



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2020
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:20 P.M.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Jonathan Godes called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. 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; Assistant Director for Economic and Community Development, and Joseph Deras; Police Chief.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Agenda Changes & Conflicts

None were noted.

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

Christian Henny – Spoke against Colorado State Public Health Order 20-28 and requested City Council's support of Garfield County's variance request from the State.

Laura Speck and Jerry Vanderbeek – Spoke of the severity of homeless encampments on Palmer Ave. to the Roaring Fork Market Place and discussed cleanup of the area.

Michael Wolny and Ricky Rodriguez – Discussed the May 14, 2020 Executive Session and noted their displeasure at the session.

Brittney Rippy – Asked for further support for the restaurant industry.

Nikola Gerenski – Asked City Council to provide medical scientific evidence that an epidemic exists in Garfield County and Glenwood Springs.

Leo McKinney – Noted praise for City Council actions.

7. Council Comments

Councilor Stepp

- Discussed cleanup of homeless camps and requested City Council discussion.
- Noted racial unrest around the country and praised Glenwood Springs' allowing protests.
- Requested more discussion with the Latino community about pertinent issues.

Councilor Hershey – Requested more clarification on certain agenda items for the public.

Councilor Willman

- Noted the City's efforts to reach out and help restaurants and congratulated staff.
- Made note of two openings on the DDA Board, as well as other Boards and Commissions openings.
- Discussed changes the DDA Board had been reviewing.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup

- Made note of renewed calls for cleanup of homeless encampments and discussed safety concerns.
- Noted she stood behind her remarks and sentiments from the May 14, 2020 Executive Session in relation to safety and welfare as was understood at that time.

Councilor Voorhees

- Noted contributions to the community by City Council and discussed the May 14, 2020 Executive Session.

Mayor Godes

- Made note of listening sessions held by other communities and supported the idea locally and directed staff to gather more information.
 - This was supported by Councilor Willman, Councilor Voorhees, Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, Councilor Stepp, and Councilor Voorhees.
- Discussed the Gallagher Amendment and requested a presentation from Karl Hanlon, City Attorney and Steve Boyd, COO.
- Noted his support of peaceful protests in Glenwood Springs.
- Made note of Campaign Zero - 8 Can't Wait Project to deescalate police violence. Chief Deras discussed police policy reviews and best practices with Mayor Godes.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Godes moved to direct staff to work with the DDA Board, its Executive Director, and its attorney to determine whether or not the City and DDA can work together to focus more on economic development as we recover from the COVID-19 caused economic crisis.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to direct staff to engage in conversation to include Garfield County, and spend no more than \$15,000 towards cleanup of homeless encampments.

Ayes: Voorhees, Kaup, Stepp, Davis, Godes

Nays: Hershey, Willman

Motion passed.

8. 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. Materials Purchase for Phase 1 Broadband Fiber to Home Project

B. Approval of April 6, 2020 Special Meeting and April 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the Peter M. Chovanec Trust and Joan F. Chovanec Trust, to clean up a discrepancy in a legal description for a property located in the NW ¼ SW¼ Section 15, Twp. 6S, R89W

D. Ordinance 14, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Acting By and Through its Utility Enterprise, Approving a Loan, Evidenced by a Promissory Note, to Finance Broadband Capital Improvements for Use in its Electric Facility Activities; Approving the Note Form and Loan Repayment from the Operation of the Electric Facilities; and Providing Other Details and Approving Documents Relating to the Loan (SECOND READING)

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp to approve the consent agenda.

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

Nays: Hershey

Motion passed.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

9. COVID-19 Update

- Outdoor Dining

Gretchen Ricehill, Assistant Director for Economic and Community Development - Presented an update on temporary use of public right away for outdoor seating.

- General Update

Debra Figueroa, City Manager

– Made note of plans to open playgrounds up.

– Discussed the difficulty of in-person meetings during this time.

- Face Coverings

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Audrey Burgio, Monica Wolny, and Chris Namelka – Spoke against mandated face coverings and noted health concerns with face coverings. Monica Wolny also questioned the delay in parks re-opening within the city.

Jackie Solmon – Noted her concern of mandated face coverings and punitive measures.

John Zalinski – Discussed concern with standard of face coverings. He also noted complaints of headaches from staff while breathing through masks.

Brittany Rippy – Made note of staff concerns with face coverings and customer loss due to the mandate.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Voorhees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to extend the face covering public health order until such time that 1. A vaccine is developed and widely available, 2. Herd immunity is achieved in the State of Colorado according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, or 3. Such time that the City Council elects on its own to rescind it. Individuals seated in restaurants shall be exempted from this requirement while seated. The fine should be reduced from \$1,000 to \$100 and the incarceration provision shall be removed.

Ayes: Kaup, Godes, Stepp, Voorhees

Nays: Hershey, Davis, Willman

Motion passed.

10. Ordinance 13, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Amending Section 060.020.020 related to Solar Panel Fees (FIRST READING)

Jenn Ooton, Assistant City Manager – Presented on this item. She discussed bringing solar panel permit application fees into compliance with State law.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Hershey moved to approve Ordinance 13, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Amending Section 060.020.020 related to Solar Panel Fees (FIRST READING).

Motion passed unanimously.

11. South Midland Improvements Project: Public Information Services

Terri Partch, City Engineer – Presented on this item and made note of requests for public information on the project.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Godes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to approve the \$103,210 and additional \$10,000 estimate for direct advertising for a total authorization of \$113,210 to Project Resource Studio.

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

Nays: Hershey

12. Consideration of a request to rezone property owned by Glenwood Meadows, LLC known as Lot 11 B Glenwood Meadows No 5, A Minor Re-subdivision of Glenwood Meadows No 4 Lot Line Adjustment, from RH Residential High Density to M2 Mixed-Use Core Zoning

Gretchen Ricehill, Assistant Director for Economic and Community Development – Gave background on this item. She noted the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval with two conditions. Staff recommends City Council uphold the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Willman moved that City Council uphold Planning and Zoning Commission findings and recommendations for rezoning of Lot 11 B in Glenwood Meadows with the suggested findings and suggested conditions as shown in the June 4, 2020 staff report.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. Ordinance 16, Series of 2020 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Rezoning Property Owned by Glenwood Meadows, LLC known as Lot 11B Glenwood Meadows No 5, A Minor Resubdivision of Glenwood Meadows No 4 Lot Line Adjustment, Glenwood Springs, Colorado from RH Residential High Density to M2 Mixed-Use Core Zoning (FIRST READING)

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, second by Councilor Stepp moved to approve Ordinance 16, Series of 2020 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Rezoning Property Owned by Glenwood Meadows, LLC known as Lot 11B Glenwood Meadows No 5, A Minor Resubdivision of Glenwood Meadows No 4 Lot Line Adjustment, Glenwood Springs, Colorado from RH Residential High Density to M2 Mixed-Use Core Zoning (FIRST READING).

Motion passed unanimously.

14. Ordinance No 17, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Amending Section 120.040.020(11) of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code (FIRST READING)

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Joseph Deras, Police Chief – Presented on this item. He noted staff recommended approval of Ordinance 2020-17 removing private parking enforcement language from the municipal code.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to approve Ordinance No 17, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Amending Section 120.040.020(11) of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code (FIRST READING).

Motion passed unanimously.

15. Ordinance No 18, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Temporarily Amending Section 040.010.04 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code (FIRST READING)

Karl Hanlon, City Attorney – Gave background on this item and discussed implementation of budget changes.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

None were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Voorhees, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to approve Ordinance No 18, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Temporarily Amending Section 040.010.04 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code (FIRST READING).

Motion passed unanimously.

16. Report from City Administration Information

- A. City Manager
- B. City Attorney
- C. Correspondence Incoming/Outgoing

No updates were noted.

17. Adjournment at 9:10 PM.