

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2016

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 6th day of January, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Martin Chazen, Chris Kennedy, Duncan McArthur, Barbara Traylor Smith, Rick Taggart, and Council President Phyllis Norris. 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. Councilmember Traylor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

Proclamation

Proclaiming January 2016 as "National Crime Stoppers Awareness Month" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Chazen read the proclamation. Shari Zen, a volunteer board member, was present to accept the proclamation. She provided a history of the program since their inception in 1983, advising they not only protect the identity of tipsters, they also protect victims. She described their new initiative to get safety tips out through the media and other outlets such as this proclamation. She then had the other volunteers present introduce themselves. Police Chief John Camper thanked the organization for their 32 years of service and said through this organization the Police receive the help of the community in solving crimes.

Appointments

To the Visitor and Convention Bureau Board of Directors

Councilmember Taggart made a motion to reappoint Brad Taylor and appoint Josh Niernberg, Julie Shafer, and Jamie Lummis for three year terms expiring December 2018. Councilmember Chazen seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Citizens Comments

There were none.

Council Comments

Councilmember Kennedy wished everyone a great New Year and said he is looking forward to a great year. He read a quote from Mike Jankowski.

Councilmember Traylor Smith said she went to Boise, ID to look at their event center. They saw how it impacts the community and talked to officials about the effect on their community. She was glad for the opportunity.

Councilmember Taggart said it has been quiet and he skied with kids and grandkids. He attended a Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority meeting on December 31, 2015 and there is now the beginnings of an outline agreement between the Airport and Shaw Construction which will allow them to make some progress.

Councilmember McArthur said they had the Associated Members for Growth and Development (AMGD) meeting with Kathy Hall, newly appointed Transportation Commissioner from Region III. He mentioned Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is planning to repave the median along Highway 50 from 5th Street to 29 Road.

Councilmember Boeschstein attended the housing needs study meeting and said a State of the City speech is upcoming.

Councilmember Chazen said the Boise trip and the AMGD meeting were already discussed and he is looking forward to getting back into things for this year.

Council President Norris said at the last City Council meeting the Council supported the Jump Start Program and she explained some of it. On December 18th she attended a roll out of the Program at Colorado Mesa University (CMU); there was lots of support from across the Valley. Also the results from North Star Designation Strategies (consulting company) will be coming forward soon.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kennedy read the Consent Calendar items #1 through #3 and then moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the Summary of the December 14, 2015 Workshop and the Minutes of the December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

2. **2016 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 Municipal Code, Sec. 2.04.010, requires the meeting schedule and the procedure for calling special meetings be determined annually by resolution.

Resolution No. 01-16—A Resolution of the City of Grand Junction Designating the Location for the Posting of the Notice of Meetings, Establishing the 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule, and Establishing the Procedure for Calling of Special Meetings for the City Council

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 01-16

3. **Setting a Hearing on the Fox Meadows Annexations No. 1 and No. 2, Located at 3175 D ½ Road**

A request to annex 8.959 acres, located at 3175 D ½ Road. The Fox Meadows Annexation is a two-part annexation and consists of one parcel and 0.65 acres of D ½ Road public right-of-way.

Resolution No. 02-16—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 Annexations, and Exercising Land Use Control, Fox Meadows Annexations No. 1 and No. 2, Located at 3175 D ½ Road

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Fox Meadows Annexation No. 1, Consisting of 0.150 Acres of D ½ Road Right-of-Way

Proposed Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Fox Meadows Annexation No. 2, Consisting of One Parcel and a Portion of the D ½ Road Right-of-Way, Located at 3175 D ½ Road

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 02-16 and Introduce the Proposed Annexation Ordinances and Set a Hearing for February 17, 2016

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Grant Application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority's Terminal Area Plan

This Airport Improvement Project (AIP) grant application seeks discretionary grant monies from the FAA to update the Airport's Terminal Area Plan (TAP).

David Fiore, Executive Airport Director, and Ben Johnson, Airfield Operations Manager, presented this request.

Ben Johnson explained the request and the purpose of the grant. He noted the basic elements: re-phasing of the TAP, identify issues of the current terminal, how the unfinished building might fit into the plan, get the TAP back into a funding status, and a financial analysis. The amount of the grant is modest; the total project cost is \$169,935 and is part of the Airport's 2016 budget. The County supported the application at their January 4th meeting.

Director Fiore said it is significant to get the City and County's approval to show community support. The grant application is important because the FAA has said that there would be no more FAA planning grants for this community. The Airport Board met with some officials high in the FAA and was told the grant will now be considered. This is a huge first step. They also recognized the need for a terminal study, especially with the mishap the other day with the duct system. The project has started to re-enforce the safety of the terminal building. The FAA has also made a commitment that some discretionary dollars will be coming to the community.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if an in-depth tour could be organized for the rest of Council, particularly himself. Mr. Fiore welcomed them and welcomed more education to the community. He volunteered Mr. Johnson's expertise. The Interim City Manager was asked to coordinate that.

Councilmember Chazen inquired when the plan will be done. Mr. Fiore said in June, they will get back alternative designs for the unfinished building, identify other projects for a five year capital improvement plan, set priorities, and determine financial options.

Councilmember Boeschstein thanked the speakers for the new vision and new energy; the Airport should be a shining star. He asked if there is any interim step to protect the unfinished building. Mr. Fiore said no, the engineering team has determined that when it is decided what will be done, it will be reassessed. It was last assessed in June.

Councilmember Traylor Smith asked City Attorney Shaver to explain the City's obligation with the Airport grants.

City Attorney John Shaver stated the request is to approve the application. If it is a positive outcome then there are assurances the City has to enter into; the City relies on the good work of the employees at the Airport for proper use of the funds, non-discrimination terms, and the funds will be used for the purpose of the award.

Councilmember Taggart made a motion to authorize the Airport Authority to apply for a planning grant through the Federal Aviation Administration to update the Terminal Area

Plan. Councilmember Traylor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Request from HomewardBound for Financial Support for the Shelter

HomewardBound of the Grand Valley is requesting City Council's consideration of funding in the amount of \$45,000 toward the Homeless Shelter's 2016 operating expenses.

Bill Wade, HomewardBound Board Vice Chairman, and Jade Joyce, HomewardBound Executive Director, added one piece of information to that already presented. The City of Durango contributes 6% of the annual budget to their homeless shelter. Mr. Wade advised there have been more contributions from the public due to the issue being out in the public purview. He and Ms. Joyce are available to answer questions.

Councilmember Taggart commented that he is amazed how the community will dig into their pockets to support a worthy cause. He thanked them for getting the word out.

Councilmember Traylor Smith asked if the amount received from the public changes the amount of the request. Mr. Wade said it does not. Councilmember Traylor Smith appreciated the information provided. She asked how many clients the Boulder shelter turns away. Ms. Joyce said 100 - 120 per night. Mr. Wade said there are 11 shelters in the Denver area, but they have a policy that they do not turn anyone away even if they have to find another option. Councilmember Traylor Smith inquired about Colorado Springs and Durango. Mr. Wade said Colorado Springs has not turned anyone away, their shelter is a little larger and they have three facilities. Durango does turn people away every night which may be from 30 to 90 people per night.

Councilmember Kennedy asked of those turned away, are any of those due to lack of funds, bed count, or safety issues. Ms. Joyce answered mostly bed count, but there are some safety issues. Councilmember Kennedy asked about the figures and asked Mr. Wade to state the specific amount being request. Mr. Wade said he rounded up, the actual number is \$43,495. Councilmember Kennedy asked Interim City Manager (ICM) Moore about the potential funding options. ICM Moore said there are two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, originally funded in the 2013 program year, that have been cancelled by the applicants, resulting in a little over \$75,000 of remaining CDBG dollars. Using these dollars won't impact other projects.

Councilmember Kennedy said he will support \$43,400 as a one-time infusion; he does not want the shelter to close. He encouraged the Shelter to keep a close eye on the budget for 2017 and to come to the Council early in the year so the City can be a better partner. He hopes Mesa County will reach out and participate.

Councilmember Chazen asked for clarification on CDBG projects, and if the funding could have been used for capital projects. ICM Moore explained the other options for the CDBG funds would be to roll the balance into the 2016 CDBG allocation, or provide additional funding for 2015 projects that received no funding or partial funding.

Kathy Portner, Community Services Manager, explained the money did not free up until after the City adopted the budget. She clarified that it could be used to pay for already budgeted projects, applied to projects not funded, or rolled it into next year's allocation.

Councilmember Chazen asked Mr. Wade if there was money coming in to replenish reserves. Mr. Wade said the Pathway Village funds will come in once the project is completed and leased. He is estimating that to be \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Councilmember Chazen asked if reserves were used to fund the Pathways Project. Mr. Wade said no, after 15 years, the Pathways will be deeded to HomewardBound as debt-free. There were additional comments regarding an all or nothing deal, plan b, c, and d, cutting staff and security, that safety is the biggest issue with a mixed population, and coming forward at the beginning of the budget process. Mr. Wade said they did talk to ICM Moore early in the budget process and were told there was no money.

Councilmember Chazen said he would only support a bridge loan. Mr. Wade said his board would not accept a loan; they voted against it because of their financial position.

Councilmember Boeschstein said CDBG money is a good option, however CDBG funds have been given for capital projects not operating in the past. It was noted that shelters are not eligible for voucher support.

Councilmember Kennedy clarified that they are moving the CDBG funds to pay for other projects in the budget which will free up general fund dollars to help the Shelter.

Council President Norris said there is always CDBG money that comes back but it is always rolled back into the fund and then look at as a whole. She favors using contingency funds for this request. She noted that Councilmember McArthur has approached his church to get funding to help the shelter.

Mr. Wade said the church has offered a program of in-kind help.

Councilmember McArthur thanked the HomewardBound staff for the work that they do. He advised that if the shelter closes it will cost the City more than the request. He supports the one time assistance, and encouraged them to coordinate with other organizations; he would like to see the Vagrancy Committee participate in the conversations.

Councilmember McArthur moved to approve funding of the HomewardBound Board request in the amount of \$43,450. Councilmember Taggart seconded the motion.

ICM Moore said he would like clarification on where Council would like the funds to come from.

Councilmember Kennedy said he would like to keep Economic Development (ED) dollars separate, and then use that money to fund this project, but will support however the majority votes.

Councilmember McArthur said he was in favor of using contingency funds.

Councilmember McArthur amended his motion first to be for \$43,498 and a second amendment to identify that the funding would come from the Council's Contingency Fund. Councilmember Taggart seconded the two amended motions. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Chazen voting NO.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Richard Swingle, 443 Mediterranean Way, mentioned that if a citizen attends a workshop and there are additional documents presented, the citizens attending should be given copies of the additional documents.

Councilmember Kennedy explained to Mr. Swingle that most documents are available online. Mr. Swingle said these were not and he was not offered them at the workshop.

Councilmember McArthur asked for explanation of the purpose of a workshop. City Attorney Shaver explained it is a conversation between Staff and Council, not a public hearing. Monday night Staff did not receive the handouts until that night. The handouts are then added to the agenda and reposted to the web the next business day.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk