

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

June 4, 2014

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 4th day of June, 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 McArthur led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Invocation by Reverend Robert Babcox, Orchard Mesa Baptist Church.

Proclamation

Proclaiming the Week of June 7 – 15, 2014 as “National NeighborWorks Week” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Susuras read the proclamation. Ryan Burkpile, Self Help Build Program Manager for the Housing Resources Western Colorado, was present to receive the proclamation. He thanked the City Council and said in honor of the 31st NeighborWorks Week, they will hold two special events: June 7th (a clean-up of an existing home) at 121 Roberson Drive, Fruita, and June 14th (the start-up of a community garden) in Wine Valley Estates, Palisade.

Proclaiming the Month of June, 2014 as “Adult Protection Awareness Month” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Traylor Smith read the proclamation. Tanya May, Senior Case Manager for Mesa County Department of Human Services, was present to receive the proclamation. Ms. May thanked the City Council and advised that the law for mandatory reporting on elder abuse and neglect is in effect this year which provides more “teeth” with knowing what is going on with the elderly and disabled.

Proclaiming the Month of June and Wednesday, June 25, 2014 as “Bike Month and Bike to Work Day” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Boeschstein read the proclamation. Biz Collins, Grand Valley Bikes, Heidi Hoffman, Mesa County Health Department, Kathy Portner, City of Grand Junction, Allison Sanchez with Mesa County, and Ilana Moir from Grand Valley Bikes, were present to receive the proclamation. Biz Collins thanked the City Council noting all the reasons and facilities that help celebrate this event. She encouraged everyone to ride and wear their helmets. Ms. Hoffman also thanked the City for hosting the breakfast and

encouraged everyone to come down and participate. Ms. Moir commended the City for their foresight in recognizing the importance of bicycling in the community.

Appointments

Councilmember Chazen moved to reappoint Jodi Coleman Niernberg and Kirk Granum to the Downtown Development Authority/Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District for Four Year Terms Expiring June 2018. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Certificate of Appointments

Jay Moss was present to receive his Certificate of Appointment to the Horizon Drive Association Business Improvement District. He thanked the Council for the reappointment and also for the continued support of the District. He especially thanked City Engineer Trent Prall for his work. He invited the City Council to attend an open house on June 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Council Comments

Councilmember Doody mentioned that he filled in for the Mayor on Memorial Day at the Veteran's Cemetery. He noted that the 70th anniversary of D-day would be in a few days. He read letters from his father who served in World War II. He also mentioned two upcoming events: Flag Day (June 14th), the Vietnam War Memorial will have its 16th annual golf tournament, and that same evening there will be a free concert at Two Rivers Convention Center for veterans, featuring the musical group Jefferson Starship.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said the City hosted a great JUCO tournament. She commended the teams and the athletes. She noted a letter to the editor from an out of town visitor recognizing what a great event it was.

Councilmember Chazen said that on May 22nd, the Downtown Development Authority hosted a meeting with Xcel Energy for a presentation on the Community Energy Efficiency Plan. They also prepared for the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council. On May 23rd he attended the JUCO banquet, and he expressed that it was a great event with lots of energy. He recognized the work of the Staff at Two Rivers Convention Center, who served over 1,000 meals in 18 minutes. On May 28th, the City hosted a group of Russian ambassadors sponsored by the Friendship Force of Western Colorado. On that same day, he attended the grand opening of the Maker Space at the Business Incubator, which was sponsored by the City. A 3D printer was demonstrated. On May 31st, Governor Hickenlooper was at the Chamber office to sign two bills, House Bill 1275, which authorizes a property purchase for an Olympic level shooting range in Cameo, and House Bill 1303 which allows for remote testimony.

Councilmember Boeschstein stated that he was present on May 20th for a presentation at the Whitman School by History Colorado, who were collecting information on the State Historic Plan. On May 23rd, he was at the JUCO banquet, and reiterated previous comments about the amazing job the Staff at Two Rivers Convention Center did to serve all the people. He mentioned that the Fruita Rotary Club sponsored the Miami Dade JUCO team. He attended the Veteran's Light Dedication at 32 ½ Road in Clifton, which was in honor of a Veteran who invented a solar street light and installed it on the trail. He described his meeting on May 28th with 20-30 Russian goodwill ambassadors as being a good cross-cultural exchange for the City. He said that at the Business Incubator Maker Space Grand Opening, they demonstrated that they were able to produce bicycle pins on a 3D printer. On May 28th he also attended the Arts and Culture Commission meeting and the State Transportation Plan meeting.

Councilmember McArthur echoed memorializing Veterans from World War II, and mentioned that he has an uncle buried in Lorraine, France, who perished during D-Day. He told his father's story from World War II. He mentioned that he attended the JUCO banquet, which coincidentally was his birthday. He pointed out that he was wearing his "I Voted" button, and encouraged everyone to vote in the primary election.

Council President Norris attended the ten year anniversary celebration of the Colorado Youth Corp Association, where they dedicated the Hilltop Trail. She commented that the Youth Corp has worked on several mountain bike trails and continues to work very hard to make this a better place for all of us.

Citizen Comments

Earl and Shirl Vitus, 292 W. Parkview Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the Citizen's Safety Academy. Mrs. Vitus said she and her husband graduated from the Academy. They attended class for eighteen weeks, and members of Fire and Police Departments presented programs every night. She mentioned that there were many representatives from each department, and that the program will be offered again in the spring. She encouraged everyone to attend. She said her husband is a World War II veteran who served in the South Pacific. Mr. Vitus agreed with his wife on the Academy noting the purpose of the program is to encourage volunteers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Action: Approve the Summary of the May 7, 2014 Workshop, the Summary of the May 19, 2014 Workshop, and the Minutes of the May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting

2. **Setting a Hearing on Bella Dimora – Outline Development Plan, Located at 2850 Grand Falls Drive and 598 Sinatra Way** [File #PLD-2013-455]

Request to approve an Outline Development Plan (ODP) as a Planned Development with a default zone of R-8 (Residential – 8 DU/ac) for the proposed Bella Dimora subdivision.

Proposed Ordinance Approving the Outline Development Plan as a Planned Development with a Default R-8 (Residential – 8 DU/Ac) Zone District for the Development of 108 Dwelling Units to be known as the Bella Dimora Subdivision, Located at 2850 Grand Falls Drive and 598 Sinatra Way

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for June 18, 2014

3. **Outdoor Dining Lease for MZ Entertainment, LLC, dba Thunderstruck Valley, Located at 436 Main Street**

MZ Entertainment, LLC, located at 436 Main Street, is a new tenant occupying the former location of Boomers nightclub. As a new business entity, MZ Entertainment, LLC, is requesting a first-time Outdoor Dining Lease for an area measuring 288 square feet directly in front of their building. The Outdoor Dining Lease would permit the business to have a revocable license from the City of Grand Junction to expand their licensed premise and allow alcohol sales in this area. The outdoor dining area comprises the same enclosed sidewalk dining area that was occupied by Boomers.

Resolution No. 17-14—A Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Sidewalk Right-of-Way to MZ Entertainment, LLC dba Thunderstruck Valley

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 17-14

There were no items needing City Council's individual consideration .

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk