

**Grand Junction City Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**January 17, 2024**

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Scott Beilfuss, Cody Kennedy, Jason Nguyen, Randall Reitz, Dennis Simpson, and Council President Pro Tem Abe Herman. Council President Anna Stout was absent.

Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Human Resource Director Shelley Caskey, City Clerk Amy Phillips, and Deputy City Clerks Selestina Sandoval and Krystle Koehler.

**Proclamation**

**Proclaiming January 2024 as National Crime Stoppers Month in the City of Grand Junction**

Councilmember Kennedy read the proclamation, and Chalane Coit board member of Crime Stoppers of Mesa County accepted the proclamation.

**Appointments**

**To the Visit Grand Junction Board**

Councilmember Kennedy moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded to appoint Manon Desrosiers for a partial term ending December 2026. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments**

Robert Small expressed his concern regarding the Lake Road replacement lift station and suggested it be moved to a different location.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Greg Caton invited the public to the Coffee with the City Manager event at 9:30 am. January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Starbucks in Barnes and Noble Booksellers, located at 2451 Patterson Road. Engineering and Transportation Director Trent Prall will join City Manager Caton to discuss the planned construction of F ½ road and welcomes community conversation.

## **Board and Commission Liaison Reports**

Councilmember Reitz gave an update regarding the Airport Authority Board.

Councilmember Kennedy gave updates about the Grand Junction Economic Partnership and the Forestry Board.

Councilmember Simpson reported on the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District, and stated they will be interviewing for a new Executive Director.

Council President Pro Tem Abe Herman shared a brief update on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Summary of the January 8, 2024 Workshop
- b. Minutes of the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the January 3, 2024 Special Meeting

### **2. Set Public Hearings**

- a. Quasi-judicial
  - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Approving a Rezone for Approximately 0.75 Acres from R-2 (Residential – 2 du/ac) to R-4 (Residential – 4 du/ac), Located at 696 Sperber Lane, and Setting a Public Hearing for February 7, 2024

### **3. Resolutions**

- a. A Resolution Authorizing an Application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to Fund Outdoor Facilities at Grand Junction's First Community Recreation Center
- b. A Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Easement Agreement Entered with TransColorado Gas Transmission Company on May 21, 1998, with the Initial Term Commencing on February 15, 1999, and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Addendum to Extend the Existing Easement Agreement for an Additional 25 years
- c. A Resolution Supporting the Application for the FY 2023-2024 Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnership Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

Councilmember Reitz moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded to adopt Consent Agenda Items 1-3. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Regular Agenda**

**An Ordinance Approving 457 Match**

Article XI, Section 88, of the City Charter, requires that the City Council act by ordinance to continue, alter, establish, provide for, and amend pension plans. While the City does not provide pensions for most retired employees, it does provide certain retirement plans, one of which is a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code (“457 Plan”). Consistent with past City practice, the City Council considers and approves, in accordance with the Charter, changes to retirement plans. This is such an ordinance.

Human Resource Director Shelley Caskey presented this item.

Council expressed the positive benefit of employee retirement plans.

The public hearing opened at 5:53 pm.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 5:53 pm.

Councilmember Kennedy moved, and Councilmember Simpson seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 5197, an ordinance approving a 457 match, and ordered final publication in pamphlet form. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**Non-Scheduled Comments**

There were none.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.



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Amy Phillips, CMC

City Clerk

