

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

May 17, 2017

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 17th day of May, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Chris Kennedy, Phyllis Norris, Duke Wortmann, and Council President Taggart. Councilmembers Duncan McArthur and Barbara Traylor Smith were absent. Also present were City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Taggart called the meeting to order. The Combined Law Enforcement Honor Guard presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by the Invocation by Pastor Jim Hale, Spirit of Life Christian Fellowship.

Council President Taggart announced the Bonsai Design agenda item (#9) will be postponed until the June 7th Council meeting.

Presentation

Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to Outgoing President of the Council, Phyllis Norris.

Council President Taggart presented Councilmember Norris with a plaque of appreciation for her service of three years as Mayor.

Councilmember Norris said she had a strong Council that helped make things happen.

Proclamations

Proclaiming the Week of May 15 - May 21, 2017 as "National Police Week" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Norris read the proclamation. Deputy Chief Mike Nordine was present to receive the proclamation along with many members of the Grand Junction Police Department.

Deputy Chief Nordine thanked Council and said he is honored to be present representing law enforcement. He recalled the support of the community when Deputy Geer was killed a little over a year ago and said he hears from other communities how rare it is to have that kind of support.

Proclaiming May 20, 2017 as “Public Lands Day” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Boeschstein read the proclamation. Sarah Schrader was present to receive the proclamation. Ms. Schrader accepted the proclamation on behalf of all the representatives for public lands. She said public lands are important and are part of our identity in Grand Junction. Ms. Schrader referred to the example of the City of Grand Junction being the namesake of two historic rivers. She expressed gratitude for Council’s leadership.

Proclaiming the Week of May 21 - 27, 2017 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Kennedy read the proclamation. Fire Chief Ken Watkins along with several members of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff including Ellis Thompson Ellis, Grand Junction Fire Department (GJFD) Community Outreach Specialist Dirk Clingman, and Sheldon Kier, EMS Chief, were present to receive the proclamation.

Chief Watkins thanked Council and then introduced the EMS staff present. He lauded their work saying it makes a difference in the community by saving lives. He also recognized those in law enforcement that were in attendance.

EMS Chief Kier thanked Council for their support. He said EMS is a large part of the GJFD with the majority of calls received by the GJFD being EMS calls. Chief Kier listed community events that are a part of EMS Week including the luncheon where they recognize providers, those that have saved lives, and those whose lives were saved. He introduced Ms. Ellis and Mr. Clingman. Ms. Ellis expressed gratitude to Council and the community and she listed a number of upcoming activities including a free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class on May 25th. Mr. Clingman mentioned that the GJFD is partnering with law enforcement on a blood drive from May 19th – 25th.

Proclaiming the Week of May 27 - June 3, 2017 as “Junior College World Series Week” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Wortmann read the proclamation. Jamie Hamilton, Tournament Chairman, was present to receive the proclamation. Mr. Hamilton thanked Council and presented them with gifts. He said the Junior College World Series (JUCO) is getting national recognition and the last two games will be televised. There is a book being written on JUCO’s 60-year history. The City gave great support at the first game in 1957 with the police and fire departments volunteering their time at the tournament.

Councilmember Kennedy inquired about the fundraising for the new video board at the stadium.

Mr. Hamilton said he has been fundraising for the video board which is being installed. He said they received \$75,000 from the Grand Junction Rockies, \$20,000 from

Colorado Mesa University (CMU), \$20,000 from Go Fund Me, and \$75,000 from Jim and Emily Davis. The video board is fully funded.

Certificate of Appointments

Appointment to the Commission on Arts and Culture

Councilmember Boeschstein presented the Certificate of Appointment to Sandie Nadelson, Commission on Arts and Culture member. Ms. Nadelson was present to receive the certificate. Ms. Nadelson thanked Council and received her certificate and volunteer board booklet.

Appointment to Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority

Council President Taggart presented the Certificate of Appointment to Charles "Chuck" McDaniel. Mr. McDaniel was present to receive the certificate. Mr. McDaniel thanked Council for their confidence in him and said he is looking forward to serving on the Board.

Council President Taggart announced again that the Bonsai Design agenda item (#9) has been postponed until the June 7th Council meeting.

Citizens Comments

Bruce Lohmiller, 3032 South 15th Street, #208, announced there will be an energy summit for alternative energy. He displayed a picture and provided details of a prototype for alternate energy. Mr. Lohmiller said he had another consultation with City Attorney Shaver to discuss poverty.

Council Reports

Councilmember Wortmann had nothing to report.

Councilmember Norris said between May 4th and May 17th she attended the Interstate 70, Exit 44 Dangerous Curves meeting, the Council Retreat, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting, the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant workshop, the Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) board meeting, and The Highlands (senior housing development) Grand Opening.

Councilmember Kennedy said between May 4th and May 17th he attended the Council Retreat, the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) meeting and a presentation by Mesa County School District 51. Councilmember Kennedy said on May 22nd he will attend the Broadband Connect Conference in Keystone, Colorado.

Councilmember Boeschstein said he attended the meeting on Interstate 70, Exit 44 with one of the Directors of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) regarding the dangerous curves on that portion of the highway. He said he also attended a meeting regarding a trail from DeBeque Canyon to Palisade.

Council President Taggart said between May 4th and May 17th he attended a Grand Junction Regional Airport Task Force meeting, a meeting for The Legends (a book signing at the Museum of the West), the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce (GJACC) meeting, and a Colorado Mesa University (CMU) economic discussion.

Councilmember Kennedy stated in downtown Grand Junction there will be an Epic Off-Road bicycle race this weekend and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kennedy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda items #1 through #5. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the May 1, 2017 Workshop
- b. Minutes of the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the May 3, 2017 Executive Session

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Ordinance Adopting a Civic and Institutional Master Plan for Colorado Mesa University and Conditional Right-of-Way Vacation in Accordance with the Master Plan and Setting a Hearing for June 7, 2017
 - ii. Ordinance Expanding the Boundaries for the Grand Junction, Colorado Downtown Development Authority to Include Properties Known as Las Colonias, into the Boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority and Setting a Hearing for June 7, 2017
 - iii. Ordinance Expanding the Boundaries for the Grand Junction, Colorado Downtown Development Authority to Include Properties Known as Jarvis Subdivision Filing 1, in the Boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority and Setting a Hearing for June 7, 2017

- iv. Ordinance Expanding the Boundaries of and Including Property Known as Las Colonias into the Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District and Setting a Hearing for June 7, 2017

3. Contracts

- a. Contract for Persigo WWTP Raw Sewage Wet Well Rehabilitation Project
- b. Purchase of One Side Load Refuse Truck

4. Resolutions

- a. Resolution Authorizing an Outdoor Dining Lease for 436 Main Street (Twisted Turtle)
- b. Resolution Assigning Councilmembers to Various Boards, Commissions and Authorities
- c. Resolution Issuing a Revocable Permit for the Construction of a Grease Interceptor in the Bookcliff Avenue Right-of-Way for the 7th Street Deli Located at 2232 North 7th Street

5. Other Action Item

- a. Prohibition of Parking along Main Street during Grand Junction Off-Road & Downtown Music Festival, May 19-21, 2017

Regular Agenda

Public Hearing to Consider Funding the 2017 Colorado Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year, Including Amendments to Action Plans for Previous Program Years, and Set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the 2017 One-Year Action Plan for July 5, 2017

Council will consider which activities and programs to fund for the Colorado Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 Program Year. The City will receive \$384,713, which is \$9,713 more than what had been estimated, for the 2017 Program Year beginning on September 1, 2017. Council will consider amendments to the Action Plans from prior program years to utilize a total of \$14,938 remaining funds to be allocated with the 2017 funds for a total allocation amount of \$399,651.

The public hearing opened at 6:49 p.m.

Kristen Ashbeck, CDBG Administrator/Senior Planner presented this information and updated Council about the program's funding. She stated a portion of the allocation was retracted by Housing and Urban Development (HUD), therefore, the amount being

considered was the amount discussed at the Council Workshop. She listed the items for consideration and reviewed the items from the previous year that did not require their entire allocation. Ms. Ashbeck explained which organizations and amounts for the carry-over funding which totaled \$14,938: Western Colorado Suicide Prevention Foundation (\$7,300), Partners Office Safety Improvements (\$3,703), and both the Orchard Avenue Elementary and Westlake Neighborhood Safe Routes to School Projects (\$3,935).

Ms. Ashbeck listed the 2017 recommendations for proposed projects, funding, and any leveraged funds:

1. Program Administration – Planning Documents – \$8,400 from remaining 2015 funds
2. 2017 Program Administration –\$25,000
3. Las Colonias Business Park Design and Engineering – \$50,000
4. Karis, Inc. Mental Health Services – \$10,400 – leverages \$28,860
5. Homeward Bound Homeless Shelter Food Purchase – \$13,165 – leverages \$11,835
6. St. Mary’s Foundation Gray Gourmet Program Purchase Food – \$16,000 – leverages \$265,800
7. Counseling and Education Center Low Income Counseling – \$6,000 – leverages \$359,606
8. Marillac Clinic Purchase Dental Diagnostic Equipment – \$10,685 – leverages \$17,435
9. Grand Valley Catholic Outreach Day Center Renovation – \$55,788 – leverages \$1,014,442
10. Housing Resources of Western CO Critical Home Repair Program – \$22,500 – leverage \$10,000
11. City of Grand Junction Riverside Park Improvements – \$50,000 - Potential GOCO Grant of 10x City Match
12. City of Grand Junction Bookcliff Middle School Pedestrian Improvements – \$42,000 – leverage \$18,000 from Mesa County
13. City of Grand Junction Nisley Elementary Safe Routes to School – \$80,000

Ms. Ashbeck said the total estimated funding is \$389,938 and noted some of the applicants were in attendance.

Councilmember Norris noted that \$322,000 is coming into City projects. She is disappointed more could not be given to the non-profit organizations.

Councilmember Boeschstein thanked Ms. Ashbeck for her work on the Riverside Project and the new Riverside Drive Trail. Councilmember Boeschstein asked about the new Riverside Drive. Ms. Ashbeck said that is a future project. Councilmember

Boeschstein felt the temporary flood wall is insufficient. Ms. Ashbeck said currently there has not been a new flood wall proposal.

City Manager Caton said the RIO Project (Recreation Inspired by Outdoors), which requested \$50,000, is hoping for a GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) grant, which may need some general fund dollars as matching funds.

Councilmember Kennedy said the RIO Project will serve an underserved portion of the community which is the purpose of CDBG funds.

Council President Taggart said Council will receive public input on the use of the 2017 CDBG allocation.

Jacque Pipe, Marillac Clinic Assistant Development Director, and Dr. Bradley Seago, DDS, Marillac Clinic, were present. Ms. Pipe said Marillac Clinic provides primary medical care as well as dental and vision care. She said patient numbers are growing rapidly; they served 550 in 2015, 930 in 2016, and 961 to date, in 2017. She said 40% of their patients live within the City limits. Ms. Pipe said they have raised \$516,000 to go toward replacement of the 14-year old dental equipment, but need an additional \$50,000. She said they are thrilled the City will consider contributing to their equipment needs. Dr. Seago said the new equipment includes a cavity detection device and a wand-portable camera which helps to go beyond x-rays and provides a picture to show the patient.

Katie Bowman, Housing Resources of Western Colorado Executive Director, said several citizens sent in thank you letters because their lives were changed by the repairs made by Housing Resources of Western Colorado. She thanked Council for their support and said this is their 40th anniversary in the Grand Valley.

Christian Mueller, Counseling and Education Center Executive Director, thanked Council for the funding. He said 70% of their clients live within City limits and they are trying to do what they can for suicide prevention.

There were no other public comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on CDBG only allowing 15% of the funding to go toward services; the remaining must fund physical facilities.

Councilmember Boeschstein said he is glad to see the progress on currently funded projects, however, he feels downtown Grand Junction and Whitman Park also need funding.

Councilmember Wortmann said he is thankful for the funding of the sidewalks installed around Nisley Elementary School, which helps to keep children safe.

Council President Taggart said he really struggled with this at Council workshop and tried to find a balance. He said Council takes this very seriously and will continue to carefully debate the annual disbursement.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to approve the proposed funding requests as recommended from the May 1, 2017 City Council Workshop and set a Public Hearing for Adoption of the 2017 One-Year Action Plan for July 5, 2017. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution Issuing a Revocable Permit to the Downtown Development Authority for a Parklet in the 5th Street Right-of-Way Adjacent to the Property Located at 126 S. 5th Street

The Downtown Development Authority is requesting a Revocable Permit to construct a Parklet in the 5th Street Right-of-Way adjacent to the property located at 126 S. 5th Street. This will be the first parklet for Grand Junction and will be approximately 500 square feet containing five on-street metered parking spaces.

The parklet will be an extension of the sidewalk area and contain landscaping and seating areas within what is now five angled parking stalls on the east side of 5th Street, north of Colorado Avenue, and south of the east/west alley. The final design will be reviewed to make sure it is compliant and with the revocable permit, it could be revoked at any time.

Kathy Portner, Planning Manager, presented this item and explained how revocable permits allow for private encroachment into public right-of-way provided the improvement does not pose a threat to public safety or a burden to the public. The Permit would document the conditions of approval and the City could require the removal of the improvement at any time.

Ms. Portner introduced Brandon Stam, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director. Mr. Stam said he consulted with other jurisdictions to gauge their experiences. This pilot project is meant to “activate” the space. He said the structure can be relocated if other business owners want to try it.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if this parklet is associated with Taco Party. Mr. Stam said no, but it will be a good amenity for the surrounding businesses. Councilmember Kennedy asked how the parklet will impact sidewalk dining and alcohol consumption. Mr. Stam said this will be treated as a public park, with no alcohol service, and open for public use. However, no loitering or sleeping will be allowed in the parklet.

Councilmember Kennedy asked how the parklet will be funded. Mr. Stam said the parklet will be funded through a special project fund with the DDA. Councilmember Kennedy asked if other locations are being considered for City parklets. Mr. Stam said it is too early to say. Councilmember Kennedy said it is nice to see an out-of-the-box idea such as this.

Councilmember Norris asked if the parking spaces will be removed. Mr. Stam said yes, however the parklet will be located across from a parking lot so parking will not be significantly impacted. Councilmember Norris thought it will be a great project.

Councilmember Boeschstein agreed with Councilmember Norris and said this is a continuation of the City's award-winning Main Street.

Council President Taggart asked if Taco Party requested an outdoor dining lease, would the parklet create an issue. Ms. Portner said the sidewalk is not wide enough to create an outdoor dining area there and the space is too limited for an outdoor dining permit.

Council President Taggart said 5th Street can be a drag strip and asked what measures are in place to keep citizens using the parklet safe on such a busy street. Ms. Portner said the design was researched and there will be two sidewalk bulb-outs which will provide some protection, and a barrier will also be constructed to add more protection.

City Manager Caton said the parklet will not extend into the travel lane on 5th Street and the Police Department said they were comfortable with the parklet plans as they had reviewed the proposal for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

Council President Taggart recommended there should be no removable furniture in the parklet.

Councilmember Boeschstein moved to adopt Resolution No. 28-17 – A Resolution Concerning the Issuance of a Revocable Permit to the Downtown Development Authority to allow construction of a parklet in the 5th Street Right-of-Way adjacent to the property located at 126 South 5th Street. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance Rezoning the Fountain Hills Subdivision to R-5, Located at 3495 N. 15th Street

The applicant requests approval of a rezone of property, located at 3495 North 15th Street, from R-8 (Residential - 8 du/ac) to R-5 (Residential - 5 du/ac) zone district for a proposed subdivision with a mix of single-family and cottage/duplex style dwelling units.

The public hearing opened at 7:29 p.m.

Kathy Portner, Planning Manager, presented this item and background. The subject property, located at the corner of North 15th Street and F ½ Road, approximately 10 acres which are surrounded by the Fountains with the Atrium and residential properties to the east and north. The applicant is proposing a mix of single-family residences and “cottage/duplex style homes”. The site is currently zoned R-8 and the rezone to R-5 will allow the proposal to meet the minimum density. Staff states that the proposal meets the goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the rezone criteria. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Councilmember Boeschstein asked the applicant for details of the proposal. Denny Granum, representing the property owner, Hilltop Health Services Corporation, said the project is designed for a senior style lock-and-leave living.

Councilmember Norris asked for clarity regarding the different cottage styles offered. Mr. Granum said some of the cottages are for sale and others are like the Atrium-living style. He said this provides a transition from the higher density to the single family housing to the north and east. Councilmember Norris felt this is a good project.

Councilmember Kennedy asked what are the neighborhood concerns for rezoning. Mr. Granum said the neighborhood meetings were well attended with some concerns expressed regarding the extension of F ½ Road. He said they have met with planners and engineers to address the concerns.

Councilmember Wortmann said he is a member of the Board for Hilltop, however, he does not feel there is a conflict of interest. City Attorney Shaver said he does not see a conflict.

Ms. Portner said this is a through street and the right-of-way for interconnectivity has existed for a long time. The Planning Department is looking into ways to slow traffic down.

Councilmember Norris asked Councilmember Wortmann if there have been discussions on this project at any Hilltop Board meetings. Councilmember Wortmann said he has heard of the project but has not been directly involved.

Council President Taggart asked for public comment noting it is a public hearing on the rezoning, not on the road extension.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 4750 – An Ordinance Rezoning Fountain Hills Subdivision, Located at 3495 N. 15th Street to R-5 (Residential-

5 du/ac) on final passage and order final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance Approving an Amended Planned Development (PD) and Outline Development Plan (ODP) for Lot 2, Block 9 and Lot 1, Block 8 of The Ridges, Filing Two

A request to approve an amended Planned Development (PD) and Outline Development Plan (ODP) for two commercial lots in The Ridges, Filing Two, located at the northwest and southwest corner of Ridges Boulevard and Ridge Circle Drive to expand the allowable uses to include residential in addition to business uses and establish Residential-Office (R-O) as the default zone district and set the bulk standards through an ODP for future development of the parcels.

The public hearing was opened at 7:46 p.m.

Kathy Portner, Planning Manager, presented this item and described the area. The property is located in The Ridges which she located on a displayed map. The two parcels total a little over an acre and are designated commercial from the original Ridges development with a list of allowed uses. The proposal is to expand the uses to include residential. The ODP complies with the criteria of the Zoning and Development (ZD) Code. The original PD had a mix of uses and densities originally intended for neighborhood business. The PD zoning was established with the original development which was originally outside of City limits. The applicant has proposed residential uses, with setbacks of 10 feet from Ridges Boulevard and 15 feet from West Ridges Circle, building heights limited to 35 feet with a maximum building size of 10,000 square feet, and access from Ridge Circle Drive. She addressed the maximum number of units allowed and the effective densities. Ms. Portner said the proposal meets the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and the criteria of the ZD Code.

City Attorney Shaver advised a modification to the ordinance has been distributed that clarifies the number of units allowed.

Council President Taggart said he lives in Redlands Mesa which is part of the overall Ridges development and asked if Council viewed this as a conflict of interest. Council had no concerns.

Michael Stubbs, property owner, gave a historical perspective of the property; the property was developed 40 years ago, with office buildings and a day care center and the properties along Ridges Boulevard are a mix of densities with multifamily properties which work well with clustering in some of the steep, sloped areas.

Mr. Stubbs said he has owned these lots for 30 years and has never received an inquiry for commercial use; there has been no demand for neighborhood commercial services with this property. He stated residential use was not allowed and the purpose of this

ordinance is to add residential use as an option for the property which would allow for the opportunity of housing. He said the setbacks were increased to meet neighborhood concerns. Mr. Stubbs said the Residential-Office (R-O) zoning does not have a maximum density and the limiting factor is the parking. He said the Planning Department wanted the maximum density included in the rezone ordinance and also the maximum height less than the code allowance.

Tom Rolland, 870 Daniel Road, owner of the office building north of Parcel 2, said he is opposed to the density proposed but not the residential aspect of this ordinance. Mr. Rolland said the height, setback, and density on this small parcel is inconsistent with the neighborhood. He compared it to a property across the street that has 6.9 units per acre which is buffered and screened. Mr. Rolland argued this property cannot be buffered and screened with a three-story building on it. He said this would be the first impression of the Ridges Subdivision and it is not consistent with the neighborhood. He said 6 units per acre would be better and more consistent. Mr. Rolland said with these standards in place, a plan would go through with an administrative review. He does not feel this property meets the criteria of the Comprehensive Plan.

There were no other public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Councilmember Kennedy asked what would be the standard if the property were to stay commercial. Ms. Portner said there are no established standards, only the allowed uses. Councilmember Kennedy said the property has been vacant for 40 years and he recognizes the property owner's concerns.

Councilmember Norris asked for an explanation of the densities. Ms. Portner said the ratio is the number per acre. Councilmember Norris asked about the setbacks for the property. Ms. Portner said when this request was originally denied by the Planning Commission, the setbacks were increased to ten feet on one side.

Councilmember Boeschstein said he wanted to have full disclosure noting he has hired Tom Rolland in a previous position and has worked with Michael Stubbs. Councilmember Boeschstein said the access to Ridges Circle Drive is important. He said other higher densities could be accommodated with the right design, parking requirements of two spaces per unit, and limiting the building size. Councilmember Boeschstein asked if there is an easement for drainage on the property. Ms. Portner said there is some type of drainage facility. Councilmember Boeschstein said this adds to separation. Ms. Portner said the design review indicates R-O as the default zone. She said there are design standards and roof line requirements that are more compatible with a residential area.

City Attorney Shaver said staff will ensure all standards are met.

Council President Taggart suggested the density be limited three to eight units per acre.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if there are any plans in place for development or is it just a zoning change? Ms. Portner said it is just a zoning change.

Councilmember Boeschstein moved to approve Ordinance No. 4751 – An Ordinance Approving an Amended Planned Development (PD) and Outline Development Plan (ODP) for Lot 2, Block 9 and Lot 1, Block 8 of The Ridges, Filing Two on final passage and order final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Salary of the Municipal Court Judge

Care' McInnis, Municipal Court Judge, has requested her salary be adjusted to compensate for the increased hours required to accomplish the work of the Court including the supervision of Court staff. A subcommittee of Council was formed to review the request and present a recommendation to Council on the appropriate compensation for the Municipal Judge. The subcommittee recommended an increase in hours from half-time to full-time, an annual salary of \$110,000, and executive benefits similar to those received by the other Council direct reports.

The public hearing opened at 8:29 p.m.

Council President Taggart explained the process involved in the development of this ordinance in order to compensate the Judge for the additional hours. He said the subcommittee worked with Judge McInnis and then turned it over to Council as a whole. Council President Taggart said the first reading was two weeks ago and this is the second reading. He said the ordinance covers salary and executive benefits with Judge McInnis reporting directly to Council.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 8:31 p.m.

Councilmember Norris stated that the Court had additional funding for personnel added, which put a strain on other areas. She said she will not support the ordinance.

Councilmember Kennedy said the reduction in the number of cases does not necessarily reduce the workload. He said the ordinance is a result of hard work and several discussions including the topic of philosophical separation of powers. Councilmember Kennedy said he recognizes the position change from part-time to full-time, working on other court structure items, and the value of due process. He said he will support the ordinance.

Councilmember Boeschstein agreed with Councilmember Kennedy. He said with Teen Court being established, Judge McInnis has a difficult job with many duties. Councilmember Boeschstein said he will support the ordinance.

Councilmember Wortmann said change can be painful and he will support the ordinance.

Council President Taggart said he has determined the amount of hours required for the position of the Municipal Court Judge and this request is compensation for that number of hours not an increase. He said he has considered the comments of Councilmembers Norris and Kennedy and will be supporting the ordinance.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 4752 – An Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the Municipal Court Judge on final passage and order final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Norris voting NO.

2017 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

Supplemental appropriations are required to ensure adequate appropriations of funds. This request is to appropriate certain sums of money needed for road maintenance projects resulting from the approval of voter referred measure 2B which included authorization to use the funds accumulated in the Riverside Parkway Debt Retirement Fund for street maintenance including the overlay of the Riverside Parkway.

The public hearing opened at 8:40 p.m.

Financial Director Jodi Romero presented this item. She said the supplemental appropriation ordinance is to implement the approval of Ballot Measure 2B which is for the overlay of Riverside Parkway and possibly other smaller projects this year.

Councilmember Norris asked if the overlay would start this year. City Manager Caton said yes, the funds will primarily fund the Riverside Parkway overlay in 2017. Plans are being made for additional street projects in the upcoming years.

Councilmember Kennedy said this needs to be implemented for the voters who voted yes on 2B.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing closed at 8:45 p.m.

Councilmember Kennedy moved to approve Ordinance No. 4753 – An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations to the 2017 Budget of the City of Grand Junction,

Colorado on final passage and order final publication in pamphlet form. Councilmember Boeschstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Bonsai Design Incentive Agreement

Bonsai Design Incentive Agreement - Authorization of the City Manager to Execute an Economic Development Incentive Agreement to Retain and Expand an Existing Business has been moved to the June 7th Council meeting.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk