

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

June 15, 2022

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15th day of June 2022 at 5:32 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Abe Herman, Chuck McDaniel, Phillip Pe'a, Randall Reitz, Dennis Simpson, Rick Taggart, and Council President Anna Stout.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, City Clerk Amy Phillips, Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval, and Principal Planner Kristen Ashbeck.

Council President Stout called the meeting to order. Councilmember Herman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Proclamations

Proclaiming July as Parks & Recreation Month in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Pe'a read the proclamation and Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou accepted the proclamation along with members from his aquatic staff.

Proclaiming Juneteenth in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Reitz read the proclamation and David Combs and Eric Ward accepted the proclamation.

Citizen Comments

Bruce Lohmiller spoke of homeless camps.

Council Reports

Councilmember Reitz attended the townhall meeting in support of the Community Recreation Center and spoke of the Cafe con Pan event where he and the City Manager met with the Latino Community.

Councilmember McDaniel spoke of a conversation with his neighbor who lauded the City's chip sealing crews.

Councilmember Pe'a attended the Visit Grand Junction and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. He also spoke of the townhall meeting for the Community

Recreation Center.

Councilmember Herman gave an update on Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Urban Trails Committee, and the Downtown Development Authority. He invited the public to an event at Lunch Loop Trailhead where he and Councilmember McDaniel will have informal conversations with citizens Friday, June 24, 2022, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Council President Stout attended the 100-year anniversary of Moyer Pool, Employee Appreciation Events at the City, and will be attending the Colorado Municipal League Conference next week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McDaniel asked that 2.b.i. be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Pe'a moved and Councilmember Simpson seconded to adopt the consent agenda #1 - #3 with the exception of item 2.b.i. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the June 1, 2022 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the June 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance to Rezone 15.34 Acres from R-2 (Residential - 2 du/ac) to R-5 (Residential – 5 du/ac), Located at 2370 Broadway (Highway 340) in the Redlands and Setting a Public Hearing for July 6, 2022
 - ii. A Resolution Referring a Petition to the City Council for the Annexation of Lands to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Setting a Hearing on Such Annexation, Exercising Land Use Control, and Introducing Proposed Annexation Ordinance for the If Land Annexation of 19.77 Acres, Located at 364 29 Road; 370 29 Road; and 374 29 Road, and Setting a Public Hearing for July 20, 2022
 - iii. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 8.27 Acres from I-O (Industrial Office) to C-1 (Light Commercial) Located at the Northeast Corner of Horizon Drive and Hilaria Avenue and Setting a Public Hearing for July 6, 2022

- iv. An Ordinance Authorizing, Approving and Confirming a Lease to Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. and Setting a Public Hearing for July 6, 2022

- b. Legislative
 - i. An Ordinance Concerning the 2022 Salary of the City Manager and Setting a Public Hearing for July 6, 2022 – ***Moved to Regular Agenda***

3. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Issuing a Revocable Permit to Allow Encroachment of a Fire Escape Located within the East-West Alley on the North Side of Property Located at 464 Main Street (Dalby-Wendland Building) Requested by TIL Construction, LLC

- b. A Resolution to Authorize \$4.3 Million Loan Contract with the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the Carson Dam Rehabilitation Project

- c. A Resolution to Authorize a \$3.2 Million Loan Contract with the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the Kannah Creek Flow Line Project

- d. A Resolution to Adopt Procedures for Filling a Council Vacancy

REGULAR AGENDA

An Ordinance Concerning the 2022 Salary of the City Manager and Setting a Public Hearing for July 6, 2022 – Moved from the Consent Agenda

Pursuant to the City Charter, the salary of the City Manager is set by ordinance. The City Council has found the City Manager's performance to be at or above expectations and accordingly, with this ordinance and the prior appropriation, sets and increases by 3.5% the annual compensation of City Manager Greg Caton to \$237,550 rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Discussion ensued regarding disclosure to the public of the salary increase process of the three members that report directly to Council (City Manager, City Attorney and the Municipal Judge) and how there will be public discussion for each employee separately as their reviews are completed.

Councilmember McDaniel moved and Councilmember Reitz seconded to adopt item 2.b.i. on first reading and to set a public hearing for July 6, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Funding Allocations for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year, and Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the 2022 Annual Action Plan for July 20, 2022

City Council considers which activities and programs to fund for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 Program Year. The City will receive \$421,451 for the 2022 Program Year that will begin once the 2022 Annual Action Plan has been completed and funds have been released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition, remaining unexpended funds from a previous program year in the amount of \$20,000 will be reallocated with the 2022 Program Year funds.

Principal Planner Kristen Ashbeck presented this item.

Conversation ensued regarding the 10% program fund reduction (based on allocation from Congress), the impact of unexpended funds and how having unexpended funds is uncommon due to the availability of extensions.

The public hearing opened at 6:19 p.m.

Chris Mueller, President of the Counseling and Education Board of Directors, thanked the Council for supporting mental health in the valley and gave an update on his organization.

Amanda de Bock with Meals on Wheels expressed their appreciation to Council for their CDBG Fund Allocation.

Wendy Genkov with Housing Resources of Western Colorado thanked Council and explained why they haven't used all their allocated funds.

The public hearing closed at 6:22 p.m.

Councilmember Herman moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to approve the proposed funding requests and set a public hearing for adoption of the 2022 Annual Action Plan for July 20, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

An Ordinance Amending the Grand Junction Municipal Code Regarding Forestry Board Appointments

The Forestry Board will be expanded to include seven members with elimination of alternate member appointments.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

It was asked how many boards and commissions have organizational provisions in the Code. City Attorney Shaver believed there were three.

The public hearing opened at 6:28 p.m.

There were none.

The public hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

Councilmember Simpson moved and Councilmember Taggart seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5077 amending Section 2.36.010 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code pertaining to the composition of the Forestry Board on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Richard Swingle thanked Council for approving the resolution adopting procedures for filling a Council vacancy.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Amy Phillips, CMC
City Clerk