

## RESOLUTION NO. 48-24

### A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND ADAPTATION PLAN

#### Recitals:

In 2020, the City adopted the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan, addressing the community's vision, goals, objectives, and policies, while establishing a process for orderly growth and development. The One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan called for the City to "Develop and implement a comprehensive sustainability plan that addresses, among other topics, climate change." Furthermore, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan's "Resource Stewardship" principle guides the City's effort to safeguard the quality of its air and other natural resources, which spans conservation efforts in the built environment, water consumption, waste management, energy use, and community resilience. In addition, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan's principles, "Safe, Healthy, and Inclusive Community" and "Effective and Transparent Government" call for the City to provide equitable, safe, and healthy environments for the public and practice sustainability in government operations.

In response, City staff have worked to create the city's first Sustainability and Adaptation Plan. Staff sought input from community members at a series of public events and via the City's public engagement website, and coordinated with stakeholders including local water district managers, public healthcare providers, natural resource association members, public utility providers, local and regional transportation planners and managers, business organizations, nonprofit service providers, educational institutions, multifamily and affordable housing developers. Internal experts in community development, water conservation and services, urban forestry, parks, mobility, transportation and engineering, and waste management were also consulted to develop the Sustainability and Adaptation Plan. A staff-suggested council-approved steering committee also provided guidance throughout the process.

The Plan has been carefully and diligently considered and formulated, driven by community input and best practices for preparing the City to maximize local benefits of extensive sustainability initiatives and to create equitable access to resources and opportunities that allow the community to adapt to environmental challenges in Grand Junction. The resultant plan provides relevant information, documents the public and stakeholder input that shaped it, and details strategies for the short-, medium- and long-term that will allow the City to flexibly prepare to thrive in the face of environmental impacts to local social and economic conditions.

The Sustainability and Adaptation Plan communicates the challenges presented by environmental hazards and provides a practical menu of programming to allow for flexible policy adoption regarding sustainability and adaptability in response to changes in the natural and built environment.

The City Council and City staff will use the Sustainability and Adaptation Plan to guide management decisions, raise public awareness, and prepare the City to preserve its natural resources and provide a safe and healthy way of life for its residents. The overall

purpose of the Sustainability and Adaptation Plan is to provide clear direction in the form of goals and strategies to foster sustainable practices. It is also designed to inform and empower both staff and the public in the face of social, environmental, and economic changes.

The adoption of the Plan does not constitute any decision or review of funding for all or part of the Plan. Any such decisions will be made following future discussions and decisions in consideration of the City's budget and/or other available funding sources such as grants.

By and with this Resolution, the City Council adopts, approves, and endorses the Sustainability and Adaptation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The Sustainability and Adaptation Plan is hereby approved and adopted as generally and specifically provided therein and in accordance with this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of July 2024.

  
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Abram Herman  
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

  
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Selestina Sandoval  
City Clerk

