

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

**January 5, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Jim Doody, Bruce Hill, Doug Thomason, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Gregg Palmer. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrach, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Gregg Palmer called the meeting to order. Councilmember Hill led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation by Pastor Paul Williams from Freedom House Ministries.

**Proclamation**

Proclaiming January, 2009 as “National Mentoring Month” in the City of Grand Junction

Proclaiming January 19, 2009 as “Martin Luther King, Jr. Day” in the City of Grand Junction

**Appointments**

Councilmember Beckstein moved to reappoint Bill Sisson and Laurie Kadrach to the Grand Junction Colorado State Leasing Authority to terms expiring January, 2012. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmember Todd moved to reappoint Jim Widdows and Dennis King to the Riverview Technology Corporation for an additional one year term until February 2010, making an exception to the RTC By-Laws regarding term limitations. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Council Comments**

There were none.

**City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Laurie Kadrach took the opportunity to inform the community about how the City is operating to be more efficient and effective. The following day, City Manager Kadrach is holding two State of the City addresses to City employees at Lincoln Park Barn.

Secondly, regarding the budget, the City Manager has asked the Staff to delay implementation of the 2009 budget regarding contracts and filling new positions for the first quarter as the revenue stream is uncertain and the economy may worsen the first quarter of 2009. No emergency response services will be affected. Department Heads have asked that some expenditures be put off until the economic affect can be determined.

Councilmember Hill asked for clarifications that capital construction that creates jobs in the community are not being postponed but rather just non-essential operating expenses. Ms. Kadrach replied that some new capital projects may not be bid out right away but the ongoing projects such as the Big Pipe Project and the 29 Road Project are going forward.

The public was invited to send comments or questions directly to City Manager Kadrach.

### **Citizen Comments**

Earle Mullen, 702 Tranquil Trail, addressed the City Council about proclaiming February 12, 2009 as Charles Darwin Science Day in the City of Grand Junction, recognizing the biologist Charles Darwin's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. He then read the proposed proclamation.

Mr. Mullen added that President Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday would also be on February 12, 2009 and suggested the Council might consider combining the two.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Todd read the Consent Calendar and then moved to approve the Consent Calendar items #1 through #5. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

*Action: Approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 and the December 17, 2008, Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Special Session*

2. **2009 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 Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-26, requires the meeting schedule and the procedure for calling special meetings be determined annually by resolution.

Resolution No. 01-09—A Resolution of the City of Grand Junction Designating the Location for the Posting of the Notice of Meetings, Establishing the City Council Meeting Schedule, and Establishing the Procedure for Calling of Special Meetings for the City Council

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 01-09*

3. **Conduct of the Regular Municipal Election on April 7, 2009**

The City has adopted the Municipal Election Code. In order to conduct the election by mail ballot, the Council must authorize it pursuant to 1-7.5-104 C.R.S. and the City Clerk must submit a Written Plan outlining the details and responsibilities to the Secretary of State. It is recommended that the City again contract with Mesa County to conduct this election by mail ballot. They have the equipment on site and are able to prepare, mail out and process the ballots more efficiently than the City.

Resolution No. 02-09—A Resolution Authorizing a Mail Ballot Election in the City of Grand Junction Regular Municipal Election on April 7, 2009, Authorizing the City Clerk to Sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and Approving the Written Plan for the Conduct of a Mail Ballot Election

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 02-09*

4. **Setting a Hearing on Amending the Municipal Code Regarding Minors in Possession of Alcohol and Marijuana**

Amendments are being proposed to define and clarify sentencing parameters for repeat Minor in Possession (MIP) offenders. Changes to the Ordinance will help enforce compliance with the City Ordinances governing minors in possession of alcohol and marijuana.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3852, Which Establishes Section 24-22 of the Code of Ordinances and Prohibits the Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcohol by Minors and Also Amending Ordinance No. 3853, which Establishes Section 24-23 of the Code of Ordinances and Prohibits the Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Marijuana by Minors

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 21, 2009*

5. **Acquisition of Property and Assets of Fruitvale Sanitation District**

The Fruitvale Sanitation District has petitioned the District Court for dissolution of the District. The City and the District have agreed to transfer and convey all of the District's sewer collection lines and valves, pump stations and accompanying apparatus to the City. The sanitary sewer services provided by the District will be assumed by the City in accordance with the Plan of Dissolution jointly prepared by the District and the City and filed with the District Court.

Resolution No. 03-09—A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Property and Assets of the Fruitvale Sanitation District

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 03-09*

**ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors**

There were none.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Executive Session**

Councilmember Doody moved to return to executive session to discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under Section 402(4)(a) of the Open Meetings Law and Council will not return to open session. Councilmember Thomason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to a reconvened executive session at 7:26 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk