Grand Junction City Council

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

October 7, 2026

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 7th day of October, at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Robert Ballard (virtual), Cody Kennedy, Jason Nguyen, Anna Stout, Mayor Pro Tem Ben Van Dyke, and Council President Laurel Lutz (virtual).

Also present were City Manager Mike Bennett, Interim City Attorney Jeremiah Boies, Deputy City Manager Kimberly Bullen, Chief Financial Officer Jay Valentine, Engineering Transportation Director Trent Prall, Assistant to the City Manager Johnny McFarland, Planning Manager Thomas Lloyd, Enviro Comp Sustain Manager Ashley Firl, City Clerk Selestina Sandoval, and Deputy City Clerk Misty Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Van Dyke called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Proclamations

Proclaiming October 2026 as Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Grand Junction

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Kennedy and was accepted by Commission for Arts & Humanities Chair Robbie Breaux.

Appointments

Ratifications to the Mesa County Building Code Board of Appeals

Councilmember Kennedy moved and Councilmember Nguyen seconded to ratify David Reinertsen, Ray Rickard, and Thomas Cronk to the Mesa County Building Code Board of Appeals for full terms expiring December 31, 2029. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from Theresa Cambron, Jill Smith, Jesse Miltier, Diana Tap, Janet Wyatt, Becky Klements, Raquel Sena, Caymen Haltiner, and Eric Reckle.

City Manager Report

City Manager Mike Bennett did not have a report.

Boards and Commission Liaison Reports

Councilmember Kennedy reported on the Grand Junction Air Show, Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) meeting, and Museums of the West.

Mayor Pro Tem Van Dyke reported on the Grand Junction Business Incubator, a visit from Jeff Hurd, donations from True Value.

Councilmember Stout reported on the Forestry Board meeting, as well as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Colorado Municipal League (CML) recent meeting in Delta and the schedule of the upcoming CML Policy Committee meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Summary of the September 14, 2026, Workshop

b. Minutes of the September 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

a. Legislative

ii. Introduction of an Ordinance to Rezone 2.88 Acres from I-1 (Industrial Light) to CG (Commercial General), Located at 2324 Highway 6 and 50 and Setting a Public Hearing for October 21, 2026

iii. Introduction of an Ordinance for Supplemental Appropriation and Setting Public Hearing for October 21, 2026

b. Quasi-judicial

i. A Resolution Referring a Petition to the City Council for the Annexation of Lands to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Setting a Hearing of Such Annexation, Exercising Land Use Control, and Introducing Proposed Annexation Ordinance for the 2911 D 1/2 Road Annexation of 14.88 Acres, Located Collectively at 2911 D 1/2 Road (Parcel ID #s: 2943-173-00-268 and 2943-173-00-094), and Setting a Public Hearing for December 16, 2026

ii. Introduction of an Ordinance Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, and Approval of Applications for Data Centers Within the City of Grand Junction; Providing that the Moratorium Shall Terminate at the Earliest of the City's Adoption of Amendment(s) to Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Addressing Data Centers or the Expiration of Three Hundred Sixty-Five (365) Days from the Effective Date of this Ordinance, Providing for Findings, Intent and Purpose; Providing for Definitions, Directing a Code Study; and Providing for Severability and Setting a Public Hearing for October 21, 2026

3. Procurements

a. Authorize a Construction Contract for the Replacement of Compressed Natural Gas Compressors

b. Authorization of Construction Contract for Street Maintenance — Mill and Overlay

4. Resolutions

a. A Resolution Supporting a Joint Application with the Town of Palisade for a Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant and Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for Grant Management

b. A Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Certain Joint Sewer Capital Expenditures from Proceeds of Future Debt Financing

Councilmember Stout moved to adopt Consent Agenda Items 1-4, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Resolutions (not Public Hearings)

a. A Resolution Adopting the City of Grand Junction 2026-2027 Legislative Policy

This item gives the City Council an opportunity to review the City Council's Legislative Policy (Policy) and consider adoption of its 2026-2027 legislative priorities. The Policy is intended to establish the roles of staff and Council with regard to legislative tracking, advocacy, and communication. The Policy also includes the annual adoption of the Council legislative priorities to position the City for advocacy on relevant legislative matters. Resolution No. 84-25 was adopted by City Council in December 2025, which reestablished a Council Legislative Policy and established the City Council's general

support for the CML 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Statement, which guided the City's legislative work through the 2026 General Assembly Regular Session. The draft Resolution and Policy have been updated to reflect the 2027 General Assembly Regular Session, but otherwise remain unchanged in form and function.

Assistant to the City Manager Johnny McFarland presented this item and was available to answer questions from Council.

Councilmember Stout moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 91-26, a resolution adopting the City of Grand Junction 2027 Legislative Policy. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

6. Non-Scheduled Comments

No comments were heard.

7. Other Business

Comment was heard from Councilmember Kennedy regarding a boarding house concept for the unhoused.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Selestina Sandoval, MMC

City Clerk