

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

July 20, 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 20th day of July 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phillip Pe'a, Randall Reitz (virtually), Rick Taggart, and Mayor Pro Tem Abe Herman. Council President Anna Stout and Councilmember Dennis Simpson were absent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Herman called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked to move Citizen Comments, the City Manager Report and Council Reports to the end of the agenda since two Councilmembers would potentially have to leave the meeting early. Council agreed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pe'a moved and Councilmember McDaniel seconded to adopt the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the June 29, 2022 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the July 5, 2022 Special Meeting
- c. Minutes of the July 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Legislative
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Regarding the Conjunction Junction, LLC/ Richmark Real Estate Partners, LLC Redevelopment Agreement and Setting a Public Hearing for August 3, 2022

- b. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning 4.69 Acres from R-4 (Residential - 4 du/ac) to R-5 (Residential – 5 du/ac), Located at the Southwest Corner of Unawep Avenue and Alta Vista Court and Setting a Public Hearing for August 3, 2022
 - ii. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning 8.25 Acres from R-5 (Residential - 5 du/ac) to R-8 (Residential – 8 du/ac), Located at 3124 D Road and Setting a Public Hearing for August 3, 2022
 - iii. Introduction of an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 17.4 Acres from PD (Planned Development) to C-1 (Light Commercial), Located at the Southern Corner of Horizon Drive and 27 1/2 Road and Setting a Public Hearing for August 3, 2022

3. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Ratifying the City Manager’s Signature for the Partial Release and Termination of the Repurchase for the Certain Property in the Dos Rios Subdivision in Grand Junction, Colorado

REGULAR AGENDA

An Ordinance Amending Title 10 Chapter 10.04 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to Bring the Traffic Code Up to Date, Adding Chapter 10.14 Regulating the Operation of Shared Micromobility Devices, and Amending Section 9.04.2000 for Clarification

Shared micromobility devices that are part of a commercial fleet, particularly dockless devices, have gained popularity with their ability to support first-and-last mile connectivity. Since most devices do not require a fixed parking station when not in use, they are also less resource intensive and more agile to deploy. The benefit of these devices is being able to conveniently park the device anywhere at the conclusion of a trip. Best practices have emerged in recent years to help mitigate and prevent the negative impacts of shared micromobility devices. Advancements in geofencing technology and data sharing standards have given cities and commercial operators stronger tools to regulate and monitor the operations of these shared devices. Additionally, there is evidence suggesting an increase in consumer demand for privately-owned micromobility devices, such as electric scooters (e-scooters). A national study by the consulting firm McKinsey reported that 64 percent of consumers preferred private ownership. As such, there is a need to define new regulations for these emerging modes of transportation to prepare for their introduction into the City’s multimodal transportation system.

Senior Planner Daniella Acosta presented this item.

Discussion included how best to communicate areas with restricted use, how apps work to regulate the restrictions, applicability of the ordinance to private micromobility users, curfews, City's input on penalties for parking, and availability of service for unbanked users.

The public hearing was opened at 6:06 p.m.

Ed Kowalski spoke about the need for enforcement of these regulations.

Scott Beifuss expressed hope for public input on the company chosen and spoke of the importance of safety for chosen routes.

Ian Thomas, Grand Junction Bike Night organizer, expressed his excitement for mobility options in the City, the importance of enforcement and infrastructure setup, and suggested discounts for low-income individuals.

The public hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Conversation ensued regarding exit clauses in process with the City Attorney for the pilot program, and enforcement of minimum age requirements through the Request for Proposal questionnaire to ensure companies will vet users.

Councilmember Pe'a moved Councilmember Taggart seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5084, an ordinance amending Title 10 Chapter 10.04 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to bring the Traffic Code up to date to account for the introduction of e-scooters, adding Chapter 10.14 regulating the operation of shared micromobility devices, and amending Section 9.04.200 for clarification on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.08 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code and Setting the 2022 Salary of the City Attorney and the Municipal Judge

The Ordinance amends Chapter 2, Title 8 of the GJMC to establish Section 015 such that the compensation paid to the Municipal Judge and the City Attorney is established by the City Council by ordinance. With approval of the Ordinance, the City Council will set the 2022 compensation for the Municipal Judge and the City Attorney as provided therein.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 6:17 p.m.

Scott Beifuss asked that the benefit packages for administration be made available to the public.

The public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Councilmembers spoke to the extensive process of evaluating the three employees that report directly to them.

Councilmember Taggart moved and Councilmember McDaniel seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5085, an ordinance amending 2.08 Municipal Code and setting the 2022 salary of the City Attorney and the Municipal Judge on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Resolution Accepting the Petition for the Annexation of 19.77 Acres of Land and Ordinances Annexing and Zoning the If Land Annexation from County RSF-R (Residential Single Family Rural) to R-8 (Residential - 8 du/ac), Located at 364 29 Road; 370 29 Road; and 374 29 Road

Applicant Upper Limit Investments, LLC requested annexation of three parcels of land and a zone of annexation to R-8 (Residential 8 du/ac) for the If Land Annexation. The approximately 19.77-acre annexation is located at 364 29 Road; 370 29 Road; and 374 29 Road. The subject property has three residences, one on each parcel with the majority of the property undeveloped. The property is Annexable Development per the Persigo Agreement in anticipation of developing the vacant portion of the property. The proposed zone district of R-8 is consistent with the Residential Medium (5.5 to 12 du/ac) Land Use category of the Comprehensive Plan.

Principal Planner David Thornton presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 6:33 p.m.

There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

Councilmember Pe'a moved and Councilmember McDaniel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 58-22, a resolution accepting a petition to the City Council for the annexation of lands to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, the If Land Annexation, approximately 19.77 acres, located at 364 29 Road, 370 29 Road, and 374 29 Road, and to adopt Ordinance No. 5086 annexing territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, If Land Annexation, approximately 19.77 acres, located at 364 29 Road, 370 29 Road, and 374 29 Road, on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form, and to adopt Ordinance No. 5087 zoning the If Land Annexation to R-8 (Residential - 8 du/ac) zone district, from Mesa County RSF-R (Residential Single Family Rural) on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

An Ordinance Rezoning 0.45 Acres from R-O (Residential Office) to C-1 (Light Commercial), Located at 1215 N 1st Street

Applicant Douglas A. Pritchard Revocable Trust requested the rezone of one parcel

totaling 0.45 acres from R-O (Residential Office) to C-1 (Light Commercial) located at 1215 N 1st Street. The purpose of the rezone is to allow for more flexibility for future retail development. The requested C-1 zone district conforms with the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map designation of Commercial.

Senior Planner Daniella Acosta presented this item.

Councilmember Reitz signed off at 6:41 p.m.

The public hearing was opened at 6:42 p.m.

There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m.

Councilmember Taggart moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5088, an ordinance rezoning one parcel totaling 0.45 acres from R-O (Residential Office) to C-1 (Light Commercial) located at 1215 N 1st Street on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Annual Action Plan

CDBG funds are an entitlement grant to the City of Grand Junction, which became eligible for funding in 1996. The 2022 Program Year marks the City's 27th year of eligibility. The City's 2022 Program Year will begin September 1, 2022. For each CDBG program year, a new Annual Action Plan is completed and adopted as part of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Applications for funding were solicited and received by the City in March 2022. On June 15, 2022, City Council approved the 2022 CDBG funding requests totaling \$441,451 for the sixteen activities. The purpose of this hearing is to adopt the 2022 Annual Action Plan that will become year two of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan that was adopted in July 2021.

Principal Planner Kristen Ashbeck presented this item.

The floor was opened for public comment at 6:49 p.m.

There were no comments.

The floor was closed for public comment at 6:49 p.m.

Councilmember McDaniel moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to adopt Resolution No. 59-22 regarding the 2022 Program Year Annual Action Plan as a part of the City of Grand Junction 2021 Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the Grand Junction Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizen Comments

Ed Kowalski spoke of his comparisons of Greeley and Grand Junction.

Nina Anderson gave a presentation requesting alley improvements in the City.

Council Reports

Councilmember Taggart shared he was recovering from an injury received in a bicycle race and was unable to attend meetings for assigned boards.

Councilmember Pe'a gave an update on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman gave updates on the Grand Junction Economic Partnership's Executive Director, Urban Trails, Downtown Development Authority, Mobile Mesa County's Safe Routes to Schools App and his ride along with the Grand Junction Police Department's Community Resource Officers.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Ian Thomas spoke about the Parking Study that was discussed at the July 18, 2022 Workshop and how the downtown Grand Junction parking spaces can be used for other purposes.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Amy Phillips, CMC
City Clerk