GRAND JUNCTION PLANNING COMMISSION February 11, 2025, 5:30 PM MINUTES

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairman Teske.

Those present were Planning Commissioners; Kim Herek, Shanon Secrest, Orin Zyvan, Ian Moore, and Robert Quintero.

Also present were Niki Galehouse (Planning Manager), Thomas Lloyd (Senior Planner), Madeline Robinson (Planning Technician), and Jacob Kaplan (Planning Technician).

There were 0 members of the public in attendance, and 1 virtually.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) from January 14, 2025.

Commissioner Herek moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Quintero seconded; motion passed 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Grand Mesa Industrial Park COU

COU-2024-569

Consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a proposed 58,275 sf Recycling Collection Facility on a 10.745-acre portion of the property located at 3199 D Road in an I-1 (Light Industrial) zone district.

Staff Presentation

Thomas Lloyd, Senior Planner, introduced exhibits into the record and provided a presentation regarding the request.

Questions for Staff

Commissioner Moore asked what the process was for the disposal of unrecyclable waste that makes it through the facility. He also asked if the CUP could be revoked if the applicant operated outside of the normal business hours they had provided.

Commissioner Secrest asked what the difference was between the existing use and the proposed use that necessitated the CUP.

Niki Galehouse indicated that there was a previous use on this property that also required a CUP, but it had expired.

Commissioner Quintero asked if the applicant intended to modify their operational hours in the future.

Commissioner Zyvan asked if the operational hours were a condition of the CUP. He asked if the peak traffic expectations would be affected by a change in operational hours.

Public Hearing

The public comment period was opened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, via www.GJSpeaks.org.

There were no public comments.

The public comment period was closed at 6:13 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

There was no additional discussion among the staff or commissioners.

The public hearing was closed a 6:14 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

Discussion

Commissioner Secrest expressed favor for this project since it would be less intensive than the previous uses on this property.

Commissioner Zyvan echoed Commissioner Secrest's comments but added his concerns about a future increase in traffic or waste generated by the facility if the operational hours were to change.

Commissioner Quintero agreed with the other commissioners.

Motion and Vote

Commissioner Moore made the following motion "Mr. Chairman, on the GJ Partners, LLC request for a Conditional Use Permit, file number CUP-2024-569, I move that the Planning Commission approve the Conditional Use Permit for GJ Partners, LLC with the Conditions of Approval and Findings of Fact listed in the staff report."

Commissioner Zyvan seconded; motion passed 6-0.

2. Zoning & Development Code Amendments Q1 2025 ZCA-2024-701

An Ordinance Amending Sections Of The Zoning And Development Code (Title 21 Of The Grand Junction Municipal Code) Regarding Residential Single-Family Attached Dwellings In Mixed-Use Zone Districts, Residential Attached And Multifamily Design Standards, And Definitions Related To Residential Uses.

Staff Presentation

Niki Galehouse, Planning Manager, introduced exhibits into the record and provided a presentation regarding the request.

Questions for Staff

There were no questions for staff.

Public Hearing

The public comment period was opened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, via www.GJSpeaks.org.

There were no public comments.

The public comment period was closed at 6:24 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

There was no additional discussion among the staff or commissioners.

The public hearing was closed a 6:24 p.m. on February 11, 2025.

Discussion

Commissioner Secrest expressed his approval of these code revisions.

Motion and Vote

Commissioner Secrest made the following motion "Mr. Chairman, on the request to amend Title 21 Zoning and Development Code of the Grand Junction Municipal Code, City file number ZCA-2024-701, I move that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation of approval to City Council with the findings of fact listed in the staff report."

Commissioner Quintero seconded; motion passed 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Niki Galehouse noted that there would be a Planning Commission Workshop on February 20th, but the February 25th Hearing had been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zyvan moved to adjourn the meeting. *The vote to adjourn was 6-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.