

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

August 5, 1998

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, convened into regular session the 5th day of August, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the City/County Auditorium at City Hall. Those present were Cindy Enos-Martinez, Gene Kinsey, Earl Payne, Jack Scott, Mike Sutherland, Reford Theobald, and President of the Council Janet Terry. Also present were City Manager Mark Achen, City Attorney Dan Wilson, and City Clerk Stephanie Nye.

Council President Terry called the meeting to order and Council-member Kinsey led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience remained standing during the invocation by Pastor Eldon Coffey, Living Hope Evangelical Free Church.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 15-23, 1998 AS "RENAISSANCE WEEK ON THE WESTERN SLOPE"

PRESENTATION OF STATE ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE TO CHIEF OF POLICE GARY KONZAK

Police Chief Gary Meacham, Montrose, Colorado, and Police Chief Les Langford, Cherry Hills, Colorado, representing the Colorado Association of the Chiefs of Police, were present to deliver this accreditation to Chief Gary Konzak.

PRESENTATION OF "LIFE SAVING AWARDS" TO OFFICER KEVIN PAQUETTE AND LIEUTENANT LYN BENOIT

Police Chief Konzak detailed the events leading to the award for these life saving awards. Officer Paquette was dispatched to a scene on June 9, 1998 where he saved the life of a woman attempting suicide. Lt. Benoit, while off-duty, traveling west on Interstate 70, saved the life of a 9-year old boy who was a passenger in a vehicle which was struck by a boulder that had rolled down the hillside. The boulder bounced on the hood of the car, went through the windshield, and struck the child in the back seat. The head injuries were life threatening. Lt. Benoit applied first aid training by closing the wound and stopping bleeding with a compression bandage until paramedics from the Copper Mountain area could arrive. The young man has recovered and is doing well.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER MANAGER

Police Chief Gary Konzak introduced the new Communications Center Manager Paula Creasy.

OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO CAPT. HARRY LONG, LT. LES JOHNSON, SGT. MARK ANGELO, OFFICERS PETER CHAPOLA, SHAWN HASTY AND DENNIS MC CRILLIS

APPOINTMENTS TO RIVERFRONT COMMISSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Payne, seconded by Councilmember Theobald and carried, Lenna Watson was reappointed to a three year term, John Heideman, Mark Gardner and Russ Walker were appointed to three year terms, and Paul Jones was appointed to fill an unexpired term for one year on the Riverfront Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Delbert L. Hanson, 743 1/2 South Avenue, got flooded out three or four days ago and had to be put up in other lodging. He was not happy that the project is being put off again.

Mayor Terry explained the issue was discussed at Monday night's workshop. She has spoken with Mr. Hanson's landlord, Mr. Kessberger. Staff is discussing the possibility of moving up the South Avenue Reconstruction Project, 7th Street to 9th Street, at the end of this year. The Council will see if there is money to move the project up.

CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Enos-Martinez and carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Sutherland abstaining from item #1, the following Consent Items #1 through 8 were approved:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Action: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 15, 1998

2. Authorize the Fourth Supplement to the Code of Ordinances

The Code of Ordinances, Sec. 1-10, requires that City Council approve by motion the preparation and printing of the Code supplements in order to incorporate ordinances and certain resolutions approved by the City Council in the last year into the Code Book. The last supplement was issued September, 1997.

Action: Authorize the Preparation, Printing and Distribution of the Fourth Supplement to the Code of Ordinances

3. **Setting a Hearing on Adopting Amendments to City of Grand Junction Section 401(a) Money Purchase Defined Contribution Plans**

The general employee money purchase plan is amended to include a loan provision requested by participants and to change the retirement age from 65 to 55. Participants in the police and fire money purchase plans have requested the existing loan provisions be amended to allow for loans against rollover contributions without regard to the two-year service requirement currently imposed on loans. The participants in the fire plan have requested an increase in the loan amount from 20% to 50% of the vested balance.

Proposed Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Retirement Plans for Specified City of Grand Junction Employee Groups

Action: Adopt Proposed Ordinance on First Reading and Set a Hearing for August 19, 1998

4. **Amendment to the Grand Junction/Mesa County Metropolitan Planning Organization 1997-2002 Transportation Improvement Plan for Transit Project Funding, FY 1999**

The proposed amendment is required to reflect the actual budget figures for transit operations in fiscal year 1999 as outlined in the Grand Junction/Mesa County Metropolitan Planning Organization FY 1998-2002 Transit Development Plan. Total funding for the Transit Project in fiscal year 1999 is \$1,120,000. The City of Grand Junction local match is \$50,000.

Resolution No. 43-98 - A Joint Resolution of the County of Mesa and the City of Grand Junction Concerning Adoption of an

Administrative Amendment to the Fiscal Years 1997-2002
Transportation Improvement Plan

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 43-98

5. **Consideration of Bids for the South Avenue Reconstruction,
5th Street to 7th Street**

The following bids were received on July 28, 1998 for two
alternate street paving options:

	<u>Option A</u> Concrete <u>Paving</u>	<u>Option B</u> Asphalt <u>Paving</u>
Mays Concrete, Inc., G.J.	\$522,736.00	No Bid
Skyline Contracting, G.J.	\$549,230.80	\$439,442.70
United Companies, G.J.	No Bid	\$550,703.60
Engineer's Estimate	\$343,025.50	\$350,996.50

*Action: Reject All Bids and Authorize Staff to Re-bid the
Project this Fall*

6. **Setting a Hearing on Vacating a Right-of-Way and Easement at
602 West Gunnison Avenue** [File #VR-1998-092]

The petitioner is requesting vacation of one foot of right-
of-way along the west side of Maldonado Street north of West
Gunnison Avenue and vacation of a utility easement. The
request is due to a discovery that the existing 22 unit
storage building lies 6" into the right-of-way and in the
easement. The street is improved with curb, gutter and
sidewalk and will not likely need widening. The building
lies 36" behind the sidewalk. Staff recommends approval.

Proposed Ordinance Vacating the West One Foot of Maldonado
Street North of West Gunnison Avenue and a Utility Easement

*Action: Adopt Proposed Ordinance on First Reading and Set a
Hearing for August 19, 1998*

7. Revocable Permit for Relocating a Sign and Adding Landscaping in the 7th Street Right-of-Way at 2323 N. 7th Street, Western Colorado Pediatrics [File #SPR-1998-120]

Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Revocable Permit to allow the petitioners to relocate the present sign and provide landscaping and asphalt pavement in the 7th Street right-of-way.

Resolution No. 44-98 - A Resolution Concerning the Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Western Colorado Pediatrics

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 44-98

8. Setting a Hearing on Vacating F 1/4 Road Right-of-Way, East of 25 1/2 Road [File #VR-1998-114]

The owner of Foresight Village Apartments is requesting the vacation of the F 1/4 Road right-of-way, east of 25 1/2 Road. With the platting of Fall Valley Subdivision, the right-of-way is no longer needed for access to adjoining properties.

Proposed Ordinance Vacating a Portion of F 1/4 Road, East of 25 1/2 Road

Action: Adopt Proposed Ordinance on First Reading and Set a Hearing for August 19, 1998

* * * **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR** * * *
* * * **ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION** * * *

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Terry adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Stephanie Nye, CMC/AAE
City Clerk