AGENDA
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2021
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 PM

REGULAR SESSION

4. Roll Call

   Present: Godes, Kaup, Willman, Wussow, Davis, Stepp, Hershey

   Absent: None

   Also present were Debra Figueroa, City Manager; Karl Hanlon, City Attorney; Jenn Ooton, Assistant City Manager and Steve Boyd, COO/Acting City Clerk.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

   5:50 Pro-Tem Mayor Kaup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Agenda Changes & Conflicts

   6:09 Councilor Stepp asked that Consent Agenda Item G, Limiting Member Terms on Boards and Commissions, be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hershey asked that items 9E and 9F be removed. Councilor Willman said 9H will be removed because there is a change in wording.

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

   7:22 - No public comments.

8. Council Comments

   7:40 – Mayor Godes joined the meeting.

   Councilor Hershey introduced his new dog.

   Councilor Willman greeted residents with Happy New Year and commented on his disappointment around the Capitol in Washington DC yesterday.

   Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup requested the City Attorney draft a resolution for affordable housing and have the Planning and Zoning Commission review it. Some urgency was expressed and Karl agreed to work with the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to get it on an agenda in approximately February.

   Councilor Stepp expressed support for Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup's idea and announced that she is now the Executive Director of Colorado Middle Water Shed which means she'll have some engagement with the City in that role so she'll need to separate that work from her work as a City Councilor.

   Councilor Wussow recognized how hard staff works and how adaptable the team is.

   Mayor Godes congratulated Councilor Stepp on her new position and expressed appreciation for our Police Department keeping public servants safe, and public servants for their service.

9. 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 unless a Councilmember or Audience Member so requests.

A. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Glenwood Springs and the Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority

B. Resolution 2021-01; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Designating a Posting Place for 2021

C. Seven Party MOU to Provide Senior Meal Services

D. 2021 IGA for Traveler Services

E. Award of Fiber to Home Materials Purchase to GrayBar, Inc.

F. Award of Fiber Optic Drop Subcontractor RFP BD #2020-035

G. Ordinance 29, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Amending section 020.020.040 (c) to Limit Board Member Terms on Boards and Commissions (SECOND READING)

24:20 Motion to approve Consent Agenda excluding items 9E and 9F, 9H by Willman, second by Wussow.

Passed unanimously.

24:50 motion to pass items 9E and 9F by Willman, second by Mayor Godes.

Aye: Godes, Kaup, Willman, Wussow, Davis, Stepp

Naye: Hershey

Motion Passes.

City Attorney Hanlon added language to the Ordinance in Consent Agenda item H, Ordinance 29, Series of 2020 stating an individual may serve multiple non-successive terms on a board or commission.

27:45 Motion to approve Ordinance 29, Series of 2020 with additional language presented by Attorney Hanlon by Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup.

Passed unanimously.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

10. Level Red Rescue Grant Ratification

29:00 Councilor Willman mentioned Sacred Grounds and Bluebird Café were left off of the list inadvertently. Also stated that Hotel Colorado should be added to the list as they have a robust restaurant even though they are classified as a hotel.

Councilor Wussow asked about funding, Debra said we'd be using "recycled CARES Act money" for additional grants.

Jon Zalinski mentioned that he heard Hotel Colorado was not going to ask for a grant. Councilor Willman agreed and stated he thinks they should have been on the list.

1:01:28 Willman moved Wussow seconded to approve the original 38 grants awarded to businesses as listed in the staff report.

Passed unanimously.

Willman moved Wussow seconded that grants awards equal to the amount distributed to restaurants in the first round be given to Everest Nepal and Hotel Colorado.

Aye: Hershey, Wussow, Willman, Stepp

Naye: Davis, Godes, Kaup

Motion passed.

Godes moved that Pizza Cave be included in the grants. Motion died from lack of second.

11. Professional Services Agreement extension for Municipal Judge for 2021 and 2022.

1:09:30 Steve Boyd spoke in support of Judge Maurer's contract extension, citing in-part her efforts in maintaining court operations through a City Hall closure, socially distanced court operations and staffing challenges.

Judge Maurer updated Council on the status of Court operations and offered services for a new two-year contract.

1:16:50 Willman moved and Hershey seconded a motion to approve Judge Maurer's contract extension.

Passed unanimously.

12. MOVE Study Recommendations from the Transportation Commission

1:18:00 Sandy Lowell, Chair of the Transportation Committee presented the memo the Committee wrote to the Council.

1:30:18 Laura Kirk spoke on behalf of the DDA and said it has not adopted a formal position. The DDA Board has more questions before they can adopt a position. General concern with the BRT running through downtown were mentioned. Also brought up were a few concerns about the BRT running down the Rio Grande trail. Also wanted to be sure any other potential alternatives such as Midland were considered, and suggested stakeholders walk the routes and perform some outreach to the business community. Also advocated for bike sharing.

1:37:00 Rob Gavrell spoke about the need to prioritize improvements and coordinate existing transit options, parking, pedestrian/bike infrastructure. Suggests that we allow the MOVE study to proceed before making recommendations on BRT.

1:41:30 Ralph Trapani commented current and future service levels, and suggested TDM will reduce future traffic flow and congestion.

1:45:30 Lee Barger recommended the BRT station be in-line.

1:48:20 Kathryn Taggart spoke in support of the Transportation Commission's recommendations.

1:52:00 Terri Partch and RFTA staff commented on the Glenwood is being asked to contribute $90,000 to extend the MOVE Study 6 months for additional study, public outreach and visual renderings.

2:42:00 Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved and Willman seconded approval of $90,000 from the sale of the MOC to RFTA earmarked for trail improvements.

Aye: Kaup, Willman

Naye: Wussow, Hershey, Stepp, Davis

Abstain: Godes

Motion fails.

2:56:00 Godes moved, Councilor Hershey seconded a motion to help close the funding gap for the 27th Street of $2,270,108 by deferral of operating costs from the Destination 2040 tax measure and unspent operating costs from 2019.

Aye: Willman, Stepp, Godes, Kaup, Wussow

Naye: Davis, Hershey

Motion passes.

13. Spring Cleanup Options and Discussion for 2021

    Continued to next meeting.

14. Adding Private Improvements into Public Projects

    3:05:13 City Engineer Terri Partch spoke in support of not having the City participate in funding improvements that benefit private property owners as well as the benefit of the public.

    Mayor Godes spoke in support of funding certain of these improvements, citing a specific example of the fence on the east side of Midland near the Park West neighborhood.

Lynn Aliya asked for a 300-foot security barrier along the Hagar Lane section of South Midland to prevent vandalism and promote safety by preventing people from hopping the fence and going down to the Roaring Fork River.

A neighbor (Natalie) supported Ms. Aliya's comments and asked the City to include the barrier.

Lynn Aliya described the rockfall fence on Midland above her home that she pays thousands of dollars of insurance premiums on even though it sits on public land. She is asking the City to revisit the requirement that she carries the insurance policy as a condition of approval of their sub-division based on the South Midland project changing the conditions leading to the initial requirement.

Jon Zalinski stated he lives at the are of fence being discussed in Park West and said the fence between their neighborhood and the Midland sidewalk is old. Says it would be nice to have that fence look finished and complete.

Mayor Godes ended public comment.

Councilor Wussow stated we need more information before we can make decisions on these; how much will it cost, how much is related to safety vs. aesthetics.

3:57:30 Motion by Councilor Wussow, second by Davis to deny these requests and refer Lynn and Natalie to Jenn Ooton and the planning department to get more clarity on their options.

Ayes: Hershey, Kaup, Willman, Wussow, Davis

Naye: Godes, Stepp

15. Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

    4:00:00 Jenn Ooton stated three applicants have been interviewed. Mayor Godes proposed we appoint those three applicants tonight and fill additional seats in February from term-limited Commissioners George Shaver and Amber Wissing.

    4:04:20 Mayor Godes moved, second by Wussow to appoint Beatriz Soto to the regular seat, and Pete Waller and Joy White to the alternate positions. Passed unanimously.

16. Report from City Administration

    A. City Manager
    4:06:00 Debra thanked staff and the Mayor for help putting igloos up.

    B. City Attorney
    4:06:40 Karl thanked Councilors for their service.
    Mayor Godes added that as we come back into personal meetings we should consider security measures for Councilors, staff and public and would like to put it on a future agenda.

    Incoming/outgoing correspondence

4:08:35 5 Star Program – One Councilor can join committee. Charlie was nominated and Jenn Ooton as the staff member.

Mayor Godes expressed that GS represents a large portion of the County's restaurants and hospitals and we should have more than one seat.

Councilor Davis pointed out the importance of being our own applicant rather than partner with the County.

Debra recommends we support the 5-Star Program and simultaneously work to develop our own program if needed. Committee is generally made up of City Managers and a person from the local Chamber

Angie Anderson, Executive of the Chamber Resort, provided an update that our program is modeled after Summit County's, where each municipality has some flexibility to monitor its own compliance.

4:17:20 Mayor Godes moved and Davis seconded giving the Mayor permission to sign the letter of support.

Aye: Wussow, Kaup, Hershey, Davis, Stepp, Willman

Naye: Godes

Motion passes.

4:20:00 Motion to approve by Willman, second by Kaup to authorize Mayor Godes to sign letter of support for the City's application for DOLA Small Business Relief Funds.

Passed unanimously.

17. 10:35 - Adjournment