

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

March 3, 2008

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 3rd day of March 2008 at 7:04 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Gregg Palmer, Bruce Hill, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Jim Doody. Absent was Councilmember Doug Thomason. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrich, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Doody called the meeting to order. Councilmember Hill led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by retired Pastor, Mark Harris.

Council President Doody recognized students from Grand Junction High School Advanced Placement Government Class.

Appointments

Councilmember Beckstein moved to appoint Pam McLaughlin and Tanya Smith, and reappoint Vera Mulder to the Commission on Arts and Culture for three year terms expiring February 2011. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Certificate of Appointment

Robert Johnston was present to receive his certificate of appointment as a member of the Forestry Board.

Presentation

Video Streaming Project

Sam Ranguet, Community Relations and Communication Coordinator presented the new video streaming project. She displayed the meeting currently being broadcast as well as demonstrated the viewing of an archived video from the last City Council meeting. Videos for the Planning Commission meeting and Cityscape videos are also available through the City's website.

Jim Finlayson, Information Systems Manager, explained what the term streaming video means. The video is streamed rather than the whole file being sent at once.

Ms. Ranguet advised that this technology will allow a lot more citizens to view the City Council meetings, particularly those that do not have cable television.

Council Comments

Council President Doody noted it is Dr. Seuss's birthday, and many local residents are reading to elementary students as he did today.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Todd read the items on the Consent Calendar, and then moved to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded by Councilmember Hill, and carried by roll call vote to approve Consent Item #1 through #7.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2008, Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the February 22, 2008, Special Session

2. Setting a Hearing on the ThreeP Development Annexation, Located at 519 30 Road [File #ANX-2008-019]

Request to annex 1.66 acres, located at 519 30 Road. The ThreeP Development Annexation consists of 1 parcel.

a. Referral of Petition, Setting a Hearing and Exercising Land Use Jurisdiction

Resolution No. 26-08–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, ThreeP Development Annexation, Located at 519 30 Road Including a Portion of the 30 Road Right-of-Way

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 26-08

b. Setting a Hearing on Proposed Ordinance

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, ThreeP Development Annexation, Approximately 1.66 acres, Located at 519 30 Road Including a Portion of the 30 Road Right-of-Way

Action: *Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for April 14, 2008*

3. **Setting a Hearing on the Schuckman Annexation, Located at 231 28 ½ Road**
[File #ANX-2008-018]

Request to annex 0.87 acres, located at 231 28 ½ Road. The Schuckman Annexation consists of 1 parcel and is a 3 part annexation.

a. **Referral of Petition, Setting a Hearing and Exercising Land Use Jurisdiction**

Resolution No. 27-08–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, Schuckman Annexations No. 1, 2, 3, Located at 231 28 ½ Road Including a Portion of the 28 ½ Road Right-of-Way

Action: *Adopt Resolution No. 27-08*

b. **Setting a Hearing on Proposed Ordinances**

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Schuckman Annexation No. 1, Approximately 0.02 acres, Located within the 28 ½ Road Right-of-Way

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Schuckman Annexation No. 2, Approximately 0.08 acres, Located within the 28 ½ Road Right-of-Way

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Schuckman Annexation No. 3, Approximately 0.77 acres, Located at 231 28 ½ Road and Including a Portion of the 28 ½ Road Right-of-Way

Action: *Introduction of Proposed Ordinances and Set a Hearing for April 14, 2008*

4. **Setting a Hearing on the Martin Annexation, Located at 2107 H Road** [File #ANX-2008-017]

Request to annex 2.95 acres, located at 2107 H Road. The Martin Annexation consists of 1 parcel.

a. **Referral of Petition, Setting a Hearing and Exercising Land Use Jurisdiction**

Resolution No. 28-08–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, Martin Annexation, Located at 2107 H Road

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 28-08

b. Setting a Hearing on Proposed Ordinance

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Martin Annexation, Approximately 2.95 acres, Located at 2107 H Road

Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for April 14, 2008

5. **Setting a Hearing Zoning the Garden Grove-Turley Annexation, Located at 2962 A ½ Road** [File #ANX-2007-338]

Request to zone the 4.94 acre Garden Grove-Turley Annexation, located at 2962 A ½ Road, to R-4 (Residential 4-du/ac).

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Garden Grove-Turley Annexation to R-4 (Residential 4-du/ac), Located at 2962 A ½ Road

Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for March 17, 2008

6. **Contract for Dividing Wall and Ceiling Replacement at Two Rivers Convention Center**

This approval request is for the award of a contract for the replacement of the dividing wall, the addition of a second dividing wall and the upgrade and replacement of the lighting system and ceiling grid at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Action: Authorize the Purchasing Division to Enter into a Contract with PNCl construction, Inc., to Complete the Replacement of the Dividing Wall and Ceiling at Two Rivers Convention Center, in the Amount of \$662,000

7. **Contract for Neighborhood Services Remodel**

This approval request is for the award of a construction contract for the Neighborhood Services building remodel.

Action: Authorize the City Purchasing Division to Enter into a Contract with Phelps Construction, in the Amount of \$136,334 for the Completion of the Neighborhood Services Building Remodel

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Funding Recommendations for Arts and Cultural Events and Projects

Commission on Arts and Culture recommendations to the City Council for grants to support arts and cultural events, projects, and programs in Grand Junction.

Allison Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator, and Kat Rhein, Chair of the Commission, presented this item. The Commission's State of the Arts Annual Report was distributed to City Council. Ms. Rhein advised that they received their highest number of requests ever for funding. Every requestor received at least partial funding. She then read the list of the awardees, and the amount of their grant award.

Ms. Rhein then referred to the staff report that stated the Commission's goals and objectives. She read the conclusion which indicated that the requests have increased from \$50,000 in 2005 to \$67,000 this year.

Councilmember Palmer asked how many awards are first time awards, as one of the goals is to promote projects with a potential for self-sufficiency. Ms. Sarmo advised that the self-sufficiency is for the organization. Many of these organizations are applying for new programs, and many times will include an educational piece.

Councilmember Coons commended the Commission for promoting a diverse list of programs, and provide a wide selection of opportunity for the community.

Ms. Sarmo, upon the request of Council President Doody, detailed the statistics of the economic report of a \$27 million fiscal impact to the community. In addition, half a million people on an annual basis either visit a cultural facility or go to a cultural event of some kind. Just the grant monies that are given away impact about 40,000 people.

Councilmember Coons shared that it was hard to capture the number of people that indicate that they have chosen to move to Grand Junction because of the wide variety of cultural opportunities and activities. Ms. Sarmo said she would love to be able to capture that number too. She contends that Art on the Corner has something to do with that.

Councilmember Hill moved to approve recommendations from the Commission on Arts and Culture for grant funding. Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Non-Scheduled Citizens and Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

Councilmember Todd advised that the City Youth Council is on a legislative trip in the capital sitting in on some of the committee meetings. They are getting educated about how a bill is passed and makes it through the legislative process.

Council President Doody encouraged everyone to read a Dr. Seuss book in recognition of the author's birthday.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk