seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**A Resolution Adopting the Grand Junction Destination Brand, which includes "Where Life Leads" as a Destination Platform, Logo, Fonts and Place DNA™  
Direction**

Visit Grand Junction partnered with Destination Think to assist in developing a destination brand for Grand Junction by providing various opportunities for community input. At the February 1, 2021 Council Workshop, Destination Think shared the creative brand strategy recommendation with City Council that included resident insights and opinions which were important components of the brand.

Visit Grand Junction Director Elizabeth Fogarty presented this item.

Discussion included appreciation and excitement about the new branding, and when it will be implemented locally and externally.

Public comment opened at 7:14 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 7:14 p.m.

Councilmember Andrews moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-21, a resolution adopting "Where Life Leads" a destination brand and unique identification for Grand Junction, Colorado. Councilmember Stout seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**A Resolution Authorizing a City Council Acting President Pro Tem**

The term of office for both the current mayor and mayor pro tem will end May 3, 2021, therefore appointment of an acting mayor pro tem is necessary. The Charter provides the mayor pro tem shall perform the duties of mayor when the mayor is absent.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

Public comment opened at 7:17 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Public comment closed at 7:17 p.m.

Councilmember Stout moved to adopt Resolution No. 37-21, a resolution appointing Chuck McDaniel as acting President Pro tempore of the City Council. Council President Wortmann seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote with

Councilmember McDaniel abstaining.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors**

There were none.

**Other Business**

Councilmember McDaniel spoke about the upcoming Strategic Plan which City Council updates every two years and suggested forming a committee to interview and recommend a consultant.

Councilmember McDaniel moved for City Council to appoint Councilmember Rick Taggart and Councilmember Elect Randall Reitz to serve as a review committee for a Strategic Plan Consultant and provide a recommendation to the full Council. Councilmember Stout seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Wanda Winkelmann, MMC  
City Clerk

