

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

November 2, 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 2nd day of November 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Council President *Pro Tem* Abe Herman, Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phil 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, and Deputy City Clerk Selestina Sandoval.

Council President Stout called the meeting to order, and student Penny Schulties led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Presentations

2022 Colorado Parks and Recreation Association Columbine Award for Innovation for the River Park at Las Colonias

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou accepted the Columbine Award for Innovation for the River Park at Las Colonias that the City of Grand Junction was awarded during the Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) conference on October 6, 2022. The CPRA award program is designed to recognize and celebrate the individuals and organizations that contribute to the success and value of parks and recreation in the state of Colorado. The Columbine Award for Innovation brings to light the years of community collaboration to build the River Park at Las Colonias.

Proclamations

Proclaiming November 11, 2022, as A Salute to All Veterans Day in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Pe'a read the proclamation and Lieutenant Colonel Rick Peterson accepted the proclamation.

Proclaiming November 12, 2022, as Sister City Day in the City of Grand Junction

Council President Stout read the proclamation and Currey Ventling and Nicole Kain accepted the proclamation.

Citizen Comments

Bruce Lohmiller spoke of the war in Ukraine, the desire for the Day Center’s hours being extended, and alternative energy using air compression power.

City Manager Report

City Manager Caton had no report.

Council Reports

Councilmember Taggart spoke of the passing of his friend, Hugh McKean, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and gave him tribute.

Councilmember Reitz gave an update on the Commission on Arts and Culture.

Councilmember Simpson expressed his concern with the Executive Session motion.

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

Council President Stout attended the Colorado Municipal League Mayor's Summit and said one of her main takeaways was that Grand Junction was a leader on the Western Slope.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Reitz moved and Councilmember Pe’a seconded to adopt Consent Agenda items #1 - #5. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the October 17, 2022, Workshop
- b. Minutes of the October 19, 2022, Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Legislative
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Regarding the Baseball Lease and Management Agreement Transfer for Suplizio Field to Future Legends, LLC and Setting a Public Hearing for November 16, 2022
 - ii. Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with Amendments Thereto, Repealing all Other Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Therewith,

and Setting a Public Hearing for December 7, 2022

- b. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Approving a Lease of City Property at 244 26 1/4 Road (City Water Treatment Plant) to Optimus Communications for Installation of an Antenna and Communication Equipment and Setting a Public Hearing for November 16, 2022

3. Agreements

- a. 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreements between Meals on Wheels of Mesa County and Eureka! McConnell Science Museum and the City of Grand Junction

4. Procurements

- a. Purchase of Three Ambulances from Braun Northwest
- b. Construction Contract for the 2022 Waterline Replacement Project – Phase 1

5. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Declining City of Grand Junction Participation in Colorado's Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program (FAMLI)
- b. A Resolution Finding that Downtown Redevelopment Projects Support and Promote the Plan of Development

REGULAR AGENDA

Introducing the Appropriation Ordinance for the 2023 Budget, Presentation, First Public Hearing and Setting a Second Public Hearing for December 7, 2022

The budget is the highest expression of the City Council’s policies and decision making. It articulates the initiatives, investment, and services provided by and through elected officials and staff. The budget represents the allocation of resources to achieve the goals identified by the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the City Council’s strategic priorities of Mobility & Infrastructure, Economic Development, Housing, Public Safety, and Quality of Life.

The 2023 Recommended Budget totals \$236.2 million (\$236,161,400) which is a 0.6 percent decrease from the 2022 Adopted Budget. This net decrease is primarily due to a decrease in capital projects planned for 2023 as compared to 2022, offset by increases in labor and operating budget. Increases in labor are due to new positions

and wage increases. Increases in operating expenses are due to new programs such as affordable housing and the infill incentive, equipment needs, and overall cost increases for supplies and system maintenance, as well as increases in internal support services for fleet, facilities, and fuel. The 2023 Recommended Budget is balanced, with a General Fund surplus (revenues more than expenses) of \$344,308. The projected 2023 ending General Fund balance is \$39.7 million, which includes \$4.1 million in restricted funds and \$24.8 million in minimum reserve.

The budget is developed over the course of several months and includes the projection of revenues as well as planned expenses. The 2023 Recommended Budget has been discussed with City Council during three main budget workshops on October 3, October 17, and October 31. Economic development funding discussions occurred in the August 15, October 17, and the October 31 workshops. On October 18, there was also a budget work session of the Persigo Joint Sewer Board for presentation, review, and discussion of the 2023 Recommended Budget for the Sewer Fund. The City Council authorizes the Annual Budget through the appropriation of spending at the fund level.

The City organization proudly continues to serve this community within the traditional lines of public safety, public works, parks, recreation, community development, and utilities. Beginning in 2022 and now continuing in 2023, the City's service delivery model has been significantly enhanced in the areas of affordable housing, sustainability, and community engagement. The City's financial position remains strong, and the 2023 budget as the annual financial plan for the City is reflective of the strategic and long-term vision of the City Council to serve the community in 2023.

City Manager Greg Caton presented this item.

Comments were made regarding the budget increasing by 4%, changing impact fees, and the timing of when that could be done relative to the adoption of the budget.

The public hearing was opened at 6:43 p.m.

Carrie Schulties stated she loves the 5th Street plans.

The public hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

Discussion ensued about setting priority for scheduling a meeting with Council to discuss impact fees.

Council President *Pro Tem* Herman moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to introduce the proposed ordinance appropriating certain sums of money to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand Junction pursuant to Article VII of the City Charter, and to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Downtown Development Authority for the year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and set a public hearing for December 7, 2022. Together with the documentation of the proposed revenue and expenses prepared in support of the

budget and appropriation ordinance, including and pursuant to Article VII, Paragraph 57 regarding the setting of the City Manager's salary with Ordinance No. 5083 are incorporated by and made part of this ordinance by this reference as if fully set forth. Furthermore, Ordinance No. 5085 setting the salaries of the Municipal Judge and the City Attorney are incorporated by and made part of this ordinance by this reference as if fully set forth. Motion passed 6-1 by roll call vote with Councilmember Simpson voting no.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There was none.

Executive Session - City Hall Administration Conference Room

Councilmember Simpson moved and Councilmember Reitz seconded to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. Sections 24-6-402 (4)(e)(i) and 24-6-402 (4)(a) of Colorado's Open Meetings Law relative to acquiring Orchard Mesa Pool and/or negotiating the funding of improvements to Orchard Mesa Pool relative to the possible acquisition and/or evaluating the use for recreation purposes and/or disposition of the real property having Mesa County Tax Parcel # 2943-312-00-115 otherwise known as Burkey Park South located in the City Of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Discussion of the motion ensued, specifically the association of the Burkey Park South property (Mesa County Tax Parcel # 2943-312-00-115) to Orchard Mesa Pool and discussing this during open session rather than during the Executive Session. Additionally, Councilmember Simpson commented on the possibility of Council returning to open session in the auditorium after the Executive Session.

Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Councilmember Simpson voting no.

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado convened in Executive Session on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 7:18 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 250 North 5th Street. Those present were Council President *Pro Tem* Abe Herman, Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phil Pe'a, Randall Reitz, Dennis Simpson, Rick Taggart, and Council President Anna Stout.

Staff present for the Executive Session were Finance Director Jodi Welch, City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Parks Director Ken Sherbenou and Fire Chief Ken Watkins.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. SECTIONS 24-6-402 (4)(e)(I) AND 24-6-402 (4)(a) OF COLORADO'S OPEN MEETINGS LAW RELATIVE TO

ACQUIRING ORCHARD MESA POOL AND/OR NEGOTIATING THE FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ORCHARD MESA POOL RELATIVE TO THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION AND/OR EVALUATING THE USE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES AND/OR DISPOSITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY HAVING MESA COUNTY TAX PARCEL # 2943-312-00-115 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Council President *Pro Tem* Herman moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to adjourn the November 2, 2022 Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Simpson asked that the record reflect that there was no discussion of Burkey South Park during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

No public was in attendance following the conclusion of the Executive Session and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Amy Phillips, CMC
City Clerk

