



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2019
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Mayor Jonathan Godes called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Present at roll call: Charlie Willman, Rick Voorhees, Tony Hershey, Jonathan Godes, Shelly Kaup, and Paula Stepp. Absent: Steve Davis.

Also present were Debra Figueroa; City Manager, Karl Hanlon; City Attorney, Yvette Gustad; Finance Director, Terri Partch; City Engineer, Sarah Derrigan; Public Information Officer, Catherine Mythen Fletcher; City Clerk, Lindsey Christensen; Deputy City Clerk, and Brian Smith; Parks and Recreation Director.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Changes & Conflicts

Mayor Godes noted that item number 17 would be moved to the first item on the agenda and that item number 13 would be tabled.

4. Citizens Appearing Before Council (for items not on the Agenda-comments limited to 3 minutes)

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

5. Council Comments

Councilor Stepp- made aware to the public the upcoming enrollment dates for the Affordable Care Act and asked to give staff direction to market enrollment dates. She also noted the "Tall Cop" presentation by YouthZone she went to recently attended and the next upcoming presentation (November 8th, 2019 at Coal Ride High School).

Councilor Voorhees- updated Council and the public on the recent Imagine Glenwood meeting and thanked those who participated. He also mentioned the favorable vote on Ballot Question 6A regarding the Garfield County Library District and thanked council and the public for their support.

Councilor Hershey- noted his safety concerns with pedestrian crossing in downtown Glenwood Springs. Specifically, the crossing at 8th and Pitkin Street and suggested a public information campaign to mitigate the issue.

Councilor Willman- updated and thanked Council and the public for their support on the new tobacco tax. He also noted that the Transportation Committee recommended to Council to maintain the previous snow removal process with the possibility of improving that process soon.

Mayor Godes- also thanked the public for voting for the new tobacco tax. He also noted that in the joint meeting between Council, the Housing Commission, and Planning and Zoning Commission there was heavy discussion on leniency with ADU's and a potential "density bonus" in the near future. He also started the discussion on if recurring and one-time grant applications should be processed through the Financial Advisory Board or City Council.

6. Consent Agenda

All matters under consent are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. The titles will not be read aloud. There will be no separate discussion on these items.

- A. Resolution 2019-39; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Approval of 2020 Airport Fees
- B. Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
- C. Resolution 2019-40, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Canceling January 2, 2019 Regular Meeting
- D. IGA with Garfield County for 27th Street Bridge and South Midland Funding

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of the year on item C (January 2, 2020).

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

17. Resolution 2019-41; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Opposing the Expansion of the Mine and Supporting Garfield County *(moved to beginning of Actions and/or Presentations)*

The City approved a resolution in March of 2019 expressing its opposition to the expansion of the Mid Continent Mine and requesting that a full Environmental Impact Statement be completed by the Bureau of Land Management. Since that time, Rocky Mountain Resources (RMR) has initiated a lawsuit against Garfield County. In response, the City has requested resolutions of support for Garfield County in this lawsuit as well as the support for Glenwood Springs from neighboring communities. This resolution lines up with the resolutions that neighboring communities have supported.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Commented in support of Resolution 2019-41:

- Jeff Peterson
- Leo McKinney (former Mayor)
- Mary Steinbrecher (former City Councilor)

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Voorhees to approve Resolution 2019-41; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Opposing the Expansion of the Mine and Supporting Garfield County.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

8. Letter of Support Sweetwater Lake

Members of The Eagle Valley Land Trust presented regarding Sweetwater Lake. The Conservation Fund and the Eagle Valley Land Trust are leading a campaign to raise \$3.5M to purchase Sweetwater Lake for the public before it is sold and has requested a letter of support from the City of Glenwood Springs for their efforts. Sweetwater Lake is approximately a one-hour drive from Glenwood Springs, near Gypsum, CO. The property, if acquired, will provide new public access to the iconic Sweetwater Lake and surrounding public lands.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Commented in support of the Letter of Support for Sweetwater Lake:

- Jeff Doss
- Janet Rivera

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey to move forward and write a Letter of Support for Sweetwater Lake.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to send the request for a pledge in support of Sweetwater Lake to the Financial Advisory Board.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

9. Resolution 2019-42; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Prioritizing Expenditures from the Acquisition and Improvements Tax and Bonds

City Council requested a Resolution to cement their understanding of how A&I Bond Funds and Revenue were to be used into the future. This resolution attempts to capture the intent of City Council.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey to approve Resolution 2019-42; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Prioritizing Expenditures from the Acquisition and Improvements Tax and Bonds

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

10. Resolution 2019- 38; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

Pursuant to Section 9.2 of the City Charter, a proposed budget for fiscal year 2020 was submitted to City Council on October 3, 2019. Pursuant to Section 9.4 of the Charter, City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed budget. Section 9.5 of the Charter provides that after the public hearing on the budget and on or before the first regular meeting in November of each year, Council shall adopt the budget for the ensuing fiscal year by resolution.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to approve Resolution 2019- 38; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Approving the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

11. Ordinance No. 29, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Fixing and Certifying the Mill Levy on the 2019 Assessment for Collection in Fiscal Year 2020 for the Glenwood Springs General Improvement District No. 1980 and Providing for a Temporary Tax Credit (FIRST READING)

Property Tax collection is set each year for by voter approved Mill Levy's. The amounts set are based on net assessed value of properties within the General Improvement District. This must be approved and certified to Garfield County by December 15th of each year. The numbers presented in Exhibit A reflect preliminary numbers provided by Garfield County and will be updated with actual when final assessments are received.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to approve Ordinance No. 29, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Fixing and Certifying the Mill Levy on the 2019 Assessment for Collection in Fiscal Year 2020 for the Glenwood Springs General Improvement District No. 1980 and Providing for a Temporary Tax Credit.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

12. Ordinance No. 30, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Fixing and Certifying the Mill Levy on the 2019 Assessment for Collection in Fiscal Year 2020 and Providing for a Temporary Tax Credit (FIRST READING)

Property Tax collection is set each year for voter approved Mill Levy's. The amounts set are based on net assessed value of properties within the City of Glenwood City Limits. This must be approved and certified to Garfield County by December 15th of each year. The numbers presented in Exhibit A reflect preliminary numbers provided by Garfield County and will be updated with actual when final assessments are received.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to approve Ordinance No. 30, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Fixing and Certifying the Mill Levy on the 2019 Assessment for Collection in Fiscal Year 2020 and Providing for a Temporary Tax Credit.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

13. City Councilor Use of Social Media (tabled)

14. Congestion Reduction Study

Terry Partch Presented on the congestion reduction study. In April of this year, RFTA proposed and passed a new property tax measure called Destination 2040. In the property tax measure various projects in the valley were allocated funding. Funding for Glenwood projects includes:

- 27th Street/ SH 82 pedestrian grade separations - 4.2795 M
- South bridge - 4M
- In line transit stations in downtown - 300k
- New transit station in Glenwood - 1.833 M
- Additional parking at 27th Street - 4.445M
- Extend BRT to downtown GWS and add service on Hwy 6&24 - 693K
- LoVa Trail Construction - 2M

With the passage of the Destination 2040, and RFTA's desire to build more parking to accommodate the existing BRT station at 27th, staff realized that it would be to the City's advantage to partner with RFTA in evaluating additional transit parking with the hope of being able to have BRT service from the north or the west side of town. This would reduce car trips through town and reduce congestion on SH82 as well as within the City street network.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup to move forward with the Congestion Reduction Study in an amount not to exceed \$319,550.16.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

15. 27th Street Bridge Construction Management Contract Amendment

Jessica Bowser (City Engineer) presented the 27th Street Bridge Construction Management Contract Amendment. The City and the Construction Management (CM) team, HDR, have spent time negotiating and evaluating the staffing need of this project based on the extension of the construction completion date for the 27th Street Bridge and Roundabout.

The most recent Construction Schedule shows substantial project completion mid-January of 2020. Remaining items include:

- Roundabout completion
- Masonry
- Utility (Storm) installation
- Re-vegetation
- Retaining wall completion on the South side of the bridge
- Landscaping (not a part of substantial completion, will need to wait until spring)
- Pedestrian Signal Installation

The current contract completion date is December 5th, 2019. This was extended from the original contract date of November 30, 2019 due to additional micropile grouting and additional days when the contractor encountered high groundwater. Additional days past the December 5th contract date are subject to Liquidated Damages of \$5,500 per calendar day to cover overhead and construction management needs past the contract date.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Councilor Willman to approve the 27th Street Bridge Construction Management Contract Amendment.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

16. 27th Street and Roundabout Design Services during Construction Contract Amendment

Jessica Bowser (City Engineer) presented the 27th Street and Roundabout Design Services during Construction Contract Amendment. The City entered into a contract with Wood to support the City with design services through construction. These services are necessary for the review of Submittals from the Contractor for compliance with the Bid Documents, requests for information resolution, as well as resolving any issues that come up during construction that were unknown at design, such as unlocated utility conflicts.

- Multiple utility conflicts and in field adjustments have been needed during construction.
- These conflicts require revisions to plan documents from the design engineer.
- Substandard submittals from the contractor have required multiple reviews and additional time for commenting on the submittals.
- Additional oversight during the bridge slide period because of the longer than anticipated slide period, requiring more time on site.
- Additional time was requested by the City for the resolution of contractor issues for traffic control, micropile installation, and contractor performance within the contract the specifications.

The requested contract cost increase is \$20,000. Wood's Design Services contract revised total would be \$168,387.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey to approve the 27th Street and Roundabout Design Services during Construction Contract Amendment.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

17. Resolution 2019-41; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Opposing the Expansion of the Mine and Supporting Garfield County *(moved to beginning of Actions and/or Presentations)*

18. Ordinance No 28, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Title 060 Construction Building Code and Regulations (FIRST READING)

Building construction in Glenwood Springs is regulated by Title 060 of the Municipal Code, including building inspection fees. Ordinance 28-Series 2019 includes recommendations to the fee schedule related to windows, solar panels, and a fee

to convert documents that were submitted to the Building Division as paper files to digital files, in addition to correcting a few errors.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp to approve Ordinance No 28, Series of 2019; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Title 060 Construction Building Code and Regulations.

Motion passed by all present.

Absent: Davis

19. Report from City Administration

- A. City Manager
 - i. Updated council on the upcoming changes in broadband
 - ii. Discussed Boards/Commissions interviews
- B. City Attorney
- C. Correspondence Incoming/Outgoing

20. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8.05pm.