



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 2, 2020
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Mayor Jonathan Godes called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Mayor Jonathan Godes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Due to the Town's Disaster Declaration on March 12, 2020 related to the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held with virtual access provided through Zoom.

Present at roll call: Charlie Willman, Rick Voorhees, Tony Hershey, Jonathan Godes, Shelley Kaup, Paula Stepp, Steve Davis.

Also present were Debra Figueroa; City Manager, Karl Hanlon; City Attorney, Catherine Fletcher; City Clerk, Steve Boyd; COO, Jenn Oton; Assistant City Manager, Yvette Gustad; Finance Director, Terri Partch; City Engineer, Hannah Klausman; Public Information Officer, Matt Langhorst; Public Works Director, Brian Smith Community Center Director and Gretchen Ricehill; Assistant Community Development Director.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Changes & Conflicts

No conflicts were noted.

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

Ned Carter – House Cleaners and what is essential services.

Cindy Svotos – Moving forward with farmers market and moving it to 7th Street.

Frank and Annette would like the City to push for more social distancing and more protection.

5. Council Comments

Councilor Stepp thanked the community for working together and doing the best they can during this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup noted that there was assistance available through Garfield County Health and Human Services website and asked everyone to be patient and compassionate during this time.

Mayor Godes asked voters to remember to please sign the back of their ballots and drop off before April 14, 2020 at 7 pm.

Mayor Godes had a citizen complaint related to the Glenwood Golf course being open.

Councilor Willman noted council will need to start looking at the economic downturn and the impacts to the city

Councilor Voorhees thanks the restaurants that are giving out free food to people.

6. Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the February 20 and March 5, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the March 12, 2020 Special Council Meeting
- B. Resolution 2020-15; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Setting 2020 Landfill Rates
- C. Award of City-wide Street Striping Contract
- D. Approval of Right of Way Expenditures for South Midland
- E. Construction Management and Survey Consulting Work for Cedar Crest Subdivision

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

8. Planning File: #10-20 Consideration of an Appeal of a Planning and Zoning Commission denial of a Special Use Permit for a Personal Care Boarding Home as provided for in Municipal Code section 070.030.030(c)(4). The Appeal was filed November 26, 2019 per the requirements of 070.060.070(c). THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE APRIL 16, 2020 AGENDA.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey to continue Planning File: #10-20 Consideration of an Appeal of a Planning and Zoning Commission denial of a Special Use Permit for a Personal Care Boarding Home as provided for in Municipal Code section 070.030.030(c)(4). The Appeal was filed November 26, 2019 per the requirements of 070.060.070(c) to April 16, 2020 Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously

9. Community Gardens This item was considered after item 10 and 11

Brian Smith, Community Center Director presented a review of preliminary plans for supplemental food resources on city owned properties that could be used as community gardens. Staff worked with local grocers to better understand impacts to the food industry and assist as needed to ensure food supply is not disrupted. Most grocers provided adjusted operating hours, vulnerable population access times, and limited quantity policies to help maintain a steady availability of inventory. The State has an emergency fund set up that the city could apply for \$25,000 to assist with setting up additional plots and satellite areas to grow food.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

No comments were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup to apply for a grant only in the amount of \$25,000 with the idea of expanding the public gardens for public use if the grant is approved.

Ayes: Davis, Kaup, Stepp, Voorhees, Godes, Willman,

Nays: Hershey

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Voorhees to allow staff to continue planning on the community garden concept in conjunction with applying for the grant.

Ayes: Godes, Voorhees, Kaup, Stepp

Nays: Willman, Hershey

Abstained: Davis

Motion passed

10. Continued from March 5, 2020 Resolution 2020-10; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Resolution 2018-60, relating to the creation of the Glenwood Springs Urban Renewal Authority
ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TO MAY 7, 2020

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp to continue Resolution 2020-10; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Resolution 2018-60, relating to the creation of the Glenwood Springs Urban Renewal Authority to May 7, 2020

Motion passed unanimously

11. Continued from March 5, 2020 Resolution 2020-9; A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Amending Resolution 2018-61 and Approving the Amended West Glenwood Springs Urban Renewal Plan **ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TO MAY 7, 2020**

Councilor Voorhees moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup to continue Resolution 2020-9; A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Amending Resolution 2018-61 and Approving the Amended West Glenwood Springs Urban Renewal Plan to May 7, 2020

Motion passed unanimously

12. HDR Contract Extension

Terri Partch presented to Council a request for an extension and modification to HDR's contract to complete the Scheduling Review, Time Impact Analysis, and as-built scheduling in order to evaluate any Liquidated Damages or Compensable Delays associated with the 27th Street Bridge Project. They would also be participating in a partnering session for the resolution of outstanding issues. The total amendment would increase the Construction Management Cost by \$53,799.94. This would bring the total Construction Management Cost to \$1,805,803.49, which is approximately 18% of the current construction contract value.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Voorhees moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup to approve the contract request for the extension subject to not waiving any claims that the City may have against HDR arising from this Construction.

Ayes: Godes, Voorhees, Kaup, Stepp, Willman, Davis

Nays: Hershey

Motion passed.

13. Community Support Initiatives

Steve Boyd, COO presented an update to Council on what the city is doing to help businesses during this time. Working with the vendor to waive fees for credit card processing for utility bills hoped to have an answer later in the week. Working with people who are delayed paying for utilities and water bills. Waste mgmt. trash collection will be cut in half and the savings would be pushed out to the businesses downtown. DDA looking at their budget to see what they can reinvest to help businesses recover in the DDA.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

14. FAB Grants

Debra Figueroa, City Manager noted that the grant application deadline for FAB grants had expired. She suggested opening it up again to allow businesses to apply.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were noted.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Council or Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup to allow the City Manager and staff to open up the FAB grant applications for 2 more weeks and FAB to consider grants in conjunction with the economic downturn and make and have FAB review the applications and a recommendation to City Council on how the city would proceed.

Ayes: Voorhees, Kaup, Stepp, Willman, Davis

Nays: Hershey, Godes

Motion passed.

Mayor Godes called for a recess and reconvened at 7:45pm.

15. Critical Construction During Stay at Home Order

Karl Hanlon, City Attorney noted that considering the Governors order and what critical construction meant. As city talked internally about infrastructures projects that the city is doing and feel like if the city requires the contractors provide a plan on how they would meet the restrictions on social distancing and requirements of the governor's order. The City feels comfortable moving forward with construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved, seconded by Mayor Godes to approve moving forward with Cedar Crest and Two Rivers projects completion and the Water Line lining assuming that there is a COVID-19 safety plan in place and allowing the building department to continue working with the construction industry on their projects and allow any projects within the city under \$100,000 to be approved by staff and anything that is over that would come back to City Council for a decision.

Ayes: Voorhees, Kaup, Willman, Hershey, Godes

Nays: Davis, Stepp

Motion passed.

16. Vacation Rental Cessation During Stay at Home Order

Karl Halon, City Attorney gave a brief update in the Governors order related to Lodging which considered a critical business but and all short time lodging has been shut down

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Mayor Godes read into the record that Stephen Bershenyi had his VRBO rented at a discounted rate for Critical workers at the hospital.

Alisha Fredrick commented on vacation rentals during the stay at home order within the City of Glenwood Springs.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup to approve all Short-term rentals to be closed until May 1, 2020 with the exception of essential workers from the medical industry, family members, if it is your permanent residence and for permanent residents of Garfield County.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

17. Bathrooms for Homeless Population

Debra Figueroa presented a brief update on public bathrooms in the city with the stay at home order due to the COVID - 19. There was a concern that there were no restrooms for the transient population in the downtown area. She noted that there was port o lets located at Axel, Sayre, Veltus, Sullivan and Gregory Parks.

Council gave direction to move forward with placing a port o let at Centennial park and downtown and to install wash stations when they become available.

18. Consider Emergency Order Terminating RFTA Service in Glenwood Springs

Karl Hanlon presented to council that the City of Rifle adopted to suspend the service for RFTA on the Hog Back route stopping in Silt. Ride Glenwood Services was suspended a few weeks ago. Mayor Godes would like direction on what to present to RTA at their board meeting on Friday morning.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Art Riddile, RFTA board member noted that RFTA has taken precautions to protect staff and riders on the buses to keep them safe and would like to keep services running.

Gary Vick, commented on RFTA service and how those that need to ride the bus would get to their destinations.

Dan Blankenship, Executive Director of RFTA noted that these are difficult times. RFTA did a survey on why people rode the bus and the following results were received. 50% responded travel, 38% work, 8% health and 4% other. He noted that he was getting information for the RFTA board so they can make an informed decision on the RFTA bus service. They are currently providing a reduced service.

Mayor Godes noted that he had direction to wait until after the RFTA board meeting and he and Mayor Pro Tem would confer after the RFTA board meeting.

19. Report from City Administration

A. City Manager

Boards and Commissions will have virtual meetings in May.
Roundtable discussion with banks looking towards recovery.

B. *City Attorney*

A memo related to RMR would be distributed.

C. Correspondence Incoming/Outgoing

Letter to Governor Jared Polis, COVID-19 Federal Relief
Letter was approved to be mailed.

20. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.