GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 4, 2015

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 4th day of November, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschenstein, Martin Chazen, Chris Kennedy, Rick Taggart, and Council President Phyllis Norris. Councilmembers Duncan McArthur and Barbara Traylor Smith were absent. Also present were Interim City Manager Tim Moore, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Norris called the meeting to order. The Navy Honor Guard led by Michael T. Scott, ABEC (AW/SW) U.S. Navy Leading Chief Petty Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Very Rev. Donald P. Malin, V.F. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Proclamations

Proclaiming November as Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Councilmember Boeschenstein read the proclamation. Christy Whitney, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HopeWest accepted the proclamation. Ms. Whitney (Borchard) recalled she was part of the original proclamation 30 years ago in Washington D.C. She spoke to the importance of Hospice and how most people don't want to think about it. She also mentioned that there is an initiative to make palliative care a part of every physician's training. Advanced Directives are another initiative they are working on along with Aging in Place.

Proclaiming November 11, 2015 as A Salute to All Veterans 2015

Councilmember Kennedy read the proclamation. Lieutenant (Lt.) Colonel Rick Peterson, United States Air Force (USAF) (Retired), President of the Veterans Committee of the Western Slope, received the proclamation. Lt. Colonel Peterson said the organization wants to make the Veterans Day celebration more inclusive by inviting the City Council onto the viewing stand during the parade which is on Saturday, November 7th. The celebration this year will be at the cemetery instead of Fruita as there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony acknowledging the expansion and improvements made. It will be at 11:00 a.m. Also Richard Gigliotti with the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is retiring. The Military Ball is November 7th. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) at Central High School and the Civil Air Patrol have nine events to cover all over town on Veterans Day.

Councilmember Kennedy recognized and thanked any Veterans in the audience.

Proclaiming November 17, 2015 as "Colorado Prematurity Awareness Day"

Councilmember Chazen read the proclamation. Terri Jones, March of Dimes Executive Director for the Western Colorado Chapter, was present to accept the proclamation. Ms. Jones thanked the City Council and emphasized that prematurity is the number one cause of death for babies and the work of March of Dimes does work; she has personal knowledge of that. Bringing awareness is one way to make a change. She invited businesses to go purple on November 17th to promote awareness of Prematurity Awareness Day.

Certificate of Appointment

To the Grand Junction Housing Authority

Tim Hudner was present to receive his Certificate of Appointment. Councilmember Chazen read the appointment certificate and presented it to Mr. Hudner. Mr. Hudner said the Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) is a great asset to the community and he is very grateful to be appointed to the board again.

Citizens Comments

Richard Swingle, 443 Mediterranean Way, addressed the City Council on the subject of Fiber. He reviewed the override the City recently did of SB 05-152. Broadband has now been defined as at least 25 mbps down load speed. Only Charter provides that in the valley. He reviewed the other types of wire - paired wire, then coax, and then fiber which is the future. Fiber to the premises (FTTP) is what the service dubbed "broadband" is.

Council Comments

Councilmember Taggart went to the Chamber Business Showcase at Two Rivers Convention Center on October 27th. He also met with the Economic Partners and the Creative Committee on November 3rd and said they are all very engaged.

Councilmember Kennedy read a passage relative to Veterans Day. "The Soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass; he hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly as his brass. Step forward now, you Soldier, How shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My Church have you been true? The Soldier squared his shoulders and said, No, Lord, I guess I ain't, because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint. I've had to work most Sundays and at times my talk was tough, and sometimes I've been violent, because the world is awfully rough. But, I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep...Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills got just too steep, and I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear, and sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears. I know I don't deserve a place among the people here; they never wanted me around except to calm their fears. If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand, I never expected or had too much, but if you don't, I'll understand. There was a silence all around the throne where the saints had often trod as the Soldier waited quietly, for the judgment of his God, Step forward now, you Soldier, you've borne your burdens well, walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've done your time in Hell."

He wished all Veterans and their families a happy and thoughtful Veteran's Day.

Councilmember Chazen said he attended two Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meetings in the last few weeks, mostly to discuss their participation in the funding of Las Colonias Amphitheater Project. He attended the Joint Persigo Board Meeting on October 22nd. They had a report from Ratfelis that included a study on rates and reserves. October 24th, there was a meeting of the Homeless and Vagrancy Committee which had Louie Pendleton as a presenter from Salt Lake City who spoke to the success of their "Housing First Plan" program. He attended two auditor review workshops which will be reported on later in the meeting. On November 5th, there is an Economic Development seminar hosted by Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) in Rifle; he reviewed the agenda.

Councilmember Boeschenstein said he went to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Summit in Denver. The discussion was about automated cars. He noted the Riverfront Commission is very excited about Las Colonias. The Incubator is meeting on November 5th, and at the last meeting they discussed a neighboring parcel that looks like a junkyard. He said he was pleased that the voters approved the dissolution of the Orchard Mesa Sanitation District. He mentioned the Septic Sewer Elimination Program (SSEP).

Council President Norris advised that one of the discussions at the Joint Persigo Board meeting is looking at amending the Persigo Agreement as it is 17 years old. Then she mentioned a Grand Valley Transit (GVT) meeting and the presenters included Kathy Hall and Cindra Scott. Funding is a huge issue for transportation; the local Chambers all attended to address Economic Development and how that affects industry. A north/south corridor was discussed. She attended the Economic Development (ED) Roundtable on the afternoon of November 4th. There were many City leaders in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kennedy read Consent Calendar items #1 through #4 and then moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Boeschenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

<u>Action:</u> Approve the Summary of the October 12, 2015 Workshop and the Minutes of the October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting

2. North Avenue Catalyst Grant Application for 499 28 1/4 Road

Vectra Bank has submitted an application for consideration for \$10,000 of the North Avenue Catalyst Grant Program. This is the fifth application for this program to come before the City Council.

<u>Action:</u> Approval of a North Avenue Catalyst Grant Application

3. North Avenue Catalyst Grant Application for 1320 North Avenue

Aqua Time has submitted an application for consideration for \$10,000 of the North Avenue Catalyst Grant Program. This is the sixth application for this program to come before the City Council.

<u>Action:</u> Approval of a North Avenue Catalyst Grant Application

4. Free Holiday Parking Downtown

The Downtown Partnership has requested free parking in the downtown area again this year during the holiday shopping season. City Staff recommends Free Holiday Parking in downtown, including the first floor of the Rood Avenue parking structure, with the exception of government offices areas and shared-revenue lots.

<u>Action:</u> Vacate Parking Enforcement at Designated, Downtown, Metered Spaces, and Signed Parking from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, except Loading, No Parking, Handicapped, and Unbagged Meter Spaces Surrounding Government Offices, and in shared Revenue Lots. Free Metered Spaces will be Clearly Designated by Covering the Meters with the Official Red Plastic Bag

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Public Hearing—LOJO Partnership, LLP Alley Rights-of-Way Vacation, Located between S. 7th Street and S. 8th Street on the South Side of South Avenue and Rezone, Located at 821 1st Avenue

The applicant, LOJO Partnership LLP, requests approval from the City of Grand Junction to vacate north/south, east/west alley rights-of-way located between S. 7th Street and S. 8th Street on the south side of South Avenue, which are no longer needed in anticipation of consolidation of all adjacent properties that the applicant owns. The applicant, also requests to rezone property located at 821 1st Avenue (0.26 +/- acres) from I-1 (Light Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial) in anticipation of future general commercial development.

The public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m.

Scott Peterson, Senior Planner, introduced this item and described the location. The applicant held a Neighborhood Meeting on June 16, 2015 with two citizens along with the applicant and the City Project Manager in attendance. No objections to the proposed requests were received. The Planning Commission did recommend approval of the proposal at their October 13th meeting. The applicant requests approval from the City to vacate north/south and east/west alley rights-of-way (approximately 6,786 sq. ft. - 0.156 acres) located between S. 7th Street and S. 8th Street on the south side of South Avenue. These alley rights-of-way have never been improved with either asphalt paving or concrete, but rather serve more as a utility easement for an existing sanitary sewer main and Xcel Energy electric and gas lines. The applicant is requesting to vacate these existing alley rights-of-way in order to consolidate all seven properties that the applicant owns into one, 5.26 acre lot, which also includes the property proposed to be rezoned associated with this request. The requested vacation and rezone is in anticipation of marketing or development of the property. A proposed subdivision application for the consolidation of the seven properties is currently under review administratively by City Staff. The newly created parcel would have two zoning designations ((C-2 (General Commercial) and I-1 (Light Industrial)). As part of the lot consolidation subdivision application, the City is requesting, as a housekeeping item, to change the zoning of the subject property since it is not recommended planning practice to have two separate zoning districts designated on one property. Therefore, prior to recording of the new subdivision plat, changing the zoning designation for the subject property is requested. City water is located within South Avenue, S. 7th Street, and through the middle of the property. City sanitary sewer also bisects the property in two locations (easements have been provided or will be provided with the recording of the proposed subdivision plat). The vacation will not impede traffic and the City will retain easements for the utilities. Staff has determined that the proposal meets all rezone criteria and vacation requirements.

Councilmember Boeschenstein said this is a positive step for development in south downtown. He asked Mr. Peterson if there are any utilities in the areas to be vacated. Mr. Peterson said yes and easements will be retained.

There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Council President Norris said she was pleased to see this step being taken for property in the south area of town.

Councilmember Chazen asked if a railroad is adjacent and whether a rail spur could happen. Mr. Peterson said yes there is a railroad; the applicant would have to work with the railroad to get a spur.

Ordinance No. 4682—An Ordinance Vacating Alley Rights-of-Way between S. 7th Street and S. 8th Street on the South Side of South Avenue, Located at 630 S. 7th Street and 735, 737, 741, and 749 South Avenue

Ordinance No. 4683—An Ordinance Rezoning the LOJO Partnership LLP Property from I-1 (Light Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial), Located at 821 1st Avenue

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt Ordinance Nos. 4682 and 4683 on final passage and order final publication of the Ordinances in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschenstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Las Colonias Park Amphitheater Grant Request

This is a request to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for a grant for development of Las Colonias Park Amphitheater not to exceed \$1.9 million. The grant is due on December 1, 2015 and final contract award will take place mid-year 2016.

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the history and background. This development will spur the next phase which is a water feature for the Kids in Parks Initiative. The Amphitheater is being designed as a multi-functional venue for small, medium, and large crowds and is surrounded by the perfect backdrop along the Colorado River and adjacent to the Colorado Riverfront Trail. The site and building designs include a 40x60 foot stage with ample back of house amenities such as a dressing room, side wings, restrooms, as well as parking and gently sloped lawn seating. Mr. Schoeber detailed the funding from the various partners. The timeline for the DOLA application to be submitted is December 1st. If awarded they should have the grant by June, 2016, and finish construction in the fall of 2017.

Councilmember Taggart asked about the funding being asked for 2017 and 2018. Mr. Schoeber said some of the funding will come in those years. Councilmember Taggart

asked about the stage facing the right direction considering storm patterns, and will tweaking it affect the grant? Mr. Schoeber said that will not affect the grant. The orientation of the stage came from the architect and the design documents are in process.

Councilmember Kennedy appreciated the work done and he looks forward to this "Pearl" of the Riverfront.

Councilmember Boeschenstein also echoed Councilmember Kennedy's comments, and complimented all the partners, especially the Lions Club. This project was a main recommendation of the Economic Development Plan.

Councilmember Chazen asked Mr. Schoeber to explain the split between the Conversation Trust Fund (CTF) and the Open Space Fund dollars. Mr. Schoeber said CTF allotments are from lottery dollars and based on population; CTF funds will be \$219,242 in 2016 - 2018, and the Open Space dollars are \$618,424.

Council President Norris asked if these funds have to be spent specifically on Parks and Recreation projects. Mr. Schoeber confirmed that to be true.

Council President Norris asked if the DOLA grant would be for this project only. Mr. Schoeber responded affirmatively. Council President Norris is concerned about the completion of the Avalon Theatre and felt that there are other smaller projects that need to be completed. She then asked about the watering and the future water project and thought these projects were to be completed before the amphitheater. Mr. Schoeber said the commitment from the Lions Club brought the amphitheater up to a higher priority. Council President Norris asked about parking, traffic, and access. Mr. Schoeber said there are two areas to enter the Park, the existing access off of 7th Street and another off of the Parkway. Council President Norris thoughts are the City is jumping in too deep and too fast, there are too many things that the City isn't able to do. She is in support of this project, but feels the City can't afford even the ongoing costs at this time. She won't be supporting it; she wants to use these funds to meet other obligations.

Councilmember Chazen, thanked Council President Norris, and stated the purpose of this item is to consider a DOLA grant for \$1,800,000 to help finance the construction of an amphitheater in Las Colonias Park, and read the following statement. *"Before getting into this, I would like to say, again, that I am not opposed to development of the park or construction of an amphitheater. I voted to fund the Las Colonias Master Plan, to approve the Master Plan and to fund the first phase of the Master Plan. Clearly, I support the Las Colonias Master Plan, and like most folks, feel an amenity like the amphitheater, in some form, would be a good thing for the park and development along the river. The issues here is priority. It is no secret this is a tough budget year. Our slowly growing revenues are no match for a long list of important uses.*

• We continue to underfunding street overlays, the current budget includes only half of what is needed to maintain our streets at current condition.

• We are faced with immediate repairs to our municipal water system at a cost that exceeds reserves.

• Facility repairs are woefully under-budgeted and we need to build reserves for future fleet replacements.

• There is no budget for wage increases and there is no money to restore three officers assigned to traffic enforcement.

• We have fee abatements carried over from 2015 totaling close to \$488,000.

• We are asking our citizens to pay more for water, sewer and trash services and we are looking at increasing other fees for City services.

• We are grappling with cost overruns for current capital projects and important B list capital needs are being pushed into future years.

• and the list goes on and on and on.

This begs the question is now the time to embark on a feel good, multimillion dollar parks project based on a business plan and a market analysis cobbled together at the last minute? I think not. Especially since Council was never fully informed of alternative uses for key financing tools DOLA grants and Conservation Trust Funds (CTF). Reprioritizing our DOLA requests could potentially take pressure off water rate payers and limit the need to borrow for urgent repairs. And using CTF funds for park operating expenses, as is clearly allowed by statute, can free up hundreds of thousands of dollars for alternative use. How and why the Council was misled and misinformed about the uses for these funds is a transparency discussion for another day. But, clearly, this is not the time to embark on a build it and they will come project that will add another \$147,000 of annual operating costs to our budget. Instead, now is the time to stop kicking the can down the street on the important things that need our urgent attention. Now is the time to make some hard choices in a rational, dispassionate manner. And now is the time to set priorities that directs our limited resources toward essential services and infrastructure. I will vote against this grant request. And by doing so, I am voting for a different vision for our City. A vision of fiscal responsibility, and a vision that focuses on the essentials: a safe city with a modern infrastructure capable of supporting profitable businesses that provide meaningful, high paying jobs for our citizens. I can't think of anything more important. Thank you".

Councilmember Kennedy called point of order and stated Council won't reach a four vote consensus and asked if should the Council postpone this item until the other members are present.

City Attorney Shaver said Council can deliberate and continue; it is Council's choice. On resolutions all members must vote, it would take four members to take any action as there must be four votes for a majority of the seven members of Council. There would be no action with a 3 to 2 vote.

Councilmember Kennedy said, in his opinion, this is an important topic and he believes the majority of the citizens want to go forward. He would like to move this item to the next meeting.

Councilmember Chazen asked if there was a quorum present. City Attorney Shaver said yes for doing business but not for voting purposes. Councilmember Chazen called the question.

Resolution No. 45-15—A Resolution Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Submit a Grant Request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program for Development of Las Colonias Park Amphitheater

Councilmember Chazen moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-15 and authorize the Interim City Manager to submit a grant request to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program for development of Las Colonias Park Amphitheater. Councilmember Boeschenstein seconded the motion.

City Attorney Shaver read Section 50 of the Charter and explained his reasoning for needing four votes.

Councilmember Taggart made a motion to move this item to a City Council meeting in two weeks. There was no second, motion failed.

City Attorney Shaver said without the motion or second withdrawn, the Council should vote on the current motion first. A majority has always been a majority of the seven. This is his opinion but Council does not have to adopt that advice.

Roll call on motion, Councilmembers Taggart, Kennedy, and Boeschenstein voted Yes and Councilmember Chazen and Council President Norris voted NO.

There was discussion on whether it is approved with a three vote and if that is an expression of the majority of Council with action to proceed.

Council President Norris said she believes the need of four members to be the voice of this Council.

Councilmember Taggart moved to reconsider the decision at the next Council meeting of November 18, 2015 assuming all members will be present. Councilmember Boeschenstein seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Chazen voting NO.

The item will be reconsidered at the November 18th City Council Meeting.

Food Services Contract for Two Rivers Convention Center and Avalon Theatre

This award is for the contract of food service to be provided to the Two Rivers Convention Center and Avalon Theatre beginning January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Stuart Taylor, Two Rivers Convention Center and Avalon Theatre Manager, presented this item and background. Currently the City spends approximately \$325,000 per year on food and related products at Two Rivers Convention Center and Avalon Theatre. Two Rivers Convention Center (TRCC) has contracted with outside vendors for food and paper products for several decades. US Foods, Inc. has been the contractor for the past three years.

Councilmember Chazen said he put this on individual consideration because it is a sole source contract. He supports it but wanted others to have the opportunity to consider this.

Councilmember Taggart indicated he could not support it for that same reason. A local company can provide the paper products and it is a competitive bid, with computerized invoicing, the "extra work" in having two different vendors is not a good argument.

Councilmember Chazen asked if the paper product prices were equivalent between the two vendors.

Jay Valentine, Internal Services Manager, explained it was not a bid, but a Request for Proposals (RFP). Other factors were taken into account such as ordering procedures and delivery. The Staff at TRCC looked at the quantity of paper products in relation to the difference in price and it was determined it was not enough to justify having two vendors.

Councilmember Chazen asked if this RFP could be a split award. Mr. Valentine said the intent was to do a single award, but the language would allow it to be separated into categories. Mr. Valentine explained it was not a sole source.

Council President Norris asked if US Foods will charge a different price for food if they are not awarded the paper products. Mr. Valentine responded no.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if it was known the difference in bids on paper products. Mr. Taylor said approximately \$800. Councilmember Kennedy agreed with Councilmember Taggart on using a local vendor.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if the contract could be amended tonight. City Attorney Shaver said it could be done in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Taggart moved to authorize the Purchasing Division to enter into two contracts, one with US Foods, Inc. of Denver, Colorado and the other with Central Distributing, in the estimated aggregate amount of \$325,000 with US Foods, Inc. (with an approximate amount of \$10,000 to Central Distributing for paper products) for Two Rivers Convention Center and Avalon Theatre. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Contract with M.A. Concrete to Install Conduit on Horizon Drive

The I-70/Horizon interchange reconstruction effort is the keystone project that will lead to overall Horizon Drive improvements. Improvement plans include medians, detached sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, access control, intersection upgrades, and landscaping. The approval of this contract will allow the City of Grand Junction to install multiple conduits for future fiber optic cable for broadband and traffic related essentials while the project is under construction.

Jay Valentine, Internal Services Manager, presented this item and reviewed the Council's previous discussion on allowing the City to participate in broadband activities and directing Staff to implement a broadband strategy. The interchange project is currently under construction so the trenches are open and available for conduit installation.

Councilmember Boeschenstein asked if this was not anticipated in the original scope of work. Mr. Valentine said this was not. Councilmember Boeschenstein asked if this would be the practice in the future. Mr. Valentine said that will be one of the policies and strategies in the Broadband Master Plan, and provided background of where the City is with broadband and the vote on the override of SB-152. Mr. Valentine said Scott Hockins is on special assignment as the Broadband Special Projects Manager and Mr. Jim Finlayson, Information Technology (IT) Director, were present if there are any detailed technical questions.

Council President Norris clarified that Horizon Drive's plans were put together before the override vote. Mr. Valentine said that is correct. She asked if the plans for North Avenue were also finalized before the override. Mr. Hockins responded that is correct so they asked Engineering to add the conduit into the plans. Council President Norris inquired about grant funding for North Avenue and other projects. Mr. Hockins said they will look at grant opportunities in the future.

Councilmember Kennedy asked about the \$22,000 and if that will be reimbursed from United Private Networks (UPN) since additional conduit is being installed for their benefit. He was answered affirmatively. He asked what the length of the conduit is. Mr. Hockins said it is approximately ¹/₄ mile long between the two roundabouts.

Councilmember Chazen asked where the \$30,997 was coming from. Mr. Valentine listed all of the savings from the budget on road salts, asphalt, spring clean-up, and other repairs where the funding for this project will be derived. The City will be signing the contract for the whole amount with M.A. Concrete Construction.

Councilmember Taggart believes this is taking on someone else's debt, those monies from UPN should be committed.

Council President Norris asked who will own the conduit. Mr. Hockins said there are three conduits. One will be occupied by City Traffic and City IT, the next by City Broadband, and the third by UPN.

Councilmember Chazen asked why UPN just did not contract separately. Mr. Hockins said the City negotiated a contract with M.A. Concrete Construction and it is really a matter of ease of the project.

City Attorney Shaver explained UPN will not occupy the conduit until they have paid the money.

Council President Norris asked if the conduit the City installs will be leased out and if there will be income associated with this. Mr. Hockins said possibly.

Councilmember Chazen moved to authorize the City Purchasing Division to enter into a contract with M.A. Concrete Construction, Grand Junction, Colorado in the amount of \$81,303. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Selection of Financial Auditor for the City's 2015 Annual Audit

City Council, as the governing body of the City of Grand Junction and serving as the City's Audit Committee, will enter into a multi-year contract which will be subject to annual appropriations with a certified public accounting firm. The contract will be for the provision of audit services including auditing and reporting on the financial statement(s) of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City beginning for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Jay Valentine, Internal Services Manager, presented this item along with the background from two weeks ago of the City's Audit Committee and the interviews. Councilmember Chazen and City Staff conducted interviews of all three auditors. He asked Councilmember Chazen to review that process. Councilmember Chazen recognized the good work of Staff; he then discussed some of the considerations and reasoning behind the recommendation.

Council President Norris asked if this company has worked with Colorado companies. Mr. Valentine said yes, they have Colorado clients with an office in Denver and an office in Salt Lake City. Councilmember Chazen said all their references checked out good.

Councilmember Taggart said that he likes to push local, but respects the process that has been done.

Councilmember Boeschenstein moved to select Haynie and Company to conduct the City's annual financial audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Benjamin Glen, 633 Tamarron, said he has been in Grand Junction for 18 months. He thanked the City Council for their good governance. He is the manager of Western Metals Recycling (used to be Van Gundy's) and extended an invitation to Council to come out for a visit and ask questions anytime about scrap metals. He said that they process 12,000 tons of scrap metal, particularly iron, and about a million pounds of non-ferrous metals from the local market. The company contributes \$30,000 per month in wages to their employees and spends \$100,000 in repairs that stays within the local community.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC City Clerk