



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 30, 2020
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, Shelley Kaup, Paula Stepp and Steve Davis.

Also present were Debra Figueroa; City Manager, Karl Hanlon; City Attorney, Catherine Fletcher; City Clerk, Jenn Ooton; Assistant City Manager, Steve Boyd, COO; Yvette Gustad; Finance Director, Terri Partch; City Engineer, Matt Langhorst; Public Works Director, Gretchen Ricehill; and Assistant Director for Economic and Community Development.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

3. Certified Election Results

Catherine Fletcher, City Clerk – Presented on this item. She made note of the special election held on April 14, 2020 with Ballot Issue A: Shall the City of Glenwood Springs be authorized to sell or otherwise convey its interest in 19 acres formerly known as Glenwood Springs Municipal Operations Center and access road located at 2307 Wulfsohn road: The results of the election were 1,031 yes votes and 459 no votes.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to accept the results of the Special City Election.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. COVID-19 Update

Ride Glenwood Springs

Terri Partch, City Engineer – Presented on this item. She noted RFTA would like to restart the regular Ride Glenwood Springs route every half hour. She made note of the precautions RFTA put into place on their regular bus routes to maintain social distancing, such as passengers loading from the back of the bus, passenger limits, etc.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Ned Carter - Spoke in favor of allowing the Ride Glenwood Springs to restart. He also expressed concern about enforcement.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Willman moved to authorize Terri Partch to proceed in negotiating with RFTA to restart the Ride Glenwood Spring service, based on all the safety protocols RFTA has in place on their services.

Ayes: Willman, Stepp, Kaup, Godes, Davis

Nays: Voorhees, Hershey

Motion passed.

Airport

Terri Partch, City Engineer – Gave background on this item. She noted City Council has received many comments in favor of re-opening the airport.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Rick Schwarz and Joel Shute – Spoke in favor of re-opening the airport.

Ned Carter – also commented on item not related to the airport.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Hershey, seconded by Councilor Davis moved to open the Glenwood Springs Airport without restrictions beyond the Safer at Home Order.

Motion passed unanimously.

Face Coverings

City Council discussed continuing to wear face coverings or not in the City of Glenwood Springs.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Hanging Lake Inn representative - Requested clarification on wearing facemasks outdoors.

Jackie Somma – Spoke against punitive measures regarding this order.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Godes, seconded by Councilor Voorhees moved that Glenwood Springs continue to enforce and extend the current face covering public health order until June 4th.

Motion passed unanimously.

Short Term Lodging

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Michael Wolny – Spoke in favor of re-opening lodging at the business owner's discretion.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Davis, seconded by Councilor Hershey moved that the City of Glenwood Springs allow short term lodging restrictions to be lifted immediately.

Motion passed unanimously.

4th of July

Debra Figueroa, City Manager – Discussed the limitations with hosting a 4th of July event due to the restrictions of gatherings of 50 people due to COVID -19. She was given direction from City Council to review options.

5. Letter on Garfield County Mining Regulations

Karl Hanlon, City Attorney – Discussed submitting a comment letter to Garfield County on mining regulations.

Councilor Voorhees, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to submit a comment letter to Garfield County on mining regulations.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Item Not on Agenda

Debra Figueroa, City Manager – Presented an update

- Made note of the Spring Cleanup cancelation and discussed free vouchers offered.
- Discussed the restrictions at the South Canyon Landfill.
- Noted the building department was still processing permits.
- Made note that Virtual City Hall will be closed every other Friday beginning May 15, 2020. The Community Center and City Hall closures were extended through May 27, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. Executive Session to Conduct a Conference with the City Manager and City Attorney for the Purpose of Discussing the City's Purchase, Acquisition, Lease, Transfer or Sale of Real Property; Determining Positions Relative to Matters That May be Subject to Negotiations, Developing Strategy for Negotiations, and Instructing Negotiators; and to Conduct a Conference with the City Attorney to Receive Legal Advice in Accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), (b), and (e) related to South Midland, MOC, and RMR

Councilor Hershey, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to go into Executive Session to conduct a conference with the City Manager and City Attorney for the purpose of discussing the City's purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real property; determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators; and to conduct a conference with the City Attorney to receive legal advise in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), (b), and (e) related to South Midland, MOC, and RMR. The meeting will conclude automatically at the conclusion of the Executive Session and will be adjourned until May 7, 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjourned at 8:21 PM.