

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

November 16, 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 16th 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 (virtual), 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 Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou.

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

Proclamations

Proclaiming November 26, 2022 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Grand Junction

Council President Pro Tem Herman read the proclamation and Candace Carnahan with the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce accepted the proclamation.

Citizen Comments

Bruce Lohmiller spoke of extending the Day Center's hours for the houseless community and thanked everyone who voted for him as Mesa County Sheriff.

Carissa Fisher spoke in support of keeping Orchard Mesa Pool open and asked for more negotiations and transparency in the partnership with the parties involved.

Lee Stigen spoke in support of keeping Orchard Mesa Pool open.

Noah Bradshaw stated his concerns with the deferred maintenance at Orchard Mesa Pool.

City Manager Report

City Manager Caton had no report.

Council Reports

Council President Pro Tem Herman spoke of a presentation by Dr. Nate Perry of Colorado Mesa University of the impact of outdoor recreation on the local economy given at the Grand Junction Economic Partnership Board meeting.

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

Council President Stout spoke of the Colorado Governmental Finance Officers Association Conference being held locally where she provided the welcome address.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Simpson asked that item #3.a. be removed from the consent agenda. Councilmember Simpson moved and Council President Pro Tem Herman seconded to adopt Consent Agenda items #1 - #4 excluding item #3.a. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the October 31, 2022, Workshop
- b. Minutes of the November 2, 2022, Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Legislative
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriations for 2022 for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Setting a Public Hearing for December 7, 2022
- b. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance to Rezone 10.96-Acres from PD (Planned Development) to R-4 (Residential – 4 du/ac), Located at 172 and 174 Sunlight Drive in Orchard Mesa and Setting a Public Hearing for December 7, 2022

3. Procurements

- a. Contracts for Advertising Technology Services – **Moved to the Regular Agenda**
- b. Contracts for Professional Civil Engineering Services for Water and Wastewater Pipeline Replacement Projects

4. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for the Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) Grant Program for the North Avenue Enhanced Transit Corridor Improvements Project

REGULAR AGENDA

Councilmember Taggart joined virtually at 5:50 p.m.

Contracts for Advertising Technology Services

Visit GJ has evolved into an innovative data-based marketing department. This ensures that marketing initiatives are influenced by data and tracked accordingly, with highly sophisticated attribution technology. Visit GJ works directly with the adtech publishers, which results in significant accountability; anonymized, yet trackable, visitation; and extensive reporting that can be attributed to Visit GJ’s ad campaigns. This request allows Visit GJ to seek a Request for Proposal for contract consideration with approved partners.

General Services Director Jay Valentine and Visit Grand Junction Director Elizabeth Fogarty answered questions regarding process and procurement on this item.

Councilmember Pe’a moved and Councilmember Reitz seconded to approve contracts for Advertising Technology Services. Motion carried by voice vote with Councilmember Simpson voting no.

An Ordinance Regarding the Baseball Lease and Management Agreement Transfer for Suplizio Field to Future Legends, LLC

The City was notified the Grand Junction Rockies (GJR, LLC) sold its interests in the Grand Junction Rockies minor league baseball club to Future Legends, LLC. Future Legends, LLC acquired the equity, stock, or assets of GJR, LLC and, pursuant to the Agreement, assumed, and has represented to the City, that it will honor GJR, LLC’s obligations arising out of and under the Agreement. Future Legends, LLC also recently announced a name change for the team to the Grand Junction Jackalopes. By and with this Ordinance, the City Council acknowledges the Agreement and transfers it to Future Legends, LLC and substitutes Future Legends, LLC for GJR, LLC.

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 5:57 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 5:57 p.m.

Council President Pro Tem Herman moved and Councilmember Pe'a seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5108, an ordinance transferring, authorizing, and substituting the Lease and Management Agreement by and between the City and GJR, LLC to Future Legends, LLC for use of the premises commonly known as Suplizio Field and ratifying all actions heretofore taken and in connection therewith on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

The City Utilities Department has negotiated with Optimus Communication and, for the reasons described in the lease, the City and Optimus have agreed to certain terms and conditions for the use of the Property in accordance with the lease.

City Attorney John Shaver presented this item.

The public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pe'a moved and Councilmember Simpson seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5109, an ordinance authorizing, approving, and confirming a lease to Optimus Communication for use of real property located at 244 26 1/4 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado (commonly known as the Water Treatment Plant) for an antenna and communication equipment and ratifying all actions heretofore taken and in connection therewith on final passage and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Resolution Adopting the 2022 Grand Junction Community Recreation Center Plan

The Grand Junction Community Recreation Center (CRC) at Matchett Park Feasibility Study has been completed. This report captures the full planning process that has been conducted for most of 2022. City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan on January 6, 2021. The highest priority of that plan was a Community Recreation Center. To better understand the opportunity, the City commissioned a study facilitated by professors from Colorado Mesa University, which concluded in February of this year. Showing strong community support for a CRC and a willingness to fund it, the City commenced planning for the CRC. The Grand Junction Community Recreation Center at Matchett Park Feasibility Study is now brought before City Council for consideration, potential adoption and, if adopted, the pursuit of a ballot proposal to ask voters if they approve of making the facility a reality. City Council charged the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) with informing

and guiding the creation of the plan. PRAB made several recommendations to City Council at critical junctions in the planning process including site, building size, and funding plan. These recommendations have been ratified by the City Council. PRAB met on November 1 and formulated their final recommendation as explained in the letter from CRC PRAB subcommittee chairman Dr. Bill Findlay. Chairman Findlay stated: "we unanimously voted to recommend official adoption of the plan by City Council and to direct staff to draft ballot language for the April 4, 2023 election."

At the November 14 City Council workshop, a majority of City Council gave direction to place adoption of the CRC plan on the agenda for the November 16 City Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou introduced this item Dr. Findlay gave an outline and history of efforts taken to get the CRC back on the ballot before the voters and asked for Council approval.

Comments were made regarding the interest rate projection and the impact of inflation on the costs to pursue this proposal.

The public hearing was opened at 6:11 p.m.

Andrea Kreeves spoke in support of the resolution to provide the community with a resource to promote mental, physical, and social health.

Payton Sanders spoke of the importance of maintaining Orchard Mesa Pool until the CRC is completed and available.

Dana Booth expressed her excitement of the possibility of a CRC.

Sue Springer spoke in support of the CRC and said the committee has worked hard and used the feedback from the community to improve the proposal as presented.

Orin Zyvan thanked staff and Council for the public interaction to listen to the community for their input on the CRC.

Aricely De Villegas-Decker spoke in support of the CRC to create a safe environment and community.

Lee Stigen asked what the difference is between this proposal and the last.

The public hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

Conversation ensued regarding the changes from what had been proposed in the past, gratitude to staff for their work, and the interest rate and inflation built into the project.

Craig Bouck with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture was present virtually to answer

questions regarding the cost projections.

City Manager Caton spoke to the interest rate projections as related to municipal bonds.

Councilmember Pe'a moved and Councilmember Reitz seconded to adopt Resolution No. 84-22, a resolution to adopt the 2022 Community Recreation Center Plan, and to direct staff to draft ballot language to refer a ballot question to the upcoming April 4, 2023 election to enable the implementation of the 2022 CRC Plan. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Simpson voting no.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Mary Ann Taigeman spoke in support of keeping Orchard Mesa Pool open until the CRC opens.

Other Business

Councilmember McDaniel asked that Council set a timeline for an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Recommendations and the Impact Fees discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Amy Phillips, CMC
City Clerk

