

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

City Hall Administration Conference Room

January 3, 2024

Call to Order

Council President Anna Stout called the Special Meeting of the Grand Junction City Council to order at 4:45 p.m. on the 3rd day of January 2024.

Councilmembers Scott Beilfuss, Cody Kennedy, Randall Reitz, Dennis Simpson, Council President *pro tem* Abe Herman and Council President Anna Stout were present. Councilmember Jason Nguyen was absent.

Councilmember Jason Nguyen joined the Executive Session at 4:57 p.m.

Also, present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver and Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou. There was no public in attendance.

Executive Session

Council President *pro tem* Herman moved and Councilmember Reitz seconded to convene into 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) CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE SALE OF CERTAIN NAMING RIGHTS, AND/OR 24-6-402(4)(a) OF COLORADO'S OPEN MEETINGS LAW RELATIVE TO A POSSIBLE LEASE TO A THERAPY PROVIDER OF A PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER TO BE LOCATED AT NEAR 2844 PATTERSON ROAD, GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.***

Prior to a vote on the motion, Councilmember Simpson stated that he may have a statement to make after the conclusion of the Executive Session and once the General meeting is reconvened.

With a unanimous vote (6/0) the Executive Session was convened in accordance with the posted notice and for the purpose stated. The meeting was conducted in the City Hall Administration Conference Room.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Councilmember Kennedy moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.

Council President Stout reconvened the Special Meeting at 5:12 p.m. and stated for the record Council met in Executive Session:

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Councilmember Simpson stated, *“On the record, I believe that the executive session we just held violated a Colorado open meeting law because, we are not supposed to be making decisions in executive session, and we made a de facto decision just now. We said we were going to hold this executive session to provide instructions to our negotiators. The implied is, if there are no negotiation, no instructions, then we should immediately move to approve the what's presented to us, and it's my understanding that it will be quite a long time before we actually approve the decision that we made in executive session.”*

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Council President Stout adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Amy Phillips
City Clerk

