

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

October 3, 2012

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 3rd day of October, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Teresa Coons, Tom Kenyon, Laura Luke, Sam Susuras, and Council President Bill Pitts. Councilmember Jim Doody was absent. Also present were City Manager Rich Englehart, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Pitts called the meeting to order. Councilmember Boeschstein led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by moment of silence.

Proclamations

Proclaiming the Month of October 2012 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Susuras read the proclamation. Fire Chief Ken Watkins along with former Firefighter Rick Smith, and Delaney Clements approached the podium. Fire Chief Watkins explained that the Fire Department is wearing pink for the month of October to support all kinds of cancer awareness. They are especially supporting donations to the Delaney Fund to help other kids affected by cancer.

Rick Smith, grandfather of Delaney Clements, said it was very devastating when Delaney was diagnosed with cancer two years ago but there was a great deal of support from the community and the Fire Department. When she was treated over in Denver, Delaney noted that many of the kids being treated did not have the support she had. It made her sad so she came forward wanting to help others. Delaney Donates Fund was Delaney’s idea.

Councilmember Susuras said he had the honor of reading the proclamation and he too is a cancer survivor. He asked Delaney to come forward to receive the proclamation.

Proclaiming the Month of October 2012 as “Homelessness Awareness Month” in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Coons read the proclamation. Mollie Woodard, Homelessness Coalition Director, was present along with Melanie Heath, an employee of Homeward Bound. She said as a community, much has been done. The Homelessness Awareness Team (HOT) has changed lives. She and the Coalition are really excited about the ten year plan.

Bridges have been built in the last few years. One HOT Team member, Officer Cindy Cohn, was in attendance and was recognized.

Proclaiming the week of October 7 through October 13, 2012 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Boeschstein read the proclamation. Fire Chief Ken Watkins and Fire Public Information Officer (PIO) Mike Page were present to receive the proclamation. Chief Watkins advised that fire prevention includes both inspection and education, both a big part of the Fire Department's job.

PIO Page described some of the programs that he takes into the schools to make kids aware of fire safety and fire prevention.

Proclaiming October 6, 2012 as "Oktoberfest Day" in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Kenyon read the proclamation. The Bürgermeister and the Frau Bürgermeister Joe and Vicky Pologar were in attendance as well as event coordinator Kristin Brethauer.

Mr. Pologar said they are most honored to serve as ambassadors of good will. He invited everyone to come to the Oktoberfest on Saturday. He also mentioned his band Alpine Echo and said he is looking forward to the event. Ms. Pologar advised that October 6 is also German Heritage Day. Ms. Brethauer thanked the City Council for their support.

Certificates of Appointment

Benjamin Blom, Rosa Brey, Dave Grossman, and Dr. Scott McBrayer, were present to receive their Certificates of Appointment and Julie Sabin was present to receive her Certificate of Reappointment to the Urban Trails Committee.

Julie Sabin, chair of the Urban Trails Committee, mentioned there are four new members. They are planning a biking and walking urban summit in the spring of 2013. She listed the benefits of the trails. The summit falls in line with the City Council's vision of being the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025.

Benjamin Blom thanked the City Council for the appointment; he is excited to join the Committee.

Dr. Scott McBrayer thanked the City Council for the opportunity and wants to do anything he can to enhance the community.

Rosa Brey thanked the City Council for allowing her to serve on this Committee and she is proud to be a part of something so special.

Dave Grossman thanked the City Council for the opportunity to serve and support the City and the community's efforts in enhancing trails.

Appointments

Councilmember Susuras moved to appoint 1st alternate Loren Couch to the Planning Commission until 2016, reappoint Jon Buschhorn to the Planning Commission for a four year term expiring October 2016, appoint Christian Reece to the Planning Commission for a partial term expiring October 2013, and appoint Steven Tolle to the Zoning Board of Appeals and as first alternate on the Planning Commission for a two year term expiring October 2014, and appoint William Wade to the Zoning Board of Appeals and as second alternate on the Planning Commission for a four year term expiring October 2016. Councilmember Coons seconded. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Resolution No. 39-12—A Resolution Opposing Amendment 64 on the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot

Council President Pitts introduced the proposed resolution.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 39-12

Councilmember Kenyon moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-12. Councilmember Susuras seconded the motion.

Councilmember Coons abstained from voting as she is concerned about using law enforcement resources for prosecuting people using small amounts of marijuana. She thinks more thinking needs to be done about that issue. She urges everyone to vote during the election on the matter.

Councilmember Susuras said Deputy District Attorney Rubenstein and Sheriff Hilkey oppose the amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Coons abstaining.

Citizen Comments

Dick Beidelschies, 662 Miranda Street, president of the Mesa County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, said they help with Search and Rescue at the Sheriff's Department and they also support the 4H Youth Group, Gray Gourmet, Military Mothers, and other groups. The fundraising event that brings in the most money for their causes is the hosting of the State finals rodeo for the Colorado Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association. They have over 141 contestants with all their families and spectators. They have tried to reactivate the rodeo parade. The mounted Marine Color Guard, the only one in the world, came this year. Their concern is they had to use Colorado Avenue for their parade this year. People were confused and spectators were lined up on Main Street while the parade progressed down Colorado Avenue so not many people actually saw the parade. He asked what they should do in the future to be able to use Main Street as the parade route. He didn't understand the comment he heard that downtown merchants did not want the parade on Main Street. They have already started meeting about next year's parade and would like to have the parade on Main Street. The parade is important to them.

Council President Pitts said they realize the importance of the event and will take it under advisement with the City Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Kenyon moved to adopt the Consent Calendar and then read the Consent Calendar items #1-6. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2012 Joint Persigo Meeting, the September 19, 2012 Special Session, and the September 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

2. Setting a Hearing on Zoning the Rohner Annexation, Located at 249 Abraham Avenue [File #ANX-2012-374]

A request to zone the Rohner Annexation, consisting of one parcel, 0.44 acres, located at 249 Abraham Avenue, to an R-4 (Residential – 4 units) zone district. The Rohner Annexation area is 1.63 acres, containing 51,595 square feet of public right-of-way.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Rohner Annexation to R-4 (Residential – 4 Units), Located at 249 Abraham Avenue

Action: Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for October 17, 2012.

3. **2013 Mesa County Animal Control Services Agreement**

The City has an ongoing, annually renewable agreement with Mesa County for animal control services within the City limits. The City pays the County a percentage of the Mesa County Animal Services' budget based upon the City's percentage of total calls for service.

Action: Approve and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the 2013 Agreement between Mesa County and the City of Grand Junction Pertaining to Animal Services

4. **CDBG Subrecipient Contracts with St. Mary's Foundation, Counseling and Education Center, and Grand Valley Catholic Outreach for Previously Allocated Funds within the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year** [File #CDBG 2012-02; 2012-03; 2012-04; 2012-05; 2012-08; and 2012-11]

The Subrecipient Contracts formalize the City's award of a total of \$54,263 to various housing and non-profit organizations allocated from the City's 2012 CDBG Program as previously approved by Council.

Action: Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Subrecipient Contracts with St. Mary's Foundation, the Counseling and Education Center, and Grand Valley Catholic Outreach for the City's 2012 Program Year Funds

5. **Contract for Outsourced Printing and Copying Services**

This Printing and Copying Services contract was last awarded in 2008 and expires this year. The nature of this contract lends itself to more than one vendor due to the many diverse and complicated printing and copying projects required by City departments. The goal is to once again split the award between two local providers.

Action: Authorize the City Purchasing Division to do a Split Award between Peczuh Printing and Adams Lightning Quick Print for an Annual Amount of Approximately \$62,000

6. Office Furniture Purchase for the Fire Administration Building Remodel

This award is for the purchase, assembly, and installation of furnishings for the new Fire Administration Building. The furnishings for this building will include the new furniture being awarded with this contract as well as the re-use of existing furniture from the former Police Building.

Action: Authorize the Purchasing Division to Enter Into a Contract with ProSpace Interiors of Grand Junction, Colorado for the Purchase, Assembly, and Installation of Furniture for the Fire Administration Building in the Amount of \$89,583.35

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**Contract for an On-site Hypochlorite Generation System Storage Building**

Request to enter into a contract with Mor Storage Inc., Grand Junction, CO to construct a new storage building to house the On-site Hypochlorite Generation System at the Water Treatment Plant.

Greg Trainor, Public Works, Utilities, and Planning Director, introduced this item. The purchase is related to the disinfection of water at the Water Treatment Plant. The equipment was previously approved and this request is for the building to house the equipment. Mor Storage was the low bidder. The contract is for the construction and the building itself.

Councilmember Susuras asked for confirmation that the money is in the budget and is in the capital improvement plan. Mr. Trainor confirmed that to be correct.

Councilmember Susuras moved to authorize the City Purchasing Division to enter into a contract with Mor Storage, Inc., Grand Junction, CO in the amount of \$106,450. Councilmember Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Trainor said this is one of a number of projects authorized by the City Council over the last few years. The City Council has also approved the installation of solar projects. The two solar arrays will eventually provide all the power to operate the Water Treatment Plant. A couple of years ago geo thermal heating was installed at the Water Treatment Plant and they also use the water for cooling the building. Coming forward will be a gas powered generator for the Plant. Another hydroelectric plant will be installed that will power the onsite hypochlorite generation system. He thanked the City Council for their support.

Councilmember Boeschstein thanked Mr. Trainor and Staff for their innovations for making the system green and self-sufficient.

Councilmember Kenyon agreed, noting the City is leading the way in many ways. Many of these improvements are also improvements in safety.

Purchase of Bronze Sculpture for Exterior of the Fire Administration Building in the Public Safety Complex

Staff is requesting approval of the purchase of the artwork that was chosen for the exterior of the Fire Administration Building at the Public Safety Complex. The selection committee is recommending the sculpture "When I Grow Up" by sculptor Austin Weishel for \$65,500.

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced this item. He said this is part of the 1% for the Arts program. A few weeks ago the City Council approved the sculpture for the new Police Department Building. The request before them is for the Fire Administration Building.

Ken Watkins, Fire Chief, explained the selection process and noted the piece is by Austin Weishel. The artist is 23 years old and a volunteer firefighter on the eastern slope. This will be the third piece he has sold. He has one at the National Mall in Washington D.C. as well as another piece on the eastern slope.

Councilmember Coons moved to authorize the purchase of the bronze sculpture "When I Grow Up" from Austin Weishel in the amount of \$65,500. Councilmember Luke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk