

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

January 15, 2014

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15th day of January, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Martin Chazen, Jim Doody, Duncan McArthur, Phyllis Norris, Barbara Traylor Smith, and Council President Sam Susuras. Also present were City Manager Rich Englehart, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Susuras called the meeting to order. Reverend Laura Cartwright, First United Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Presentations

Champion of the Arts Awards

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, and Lancer Livermont, Arts and Culture Commission Chair presented the Champion of the Arts Awards. The Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture chose for the Business Category: Super Rad for their involvement in the Super Rad Art Show, Mural Jam, and District 51 art programs. For the Individual Category there were two recipients: Vera Mulder who has contributed to the arts in the Grand Valley for over 30 years; and Lois and Edward Gardner for their support of the Museum of Western Colorado's Cowboy Poet Gathering and Two Rivers Chautauqua. All the recipients were presented with pieces of art for their recognition.

State of the Arts Presentation

Lancer Livermont, Arts and Culture Commission Chair, presented the State of the Arts of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture. He said the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture provides an opportunity for many local non-profit art and cultural organizations to create quality cultural activities that add to the economic impact of our community by which many local artists are employed.

Fire Station 1 Design Award for 2013 from Fire Chief Magazine

Ken Watkins, Fire Chief, said the City was selected for the Design Award for 2013 from Fire Chief Magazine for Fire Station 1. This program recognizes outstanding architecture design from Fire Departments nation-wide. This award goes to the architects, TCAR Architects in Seattle, Washington and The Blythe Group in Grand Junction. Architect Roy Blythe said this award is a testament to the design expertise of local designers, and those who supported this project. He thanked Council for allowing his

company to be a part of this project. The Fire Station 1 Design Award for 2013 from Fire Chief Magazine was presented to Council President Susuras.

Proclamations

Council President Susuras read a statement recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Proclaiming January 15, 2014 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Month” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Traylor Smith read the proclamation. A representative for Human Traffic Awareness thanked Council and stressed the importance of awareness of this issue in our community.

Proclamation Recognizing the Contributions Made by the Grand Valley Combined HonorGuard

Councilmember Doody read the proclamation. Bob Henderson, Commander of the Honor Guard of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, was present to accept the proclamation. He thanked the City and the Council for their support. They have provided their services at 1,857 funerals with military honors since 2004. This honor guard is made up of all five branches of the military. They serve proudly and with honor for all veterans.

Certificate of Appointments

Sharon Woelfle was present to receive her certificate of re-appointment and Billie Witham and Kevin Reimer were present to receive their certificates of appointment to the Visitor and Convention Bureau Board of Directors for three year terms ending December 2016. Ms. Woelfle thanked Council and said she looks forward to serving. Ms. Witham also said she looks forward to the opportunity and serving. Mr. Reimer said he looks forward to making a positive contribution.

Scott Wolford was present to receive his certificate of appointment to the Historic Preservation Board for a four year term ending December 2017. Mr. Wolford said he is honored and he looks forward to serving.

Council Comments

Councilmember McArthur said he attended the Matchett Park open house and it was well attended. He commended Staff for the organization of this and said he looks forward to hearing the survey results.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said she attended the Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting and is happy to report that the Board agreed to help Colorado Mesa University (CMU) with improvements of the track and field areas for specific sports. This will benefit CMU and the local High Schools. The goal is to host large scale track and field events by 2016.

Councilmember Chazen said on January 2, 2014 he attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting and there was discussion on the impact to Lincoln Park on improvements on North Avenue. There was also discussion on a new software for the Golf program for scheduling. He also attended meetings regarding Matchett Park and is very encouraged with the community's response. He attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting on January 9, 2014 and the discussion was on priorities which included business development and the White Hall property. On January 10, 2014, he attended the Orchard Mesa Pool re-opening and said after seeing the children enjoying the benefits of the improvements that were made, the City and Council made the right decision to commit the funds for this project. He encouraged everyone to go to the Orchard Mesa Pool to take a look at the reconstruction.

Councilmember Doody said he attended the CMU Basketball team reception.

Councilmember Boeschstein mentioned that the Daily Sentinel had noted the City was rated 19th in the nation for best metro-area for tech start-ups. It is something to be proud of and was in large part due to the Business Incubator. He said Martin Luther King day will be celebrated at CMU on January 20, 2014. The Riverfront Commission will be having a fundraiser at Edgewater Brewery. The Riverfront Trail project is under construction for the City of Grand Junction to the Fruita segment.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember McArthur read the Consent Calendar items #1-4 and then moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Traylor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the Summary of the December 16, 2013 Workshop and the Minutes of the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting

2. **Setting a Hearing Amending Sections 21.03.090 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Adopting Changes to Form Districts within the City** [File #ZCA-2013-229]

The proposed ordinance amends Section 21.03.090, Form Districts, eliminating barriers and cleaning up language for the development of mixed use projects in Mixed Use Opportunity Corridors.

Proposed Ordinance—An Ordinance Amending the Zoning and Development Code, Grand Junction Municipal Code Section 21.03.090, Form Districts

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for February 5, 2014

3. **Setting a Hearing Amending Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to Extend the Validity of the Minor and Major Site Plan Approval From One Year to Two Years** [File #ZCA-2013-469]

The amendment to Section 21.02.070(a)(8)(i) will extend the validity of the minor and major site plan approval from one year to two years.

Proposed Ordinance—An Ordinance Amending Section 21.02.070 (a)(8)(i), Validity, of the Grand Junction Municipal Code to Extend the Validity of the Minor and Major Site Plan Approval from One Year to Two Years

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for February 5, 2014

4. **2014 Meeting Schedule and Posting of Notices**

State Law requires an annual designation of the City's official location for the posting of meeting notices. The City's Municipal Code, Sec. 2.04.010, requires the meeting schedule and the procedure for calling special meetings be determined annually by resolution.

Resolution No. 01-14—A Resolution of the City of Grand Junction Designating the Location for the Posting of the Notice of Meetings, Establishing the 2014 City Council Meeting Schedule, and Establishing the Procedure for Calling of Special Meetings for the City Council

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 01-14

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**CDBG Subrecipient Contract with HopeWest (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado) for Previously Allocated Funds within the 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year** [File #CDBG-2013-07]

The Subrecipient Contract formalizes the City's award of \$9,242 to HopeWest allocated from the City's 2013 CDBG Program as previously approved by Council. The grant funds will be used for various grief counseling and support programs provided to youth.

Kristen Asheck, Senior Planner/CDBG Administrator, presented this item. She said HopeWest hoped to formalize this grant for various outreach activities for youth in the Grand Valley going through the grief process who may not be able to afford this program on their own.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said these programs are amazing and offer a great deal of support for the community's grieving youth. She sits on the Foundation Board for HopeWest and noted that most of the funding comes through philanthropy and is so crucial because of the various ways children are supported. She asked the director of Hopewest to expand on this subject.

Cathy DiPaola, Director of Programs for HopeWest, said the mission is to educate adults about the grief of youth who lose a loved one or are living with a loved one who is terminally ill. The grief process can sometimes be hidden in children and the education programs are available not only for the youth, but also for the adults to help better understand what a grieving child may go through. There have been over 700 children who have received these services. She listed the different programs that are available.

Councilmember McArthur said he, from personal experience, recognizes the great benefit of HopeWest's programs as well as Hospice to this community.

Councilmember Doody moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the subrecipient contract with HopeWest for Youth Grief Programs for \$9,242 for the City's 2013 program year funds. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Interruptible Service Option Credit (ISOC) Project – Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant**THIS ITEM WAS CANCELED AFTER APPROVED AT MEETING**

This procurement request is for purchase and installation of a backup generator at the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Xcel offers customers in Colorado an

incentive if they participate in an Interruptible Service Option Credit (ISOC) program. Installation of the generator would allow the City to reduce its electric demand at Xcel's request during peak demand periods.

In return for participating in this program, the City will receive a monthly credit on the demand charges, which will allow the City to recapture the investment over a seven year period.

Dan Tonello, Wastewater Services Manager, introduced this item. He explained the program and the reason for the request. He said Xcel Energy looks for large consumers to enter into these types of agreements to go off the grid for up to 60 hours per year with a 10 minute warning for a monetary exchange of \$100,000 in credits per year.

Councilmember Traylor Smith asked for confirmation on the amount credited per year and for how long. Mr. Tonello said it is \$105,000 credit per year and there is no long term contract. However, it makes good business sense for Xcel Energy to continue this credit into the long range future.

Councilmember Norris asked if the funds are in the 2014 budget. Mr. Tonello said \$600,000 was in the 2013 budget and it is being requested to carry that forward to the 2014 budget with an additional \$135,572 from the 902 fund balance which will have minimal impact. Councilmember Norris asked Mr. Tonello to explain what the 902 fund balance is. Mr. Tonello said it is the operations fund where all revenue generated from sewer user fees are kept to pay for the Persigo Wastewater Facility's capital improvements to improve infrastructure.

Councilmember Doody asked why there is such a big difference on the amount between the bids for this process. Mr. Tonello said PowerSecure has a long track record in working with Xcel on these projects and have received great reviews. PowerSecure has the experience and familiarity.

Councilmember Chazen asked if the credit received will go back into the 902 fund. Mr. Tonello confirmed that the credit would go into the 902 fund. Councilmember Chazen asked if it would be an annual application process. Mr. Tonello said the equipment would have to be in operation by the end of May and the credit would be received at the end of 2014. Although there would not be an application, there would be paperwork to fill out and turn in every year. After acceptance into the program, there is no need to apply again.

Councilmember Doody moved to authorize the City Purchasing Department to execute a contract with PowerSecure for the ISOC Generation project. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

Councilmember Chazen said as a result of a request in regards to the Arts Commission there is a resolution that amended the membership which allows a Councilmember to serve on the Arts Commission. Since there are vacancies he would like to know what the procedure is to appoint a Councilmember.

City Attorney Shaver said it would be the Council's decision. If there is a vacancy, Council can appoint. If Council would like to entertain this, a resolution could be brought forward for an appointment.

Council President Susuras asked if this is the only Board with this clause. City Attorney Shaver said yes, other than the Airport Authority Board. Council President Susuras asked for confirmation that the only time a Councilmember could be on this Board is when it comes open for applications. City Attorney Shaver said if there is a vacancy, a Councilmember could be appointed at that time. City Clerk Stephanie Tuin added that when it comes time for the Council's annual assignment of appointments, it could be changed or included in the resolution for Council assignments. Ms. Tuin noted that there are four seats with terms expiring at the end of February and two of those are term limited. Council President Susuras asked how long are the terms for. Ms. Tuin said the term is three years for the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Boeschstein said that all Councilmembers should be encouraged to attend any and all Commission/Board meetings, even though they may not have voting rights, input from Councilmembers is always welcomed.

Councilmember Norris said the City collects a lot of money from the one-percent for the arts, so it would be a good idea to have a Councilmember assigned to the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Chazen asked when it would be appropriate for a Councilmember to apply for the Arts Commission. City Attorney Shaver said based on City Clerk Tuin's advisement of expirations coming up at the end of February, this would be the time.

Councilmember Norris asked if a Councilmember could just be appointed. City Attorney Shaver said it is a nine member board and until the current terms expire, there cannot be an additional member added.

Council President Susuras added that City Clerk Tuin will inform Council when a vacancy becomes available.

Councilmember McArthur said "Go Broncos"!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk