

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

July 6, 2016

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 6th day of July, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Chris Kennedy, Duncan McArthur, Rick Taggart, Barbara Traylor Smith, Martin Chazen, and Council President Phyllis Norris. Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Norris called the meeting to order. Councilmember Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

Presentation

Elizabeth Neubauer, member of the Forestry Board, explained that the new Smart Yard recognition program was designed to be more in tune with the climate of Western Colorado. She presented the July award to Jeffrey and Patti Visconti, 659 Janece Drive, and described their yard and garden elements. She related a story about their "Papple Tree" (Asian Pear). The Visconti's will receive a certificate and a gift card from Alpine Tree Service.

Appointments

To the Riverfront Commission

Councilmember Boeschstein moved to reappoint Larry Copeland and William Findlay and appoint Elaine "Laney" Heath and Orilee Witte to the Riverfront Commission for three year terms expiring July 2019. Councilmember McArthur seconded the motion. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Citizen Comments

Bruce Lohmiller, 536 29 Road #4, spoke to Council regarding Correction Stipulations and mentioned City Attorney Shaver was checking into these and that this was noted in his church newsletter, "Tower Chimes". He also said the City Manager will host a coffee at Main Street Bagels on July 14th. Mr. Lohmiller said KREX reported that it costs \$57,000 for someone to live on the street, but only \$11,000 for a person to be housed. He then said Judge David Bottger is retiring.

Poppy Woody, 1708 North Avenue, represented herself as a North Avenue business owner and the North Avenue Owners Association to thank the City Council, the City, and all others responsible for the North Avenue Improvements Project.

Richard Swingle, 443 Mediterranean Way, addressed the City Council and presented "If you only read one thing..." He said during the last fourteen months the City Council discussed a number of topics; he listed some of the topics and highlighted the North Star Designation Strategies Economic Development Marketing Plan findings that were presented to Council in 2015. He admonished the Council for focusing too much on day-to-day operational issues and challenged them to pursue ways to achieve the City's mission statement, "To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025."

David Austin, 2935 Whitney Lane, spoke in favor of Council restoring the arts budget funding. He expressed the economic benefits of the arts and said they are a sign of a community's life and vitality; art helps avoid stagnation and the smell of decay.

Robert Noble, 1041 Ouray Avenue, spoke regarding Arts Commission funding and said bringing back the arts funding is a no-brainer. This City made a name for itself by embracing the arts and Grand Junction does not have much of an identity without that. He urged the Council to think about it. He is the current President of the Grand Junction Newcomers Club and will be asking the Club to fund a Centennial Band performance.

Constance Holland, 587 Eastbrook Street, addressed the Council on restoring Arts Commission funding. She is a member of a couple of arts organizations. Having low taxes isn't the only thing that makes a community attractive; she said other things provide enjoyment for families and children. She addressed shared values and stated art events help create shared values and can bring diverse groups together.

Council Comments

Councilmember McArthur said he went to the Legends of the Grand Valley unveiling on June 17th and attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference that was held in Vail June 21st through the 24th. There were many good sessions and he was able to network with other Colorado city officials.

Councilmember Boeschstein also went to the CML Conference and said it was excellent. He and City Manager Greg Caton were able to meet with XCEL Energy regarding their and the City's future plans. On June 28th he attended the Museum of Western Colorado Board meeting; the Board is considering closing and moving the downtown museum to Fruita. On June 29th he met with Judge Carè McInnis about how best to deal with some Municipal Court issues. With regard to the citizens commenting

tonight about restoring funding to the Arts Commission, he supports the continued grant funding and talked about how the funding has a ripple effect throughout the community.

Councilmember Chazen said he threw out the first pitch at one of the Grand Junction Rockies games and thanked his 11 year old pitching coach. On June 21st he attended the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce (COC) quarterly luncheon where an economist spoke on the anticipated local impact of Britain's exit from the European Union. On June 22nd he dedicated the new Old Dominion Freight facility and on June 25th he went to the ceremony for the restored State Line Marker on I-70. On July 4th he walked in the Independence Day Parade and encouraged others to do the same if they have the opportunity; he thanked the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra for sponsoring it.

Councilmember Kennedy thanked those that came to speak on the Arts Commission funding and stated he supports some level of support. In regard to Mr. Swingle's comments, he reflected on where the City was in 2015 when he was newly elected to Council and the override of Colorado Senate Bill 05-152 was passed and where the City is now regarding broadband and market branding. He agreed the City Council needs to become more visionary regarding the path for the City and that the new City Manager can take over day-to-day issues, especially the budget. Regarding the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, the Business Incubator Center, and the COC; they have recently created a defined structure in order to better and more effectively coordinate their efforts. He is cautiously optimistic that the City is going in the right direction, specifically the City's economy. Also, on June 29th he helped with the groundbreaking at one of the three Capella Assisted Living facilities being built; this facility will provide 50 new jobs.

Councilmember Traylor Smith thanked everyone who has served this Country and congratulated the Parks and Recreation Department on the spectacular Independence Day fireworks display at Suplizio Field. She also congratulated the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District on the Horizon Drive project and said it's an amazing transformation.

Councilmember Taggart said he was away in June to ride in the northwest corner of Spain. He is home now and ready to get back up to speed.

Council President Norris noted she heard the requests for funding for the Arts Commission and explained it was just one item on a long list that was cut. She is pleased that folks are stepping up to help the Centennial Band and said this community is great about making things happen that they value. She noted Council has three major priorities: public safety, infrastructure, and economic development. If jobs are created there will be a sufficient tax base to help contribute to other things like the Arts Commission. The tax receipts have not been great this year, but the City does support the arts in other ways. She noted one Commission member said the Commission on

Arts and Culture reevaluated how they can promote and support local art programs without City grant funding.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember McArthur read the Consent Calendar items #1 through #7 and moved to adopt the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Traylor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Action: Approve the Summary of the June 13, 2016 Workshop and the Minutes of the June 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

2. **Setting a Hearing Amending Sections of the Zoning and Development Code to Add a New Category for Stand-Alone Crematories**

The proposed ordinance amends the Zoning and Development Code, Title 21, of the Grand Junction Municipal Code (GJMC) by adding a new category for stand-alone crematories.

Proposed Ordinance Amending the Zoning and Development Code Section 21.04.010 Use Table, Section 21.06.050(c) Off-Street Required Parking, and Section 21.10.020 Terms Defined Concerning Crematories

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2016

3. **Setting a Hearing for Grand Junction Lodge, Outline Development Plan, Located at 2656 Patterson Road**

The applicants request approval of an Outline Development Plan (ODP) to develop a 50,000 square foot Senior Living Facility, under a Planned Development (PD) zone district with a default zone of MXOC (Mixed Use Opportunity Corridor), located at 2656 Patterson Road.

Proposed Ordinance to Zone the Grand Junction Lodge Development to a PD (Planned Development) Zone, by Approving an Outline Development Plan with a Default Zone of MXOC (Mixed Use Opportunity Corridor), Located at 2656 Patterson Road

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2016

4. **Setting a Hearing for the Retherford Zone of Annexation, Located at 2089 Broadway**

A request to zone 0.48 +/- acres from County RSF-4 (Residential Single Family – 4 du/ac) to a City R-4 (Residential – 4 du/ac) zone district.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Retherford Annexation to R-4 (Residential – 4 du/ac), Located at 2089 Broadway

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2016

5. **Setting a Hearing Amending the Zoning and Development Code to Address Applicability of the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance**

The proposed ordinance will clarify the applicability of the outdoor lighting section in the Zoning and Development Code. When the 2010 Zoning and Development Code was adopted, the lighting section was expanded and reference was made to only “new” land uses, losing reference to “all” land uses. This has created an enforcement issue.

Proposed Ordinance Amending the Zoning and Development Code Section 21.06.080 Outdoor Lighting Subsection (b) Applicability

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for July 20, 2016

6. **Setting a Hearing for the Kojo Rezone, Located at 2140 N. 12th Street**

The applicant requests that the City rezone the property at 2140 N. 12th Street from an R-24 (Residential 24 du/ac) to a B-1 (Neighborhood Business) zone district.

Proposed Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-24 (Residential 24 du/ac) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business), Located at 2140 N. 12th Street

Action: Introduce a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2016

7. **Purchase a 3.5 Cubic Yard Front End Loader**

This Front End Loader is a part of the resources needed to provide ongoing maintenance in the Streets and Storm Water Divisions. This unit will replace a 2003 Volvo L90E that has over 9,000 hours. This equipment will be used for digging, trenching, patching, placing pipe, snow removal, and other departmental functions. This equipment is a scheduled replacement for the Department and has gone through the Equipment Replacement Committee. Staff is

recommending the purchase be from Power Equipment, the low bidder, in the amount of \$119,474.

Action: Authorize the City Purchasing Division to Purchase a 2016 Volvo L-90H 3.5 Cubic Yard Front End Loader from Power Equipment Company for \$119,474

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

Richard Swingle, 443 Mediterranean Way, thanked the City Staff, particularly the City Clerk's Office; they have responded to a lot of his questions. He also said he felt XCEL Energy has not been doing its job to keep 98% of street lights in working condition. City Engineer Trent Prall told him there are 6,644 lights in the City, 5,667 of which are XCEL Energy's. He complimented Mr. Prall for his assistance.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk