

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

**January 4, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Tom Kenyon, Gregg Palmer, Bill Pitts, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Bruce Hill. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrich, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Councilmember Palmer led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**Appointments**

Councilmember Coons moved to reappoint Paul Marx to the Grand Junction Housing Authority for a five year term to expire October 2014. Councilmember Todd seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Councilmember Kenyon moved to reappoint Kathy Jordan and appoint John Slay to the Historic Preservation Board, both for four year terms to expire December 2013. Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Councilmember Todd moved to reappoint Dr. Lynn James and Laurie Kadrich to the Public Finance Corporation, both for three year terms to expire January 2013. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Council Comments**

There were none.

**Citizen Comments**

There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Pitts read the Consent Calendar and then moved to approve items #1 through #7. Councilmember Kenyon seconded the motion.

Council President Hill asked if there are any clarifications or questions on the Consent Calendar before the vote.

Councilmember Kenyon wanted assurance that the City will not perpetuate the problem with the ambulances by avoiding the problematic brand. That was confirmed.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

*Action: Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Special Session and the Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting*

2. **2010 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. 2.04.010, requires the meeting schedule and the procedure for calling special meetings be determined annually by resolution.

Resolution No. 01-10—A Resolution of the City of Grand Junction Designating the Location for the Posting of the Notice of Meetings, Establishing the 2010 City Council Meeting Schedule, and Establishing the Procedure for Calling of Special Meetings for the City Council

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 01-10*

3. **Setting a Hearing for the Trail Side Subdivision Rezone, Located at 381 31 5/8 Road** [File #RZ-2009-136]

Request to rezone 9.15 acres located at 381 31 5/8 Road, from an R-5 (Residential 5 du/ac) zone district to an R-8 (Residential 8 du/ac) zone district.

Proposed Ordinance Rezoning the Property Known as the Trail Side Subdivision from R-5, Residential 5 Units per Acre, to R-8, Residential 8 Units per Acre, Located at 381 31 5/8 Road

*Action: Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January, 20, 2010*

4. **Construction Contract for Canary Lane Sewer Improvement District (SID)**

Upon completion of the Canary Lane ID project, sewer service from the Persigo System will be made available to 34 properties.

This is one of four system expansion and collection system upgrade/rehabilitation projects planned in the Persigo System in 2010 utilizing Build America Bonds. These projects were included in the ARRA fund application earlier in 2009. The City was not successful in securing ARRA funds but is taking advantage of low interest Build America Bonds to provide stimulus to the contracting community.

*Action: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Canary Lane Sewer Improvement District with MA Concrete Construction Inc. in the Amount of \$745,259.77. Award is to be Contingent on Formation of the District by the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners*

5. **Construction Contract for the 2010 Waterline Replacement Project, Phase I**

This project is Phase 1 of a three phase project to replace aging water lines in the City's water distribution system. The City of Grand Junction received a \$3.8 million low interest loan through the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA) to fund these waterline replacement projects.

These projects were included with the City's unsuccessful application for ARRA funds earlier this year. The City has continued to move forward with the projects utilizing the CWRPDA loan in an effort to provide stimulus to the construction community.

*Action: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Construction Contract with M.A. Concrete Construction, Inc. of Grand Junction, Colorado for the 2010 Waterline Replacement Project – Phase 1 in the Amount of \$1,230,831.00*

6. **Purchase of Type III Ambulance**

Purchase of a Type III Ambulance from Life Line Emergency Vehicles. This is a scheduled replacement of an existing ambulance unit out of the City's fleet for use by the Grand Junction Fire Department.

*Action: Authorize the Purchasing Division to Award a Contract to Life Line Emergency Vehicles through Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$157,770 for the Purchase of a Type III Ambulance for the Grand Junction Fire Department*

7. **Re-Chassis Two Fleet Ambulances**

Purchase of two ambulance chassis from Life Line Emergency Vehicles. This purchase will provide new chassis for two ambulance units currently in the City's

fleet that have experienced significant out-of-service time due to chronic mechanical failures of the chassis. The City has obtained \$102,527 from State EMS grant funds to use towards this purchase.

*Action: Authorize the Purchasing Division to Award a Contract to Life Line Emergency Vehicles through Rocky Mountain Emergency Vehicles of Denver, Colorado in the Amount of \$201,982 for the Purchase of Two Chassis and the Remount of Two Ambulances for the Grand Junction Fire Department*

### **ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

#### **Public Hearing—Create Alley Improvement District ST-10**

A successful petition has been submitted requesting a Local Improvement District be created to reconstruct the following alley:

- East/West Alley from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, between Belford Avenue and North Avenue

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, presented this item. He recalled that in the budget discussions the alley improvement program was eliminated with the caveat that if a successful petition was brought forward that was in-process, the budget would be modified to allow for it to go forward. That is what happened with this alley so it is being brought forward.

Councilmember Palmer asked who does the work on the alley improvements districts. Mr. Moore advised the City designs the project but the construction is bid out.

Councilmember Kenyon asked for more information on the program. Mr. Moore advised that the program is popular because the City participates in the cost and the area gets a concrete alley with the drainage and utilities upgraded. The City pays about 85% of the cost for a residential lot, 75% for a multi-family lot and 50% for commercial lots. It is a benefit to the City as there is less maintenance of the alley and it helps with trash pickup. About one-half of the City's alleys are paved.

Councilmember Pitts asked what the surface is on this alley currently. Mr. Moore said mostly asphalt and gravel. It is a high traffic alley.

Councilmember Coons praised the program as a recipient of an earlier paving district. She asked if the economics improve, will the program be reinstated? Mr. Moore said that is the plan.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Councilmember Palmer confirmed that the alley is asphalt and it is a good program but in light of the other cuts being made, 3% pay cut and suspension of services, he does not believe the money is best spent on this project. There are greater needs.

Councilmember Pitts agreed with Councilmember Palmer. He disagreed with spending the money at this time.

Councilmember Beckstein confirmed the petitioners did meet the exception criteria the City Council put in place for modifying the budget. Mr. Moore said they did. Councilmember Beckstein advised that she is familiar with the alley and the paving will also alleviate a health issue that occurs in that alley.

Councilmember Coons added that the utilities probably need to be upgraded. Paving would also decrease dust violations.

Councilmember Todd added that this will also provide work for possibly a small local company.

Council President Hill noted that this program budget was cut by 75%. He disagreed with completely stopping improvements to the community. This is an important alley that is highly used. It is supported by the adjacent property owners.

Councilmember Kenyon agreed with the Council President although he understands Councilmember Palmer's points. He will support this one since the petitioners met the criteria.

**Resolution No. 02-10—A Resolution Creating and Establishing Alley Improvement District No. ST-10 within the Corporate Limits of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Authorizing the Reconstruction of Certain Alleys, Adopting Details, Plans and Specifications for the Paving Thereon and Providing for the Payment Thereof**

Councilmember Todd moved to adopt Resolution No. 02-10. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmembers Palmer and Pitts voting NO.

### **Intergovernmental Agreement with CDOT for the Construction of the 29 Road and I-70B Interchange**

The City and County have completed a Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment for the proposed interchange connection of 29 Road and I-70B according

to CDOT's 1601 Interchange Approval Process. The 1601 process requires that the City and CDOT enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to define the responsibilities for the construction and maintenance of the facilities associated with this interchange.

The cost for the work included in this Agreement is \$158,351.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, presented this item. The agreement is required by CDOT and is their standard language which says in part that the City will pay CDOT \$158,351 to inspect all the forms and girders and certify them. The City would have to pay someone for these inspections and CDOT will be inspecting the forms and girders for the highway overpass so this will pay them to inspect the railroad overpass girders. CDOT will also oversee the installation.

Councilmember Kenyon asked if this is the cheapest and best way for the City to get these inspections and certifications. Mr. Moore said it is cheaper and the most efficient plus there is assurance there will not be any discrepancies. Councilmember Kenyon asked if that does place the liability on CDOT. Mr. Moore said it reduces the probability and opportunity for error but does not transfer any liability.

City Attorney Shaver added that under the contract, CDOT does not assume liability, nor are they liable above the limits of the Governmental Immunity Act.

Councilmember Pitts asked why this was not included in the total costs of the project. Mr. Moore said these items are figured into the total costs budgeted.

Council President Hill added that this is not an addition to the project, but it needs Council approval due to the amount.

Resolution No. 03-10—A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Grand Junction and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Regarding I-70B and 29 Road Interchange

Councilmember Beckstein moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-10. Councilmember Kenyon seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Amendment #4 of Engineering Services Contract with Jacobs Carter Burgess (formerly Carter and Burgess) for the 29 Road and I-70B Interchange Project**

This amendment will add scope of work to the original engineering services contract for the 29 Road and I-70B Interchange Project to include limited construction services during the upcoming Interchange Phase, preparation of additional design documents required by CDOT and the UPRR, and production of an additional set of bid

documents. The total cost of this contract amendment is \$383,468, which will be split by the City and County. The City's share of the cost is \$191,734.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, presented this item. Mr. Moore explained the scope of the project and why this amends the original contract including the additional items that have been added by CDOT and UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad.)

Councilmember Kenyon moved to authorize the City Manager to amend the engineering services contract for the 29 Road and 1-70B Interchange project with Jacobs Carter Burgess for a total fee of \$2,975,978 thereby increasing the contract by \$383,468. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors**

Milton "Tony" Long, 237 White Avenue, Apt. B, said he has been meeting with "Housing First, No More Deaths" organization and there is concern about folks dying from exposure. He advised there is a tent that will withstand a certain snow load; he asked the City Council to work with this organization to help out any way they can.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk