

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

**May 21, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Martin Chazen, Jim Doody, Duncan McArthur, Sam Susuras, Barbara Traylor Smith, and Council President Phyllis Norris. Also present were City Manager Rich Englehart, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Norris called the meeting to order. Councilmember Chazen led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

**Presentation**

Appreciation Plaque Presented to Outgoing President of the Council Sam Susuras

Council President Norris presented Outgoing President of the Council Sam Susuras with a plaque in appreciation of his service as President of the Council from May 6, 2013 through May 7, 2014. She noted that Councilmember Susuras took over during a lot of turmoil and Council came together under his leadership. A number of other things took place under his leadership: the completion of North Avenue and Orchard Mesa Plans; funding was put together and construction was started on the Avalon Theatre; putting together the Las Colonias Plan and starting on the construction of the park; and the starting and close to finishing the Matchett Park Plan. Council President Norris thanked Councilmember Susuras for all he accomplished as President of the Council.

**Proclamation**

Proclaiming the Week of May 18 through May 24, 2014 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Boeschstein read the proclamation. Fire Chief Ken Watkins, Health and Safety Chief John Hall, and Fire Staff were present to receive the proclamation.

Fire Chief Watkins thanked the City Council and described how the week will be celebrated nationally as well as locally. He recognized the members of emergency services team and how they all work together as a system. He introduced the Fire Staff and Dr. William Hall, the Medical Director, Mike Hill, Mesa County EMS Coordinator, and the City EMS Chief, John Hall. There were also two emergency survivors introduced by Dr. Hall: Mr. Ben Gomez who had a cardiac arrest in 2013, he received CPR from his wife until EMS arrived and survived; and Ben Shepherdson who had a cardiac arrest at a fitness facility. A bystander provided CPR until EMS arrived and he survived. The survivors, spouse, and bystander all thanked the Council for supporting the EMS system.

**Certificate of Appointments**

Brenda Brock was present to receive her certificate of re-appointment and Darshann Ruckman was present to receive her certificate of appointment to the Horizon Drive Association Business Improvement District for four year terms ending April 2018.

Ms. Brock thanked the City Council for their support of Horizon Drive Association Business Improvement District. Ms. Ruckman echoed Ms. Brock's comments.

**Council Comments**

Councilmember McArthur said he went to the Housing Authority reception and met Karl Mecklenburg, a former Denver Bronco player. He enjoyed meeting him.

Councilmember Boeschstein said he attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting and the Department of Wildlife State Parks meeting, both on May 13, 2014. On May 10, 2014, National Train Day was held at the train depot. There were about 100 people in attendance. On May 13 there was a presentation on The Wayne Aspinall Federal Building and their efforts to "go green," as they are now at energy net zero. On May 14, 2014, he met with the State Board of Education at Colorado Mesa University. On May 20, 2014, he attended a dedication of a donor wall at the Mesa County Public Library, in addition to a History Colorado meeting at the Whitman School. He has Grand Junction walking tours booklets and Historic Grand Junction handouts.

Councilmember Chazen attended a meeting on Matchett Park. He expressed that the presentation at the workshop was very good and that he is looking forward to future meetings. On May 17, 2014, he attended a Colorado Mesa University commencement ceremony, where there was, in his opinion, lots of energy and excitement.

Councilmember Doody reminded everyone that this week end is Memorial weekend and that there are several events taking place as listed in the newspapers. He mentioned that on May 26, 2014 (Memorial Day), the Veteran Memorial Cemetery would be honoring veterans at 10 a.m.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said that her JUCO team arrived (Cochise Apaches). This morning she welcomed the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) team of which the Housing Authority is a member. She also attended the 2014 legislative session wrap-up.

Councilmember Susuras said that the City's Information Technology department donated out-of-service computer equipment to Western Colorado Community College. He read a letter from the College thanking the City for the donation.

Council President Norris went to the EMT recognition ceremony. She lauded the emergency services personnel as well as the communications center personnel.

### **Citizen Comments**

There were none.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council President Norris announced that Item #4 on the consent Calendar will be moved to individual consideration as there are people in attendance who may want to speak to that item.

Councilmember Doody read the Consent Calendar items #1-3 and then moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as read. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

### **1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

*Action: Approve the Minutes of the April 30, 2014 City/County Annual Persigo Meeting, the Summary of the May 5, 2014 Workshop, and the Minutes of the May 7, 2014 Regular Meeting*

### **2. Setting a Hearing on the GSI Annexation, Located at 543 31 Road [File #ANX-2014-170]**

A request to annex 0.707 acres, located at 543 31 Road. The GSI Annexation consists of one parcel and no public right-of-way.

Resolution No. 15-14—A Resolution Referring a Petition to the City Council for the Annexation of Lands to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Setting a Hearing on Such Annexation, and Exercising Land Use Control, GSI Annexation, Located at 543 31 Road

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, GSI Annexation, Approximately 0.707 Acres, Located at 543 31 Road

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 15-14, Introduce Proposed Ordinance, and Set a Public Hearing for July 2, 2014*

3. **Fleet Services Division Tire Purchases**

The fleet services division maintains almost 600 pieces of equipment including refuse trucks, street sweepers, pick-up trucks, ambulances, fire trucks, police vehicles, and mowers. It is the goal of the division to instill proper maintenance and repair practices that ensure that equipment is available, performs safely and properly, and is economical. Tires are critical when it comes to both safety and performance. The last time tires were bid was in 2010. Product contracts such as this may be renewed up to three additional contract periods based on satisfactory performance of the contractor.

*Action: Authorize the City Fleet Division to Purchase New Tires, Recapped Tires and Contract Large Tire Repairs from Standard Tire and Retread, Commercial Tire Service, and GRC Tire Center for an Estimated Annual Amount of \$135,000*

4. **Purchase of Right-of-Way for F 1/2 Road and 29 Road** moved to Individual Consideration

**ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**Purchase of Right-of-Way for F 1/2 Road and 29 Road**

As part of the Matchett Park Master Plan, the proposed road to serve the park has become more defined. The Matchett family has decided to sell two other pieces east of the proposed Matchett Park and offered the City to purchase the land necessary for the right-of-way of future F 1/2 Road and 29 Road.

City Attorney Shaver presented this item. He referred to an exhibit that showed the right-of-way proposed to be purchased, the purpose of which is for the ultimate construction of a road into the Park, and eventually additional right-of-way for 29 Road and its connection to an interchange at I-70. The ultimate build-out of the roads time frame is undetermined but it is prudent to purchase the right-of-way at this time. The parcels are under contract and will be sold so proceeding will allow the City to acquire the right-of-way from the current owner.

Councilmember Boeschstein asked if these rights-of-way were dedicated in the 1890's when section lines were created. City Attorney Shaver replied that 60 feet had been preserved, but that that would not be sufficient for the ultimate build-out. He added that F 1/2 Road was not a section line and that some right-of way was dedicated when Darla Jean subdivision was developed, but again it is insufficient for the entire build-out.

Councilmember Susuras asked if the right-of-way is important to the connection to the 29 Road interchange. City Attorney Shaver replied that it has been part of the beltway project for some time.

Councilmember McArthur asked if F ½ Road was also on the Transportation Plan. City Attorney Shaver said it is an important transportation link.

Councilmember Chazen asked about the source of the funds for the purchase. City Attorney Shaver said funds would be used from Transportation Capacity Funds or other funding, and that those would be sufficient.

Council President Norris opened up the floor for public comment.

Kara Taylor, 2896 Darla Drive, thanked the Council for allowing for public comment. Ms. Taylor said that, although only a handful of people face this looming roadway, she hopes that her concern will still be addressed. She explained how in July 2008 she moved from a seedy neighborhood after saving for a home to enjoy the country life that she experiences now in her backyard. However, recently she lost \$80,000 due to repairs and property devaluation due to the economy. Her backyard means the world to her family as well as other families.

Andrea Christensen, 2880 Darla Drive, thanked the Council for letting her speak. She recapped their neighborhood's concerns expressed at the workshop the previous Monday. She expressed that City Council should consider the increased traffic, noise, lights, safety issues, hazards, more people, the impact of the 29 Road interchange, and the exit and entrance into the park. She expressed concern regarding the impact to wildlife and environmental concerns and her desire to preserve a desert habitat. There were 98 of her neighbors who signed a petition letter opposing the location of the roadway. Ms. Christenson asked that the road should be positioned further north, closer to the canal, and no closer to her subdivision. She asked if there might be a lower cost option that won't impact their development, and asked if the development of this side of the park could be the last phase.

Sophie Block, 2880 Darla Drive, noting that the road will eventually be part of an interloop, asked City Council to consider the purpose of the interloop: would it be beneficial to have a winding F ½ Road? Could it be positioned further north to make it a faster road?

There being no further comments, the public comment portion was closed at 7:39 p.m.

Councilmember Susuras empathized with the comments. He said that 29 Road will eventually go to I-70. He mentioned that there are plans for a charter school and an elementary school on the park property, and that F ½ Road pretty much has to go there. He mentioned that the road goes by another Councilmember's house. He thanked the speakers for their comments.

Councilmember Chazen said his property abuts Matchett Park on the west end, and that he, in regards to the previous speakers, "feels their pain". A parking lot is planned right

behind his house and he expressed that he is in the same situation, and that he is not happy with it. However, he knew the adjacent property would someday be developed when he purchased his home. Therefore, he will support the purchase because it is part of a bigger plan.

Council President Norris asked Public Works and Utilities Director Greg Lanning how wide F ½ Road will be and how many lanes will there be. Mr. Lanning said the designation is a major collector and the total right-of-way is 110 feet. The roads themselves will be a three lane roadway, 36 feet of which will be asphalt.

Councilmember McArthur asked Mr. Lanning about the timeline on Matchett Park. Mr. Lanning said certainly not next year, probably not for ten plus years, depending on how the park develops.

Councilmember McArthur made the comment that this would be a three lane, circuitous route. He commented that his home backs up to Highway 50, but he has gotten used to it. He also empathizes with the equity being wiped out from a previous speaker's home. He commented that he understands that times have been very difficult, but that work is being done to bring back the economy.

Councilmember Chazen felt that this is an opportune time to do this transaction. City Attorney Shaver estimated the cost at \$1 per square foot, they have had a willing seller and buyer, it is being done in an agreeable fashion, and that is a good thing.

Councilmember Susurus reiterated that he thinks the property values will increase eventually with schools, the park, and easy access to I-70.

Resolution No. 16-14—A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase by the City of Right-of-Way for F ½ and 29 Roads.

Councilmember Susuras moved adopt Resolution No. 16-14. Councilmember McArthur seconded.

Councilmember Boeschstein called for more discussion. He felt this would be a low traffic road, even though he understands the fears. It would add property value and be a wonderful park.

Councilmember Doody estimated that the price tag for the park would be around \$37 million, but that the price did not include the proposed recreation center. He commented that City Council purchased the property in the 1990's, and this park would not be completed by the present Council.

Councilmember Chazen inquired who maintains the right-of-way? Mr. Lanning replied that the City will have the responsibility to maintain the right-of-way.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2014 Program Year Funding Requests** [File #2014 CDBG]

City Council will consider which activities and programs to fund for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2014 Program Year. The City will receive \$376,349 for the 2014 Program Year which begins September 1, 2014. The City also has \$51,899 in funds remaining from previous years to be allocated with the 2014 funds.

At this meeting, the City Council will receive public input on the use of the 2014 CDBG allocation.

Kathy Portner, Neighborhood Services Manager, presented this item. She explained the CDBG program and its purpose, noting this is the City's 19<sup>th</sup> year in the program. This year's allocation has leftover funds, the amount of which will be rolled into this year's allocation. The program helps improve living conditions and many organizations utilize these funds. She asked the City Council to take public comment on the proposed funding.

She summarized each of the thirteen projects chosen by City Council for funding:

**Program Administration to the City of Grand Junction for 2014**

Program administration includes general administration, public participation, and fair housing activities. **Recommended Funding: \$43,000**

**Human Services Grants:**

**Senior Companion Program - St. Mary's Hospital**

The Senior Companion Program enables senior volunteers to assist homebound, elderly persons with rides to medical appointments and social activities. CDBG funds would be used to reimburse volunteers for mileage expenses. The funds will allow an increase in services

**Recommended Funding: \$10,000** (which will leverage over \$225,000).

**Counseling and Education Center (CEC) - Low Income Counseling Services**

This program provides counseling services for low income citizens. Funds are requested to help pay for more counseling sessions.

**Recommended Funding: \$3,000** (which will be matched with \$44,000).

**Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. – Latimer House**

Hilltop operates the Latimer House which serves as an emergency shelter to help adults and children. The funding will expand services at the Latimer House. **Recommended Funding: \$10,320** (Hilltop will provide another \$40,000).

**Capital Improvement Projects:****Marillac Clinic, Inc. Remodel**

Marillac Clinic serves low and moderate income, uninsured and underinsured individuals and families who pay a portion of the cost of medical and dental services. Funding is requested to remodel the interior of the clinic to improve the client lobby and the administration space. **Recommended Funding: \$60,000**

**Mind Springs Health (formerly Colorado West) – West Springs Hospital**

Mind Springs Health provides mental health and substance abuse services. With a total of 32 beds for inpatient psychiatric services, West Springs Hospital is part of the Mind Springs Health organization that covers ten counties on the Western Slope. **Recommended Funding: \$31,164** (will be matched with \$481,000 in additional funds).

**Salvation Army – Kitchen Remodel**

The Salvation Army operates a kitchen at its facility located at 1235 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street for its feeding programs that are expected to expand by 30% in the coming year. CDBG funds are requested to help remodel and improve the kitchen including purchase and completion of a walk-in refrigerator, weather enclosure and commercial-scale kitchen equipment. **Recommended Funding: \$25,000** (will be matched with \$15,000 in additional funds).

**HopeWest – Hope’s House**

Hope West (formerly Hospice) operates the HopeWest Kids Child and Teen Grief Programs which plans to expand to a two-story residence at 3045 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street that is owned by HopeWest and is adjacent to the main campus. CDBG funds are requested to remodel the house for the proposed new use.

**Recommended Funding Pending Zoning Approval: \$9,682** (which will leverage an additional \$23,000).

**Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) – Walnut Park Improvements**

GJHA owns and manages the 90-unit Walnut Park Apartments located at 2236 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street which provides housing for elderly and disabled persons. CDBG funds are requested to repair roofs and purchase and install new evaporative coolers in the 78 older units (constructed in 1970s) in the complex.

**Recommended Funding: \$50,000** (the Housing Authority will provide an additional \$125,000 for the project).



**HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, Inc. – Shelter Energy Improvements**  
HomewardBound of the Grand Valley (HBGV) provides year-round overnight emergency shelter for up to 160 individuals nightly. HBGV is in the process of renovating the existing community homeless shelter. CDBG funds are requested to fund the remaining work which will improve energy efficiency through replacement of the front door and windows and installing three new rooftop HVAC units. **Recommended Funding: \$1,500** (Homeward Bound will provide \$290,000 in matching funds).

**City of Grand Junction – Orchard Avenue Sidewalk and 28-3/4 Road Sidewalk**

There is currently no curb, gutter and sidewalk on either side of Orchard Avenue between Normandy Avenue east to 28 3/4 Road or on either side of 28 3/4 Road between Orchard Avenue south to Nisley Elementary School which are walking routes for Nisley Elementary students. The absence of sidewalks is a safety concern. The proposed projects would construct 715 linear feet of curb, gutter and sidewalk along the south side of Orchard Avenue and 350 linear feet along the west side of 28 3/4 Road. The project was allocated funding in 2013 and design work has begun. In order to construct to City standards, additional funds are needed. **Recommended Funding: \$55,070**

**City of Grand Junction – B 1/2 Road Sidewalk Near Dos Rios School**

There is currently no curb, gutter and sidewalk on either side of B 1/2 Road between approximately 27 Road and the Highway 50 frontage road on Orchard Mesa. This segment is a walking route for students attending Dos Rios Elementary School but it also will eventually create a pedestrian connection between this neighborhood and the Orchard Mesa City Market shopping area when a portion of the B 1/2 Road overpass is converted to provide a pedestrian crossing of Highway 50 anticipated in the OM Neighborhood Plan. 1400 linear feet of sidewalk is proposed for construction and another short section on the other side of the overpass. **Recommended Funding: \$129,512**

Ms. Portner reviewed the total funding being allocated and advised it will leverage \$921,088. She reviewed the schedule for the rest of the program.

Councilmember Chazen asked about the Orchard Avenue sidewalk, and if that completes the money needed for the project. He also asked when the project would be completed. Ms. Portner said the money will complete the project. The cost overruns before were due to having to relocate some irrigation facilities. The sidewalks will be constructed and completed in spring of 2015.

Councilmember Boeschstein thanked those involved with the sidewalk projects, and appreciates and wants to see more issues brought up such as finding safe routes to schools.

Councilmember Susuras thanked the Staff, stating that he understood the undertaking for the lengthy application process. Ms. Portner says she will pass his appreciations onto Senior Planner Kristen Ashbeck as she does the bulk of the work.

Councilmember Traylor Smith expressed that these are tax dollars coming back to the community. With \$1.2 million in requests, they can't meet all the requests, but capital improvement is important.

The public comment portion was opened at 8:08 p.m.

Elizabeth Collins, 507 West Ute Avenue, thanked Council for considering the sidewalks around Nisley and Dos Rios schools because sidewalk improvements are so needed. Ms. Collins is the Coordinator of Safe Routes to Schools. She says that a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes are the main reason parents drive kids to school. She feels that this contributes to traffic congestion and childhood obesity.

Katie Lloyd, Physical Education teacher at Nisley Elementary School, noticed no sidewalks near the school, and during the State Bike and Walk to School Day, she took a survey to determine why so many students are dropped off at school. Parents concluded that they feel it is not safe for students to walk. Ms. Lloyd can see where that is a valid point on Orchard Avenue. She thanked the City Council for their support of their program.

Julie Sabin, co-chair of Urban Trails Committee, thanked the Council for a much needed livable, walkable community. Her committee is working on a prioritized list for urban trails.

Michael Lybarger, teacher at Dos Rios Elementary School for 26 years, said there were two children killed in car accidents at Mt. Garfield. He says if one child is safe because of these improvements, it will be worth it.

Michael Frasier, 2021 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Nisley Elementary, said that with recent budget cuts and longer walking distances to school, traffic has increased. Mr. Frasier would like to see the timeline be reconsidered so that the projects go through sooner. At this time, he concluded, parents park on both sides of 28 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Road, which is unsafe.

Christy Schmidt, Director of Community and Donor Relations at the Marillac Clinic, thanked the Council for their consideration. With recent changes and the new expansion under the Affordable Health Care Act, the Marillac Clinic has seen increased activity. As Mesa County's primary safety net serving a vulnerable population, they are trying to accommodate by redesigning the front office and lobby to streamline the patients' waiting area. Ms. Schmidt said the clinic had 25,000 patient visits last year, plus those that

accompanying them. They would like to have more areas to allow for confidentiality and counseling.

Erica Aim, board of trustees for the Counseling and Education Center (CEC), Shannon Allen board member, and Sister Fay, founder and counselor, thanked the City Council for consideration. Ms. Aim said that CEC has provided mental health services for 34 years. Last year they saw 400 patients at the poverty level. Many patients are referred to them and are helped by funding from the grants.

The public comment portion was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Councilmember Chazen moved to approve the CDBG City Council Workshop recommendations of funding for the 2014 program year and set a public hearing for adoption of the 2014 one-year action plan for June 18, 2014. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion.

Councilmember Traylor Smith asked if there was any way to move up the timeline on the sidewalk construction (sooner than spring). Mr. Lanning said that design was being done in-house, and that because of it currently being construction season, designers are busy working on already scheduled projects. He expressed that they would do what they can to move the project up.

City Manager Rich Englehart said they would look at working in house to move it up and that he understands the safety issues.

City Attorney Shaver said that they could move the preliminary work up and start facility construction as quickly as possible.

Councilmember McArthur vocalized appreciation for those in the community that have volunteered to help others in the community and to those who provide safety to children in schools.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Public Hearing—Persigo Biogas Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance and Select a Company to Convert the Digester Gas at Persigo Waste Water Treatment Plant to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) that will be Used to Fuel the City's CNG Fleet – Continued from May 7, 2014**

Several years ago, the wastewater division contracted with an engineering firm to help identify any beneficial uses of the biogas produced at the Persigo treatment facility. Persigo “flares” or burns off approximately 100,000 cubic feet per day of digester gas. Digester gas is methane gas that is created as a byproduct of processing waste.

In order to proceed with a project to convert this methane gas to bio compressed natural gas fuel (biogas), two actions are required. First the authorization of the spending authority in the Joint Sewer System Fund through the adoption of the supplemental appropriation ordinance, and second the authorization to hire a contractor capable of converting digester gas to compressed natural gas and designing and installing the pipeline to transport the gas to the City fueling site.

The public hearing was opened at 8:21 p.m.

Greg Lanning, Public Works and Utilities Director, introduced this item. He explained the request which includes two actions, the first is the spending authority and the second is to approve the contractor for the project. He reviewed the history of the project and the different costs. The City Council recently approved the purchase of more CNG vehicles which will be able to utilize this gas. He reviewed many of the questions that came up during the review process including other options, funding, current demand and the alignment of the pipeline.

Councilmember Susuras asked if this was approved from the Mesa County Commissioners. Mr. Lanning replied that it was approved Monday at their meeting.

Councilmember Boeschstein asked if the trail would be closed during construction. Mr. Lanning indicated that it would probably be disruptive and the trail would likely be closed. He said that the project would go in easily with trenching equipment and that laying fiber optic conduit doesn't take long.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said that the project had a 10 year payback and that there is a plan in place for other agencies to compensate Persigo for their use, and may pay back the plant sooner.

Councilmember Chazen expressed that he was not present at the Persigo meeting, but sat with City Manager Englehart and talked through the issues. He thought it was a nicely prepared report and that what is up for approval is an appropriation of the funds, and that is different than the spending of the funds. He said that they are looking at a timeline for how this will roll out.

Mr. Lanning concurred and said that he is entering into negotiations with the contractor. The contract will have to come back to Council for approval in one month to six weeks, at which time the design/build phase will take place and installation will occur within one year.

Councilmember Chazen said they are also dealing with Grand Valley Transit (GVT), (he expressed that he was unclear if GVT is its own entity or under the County), and he is concerned with future fuel prices. He argued that at the end of ten years, the price of fuel for GVT and the City will drop to \$1.15, but that gas may be worth more than that in

ten years, setting up a situation where the City is undercharging those entities. He said the City could charge more and relieve the ratepayers. He asked if that was considered, and does the City need to have agreements in place for ten years from now. Mr. Lanning said that the City could sell back to itself. The \$1.15 is what the fuel price could be. He said at that time, Council could make the determination on how to keep rates down.

Councilmember Chazen asked if it was prudent to set up agreements now and set up an expectation for fuel prices. City Attorney Shaver said to think of this as a pro forma. He expressed that there was nothing stating what those rates would be in the future and that they could anticipate and set a floor for the rates. City Attorney Shaver said that the Council and the County Commissioners could discuss this issue.

Councilmember Chazen asked if there should be any agreements to set rates now and if they should set up an intergovernmental agreement before going through with the project.

Councilmember Susuras asked if they had considered if there would be other providers who are in competition with them.

Councilmember Chazen commented that there may be TABOR issues.

Councilmember Susuras said that it would be foolish of GVT to enter into a long term agreement.

Councilmember Chazen countered that the assumption is the City will be selling the fuel to Grand Valley Transit in the future.

Internal Services Manager Jay Valentine concurred that rates were established based on financial payback and the Fleet perspective and that under this arrangement GVT and Fleet would both be considered separate entities. He said that Persigo needs a customer to buy the fuel and the customer is the City's Fleet and GVT, with the long term benefit being that they pay higher now knowing there will be a real savings later.

Councilmember Chazen expressed his support for the project and that he would continue to support it. The next step would be to have agreements in place to describe the roles of all parties and their expectations.

Mr. Valentine expressed that there was an intergovernmental agreement for maintenance functions and that his recommendation would be to expand on that once the price is established for the term.

Councilmember Chazen felt that at the point when funds would be disbursed they should have agreements.

Councilmember McArthur asked if the agreements could be put on the agenda for next Persigo meeting. City Attorney Shaver confirmed that they could.

Councilmember Chazen asked if the benefits should accrue to City and GVT or some accrue to Persigo and the ratepayers. City Manager Englehart felt that the ratepayers and possibly the development community could get the relief.

Councilmember Boeschstein felt that the project is worthwhile in that gas is currently being wasted, burned off, and polluting and that they don't need to quibble about the price. The City's Fleet and GVT would benefit from what would otherwise be wasted.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:45 p.m.

Ordinance No. 4631—An Ordinance Making a Supplemental Appropriation to the 2014 Budget of the City of Grand Junction for the Persigo Biogas Project

Councilmember McArthur moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4631 and ordered it published in pamphlet form and to authorize the City Purchasing Division to negotiate a contract with BioCNG, LLC to convert and transport biogas from Persigo to the CNG fueling station. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion.

Councilmember Doody expressed that he felt this was a great project and a pipe dream of his since 2005. He explained that while the CORE (Conserving Our Resources Efficiently) group and Johnson Controls were evaluating their facilities, this was the premiere project that came up. He reiterated that the gas was just burning off and being wasted and that using this cutting edge technology was something he would support.

Councilmember Susuras expressed that he would like to add that Dan Tonello, Greg Trainor, and Terry Franklin were instrumental in bringing the project forward.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Council President Norris called for a recess at 8:48 p.m.

The City Council was back in session at 8:52 p.m.

**Application for US Department of Justice Annual Justice Assistance Grant for Additional Lockers in the Police Department**

The Grand Junction Police Department has been solicited by the Bureau of Justice

Assistance (BJA) program of the US Department of Justice to apply for an annual grant for 2014 in the amount of \$26,341. If awarded, these funds will be used to purchase additional lockers for the Police building.

As part of the application process, the Bureau of Justice Assistance requires that City Council review and authorize receipt of the grant, and provide an opportunity for public comment. Therefore, a public comment opportunity is requested for the purpose of satisfying this requirement.

John Camper, Police Chief, introduced this item. He explained the request and its importance. The request will be used for additional women's lockers. It speaks to the City's commitment to increase the number of women in the ranks. There is space in the locker room to add lockers. They will purchase 12 to 13 lockers.

The public comment portion was opened at 8:54 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public comment portion was closed at 8:55 p.m.

Councilmember Susuras moved to authorize the City Manager to apply for these funds, and if awarded, to manage \$26,341. Councilmember Traylor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

### **Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors**

There were none.

### **Other Business**

Councilmember McArthur commended Chief Camper's efforts to serve and protect when he stepped up to take care of a citizen with a flat tire.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk