



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

:03 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Godes, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, Councilor Willman, Councilor Wussow, Councilor Stepp, Councilor Hershey, Councilor Davis. Also present were Debra Figueroa, City Manager; Steve Boyd, COO; Jenn Ooton, Asst. City Manager and Karl Hanlon, City Attorney.

:03 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led the Pledge.

:04 Agenda Changes and Conflicts

Councilor Willman asked 10B be taken off the Consent Agenda.

:04 Citizens Appearing Before Council

No comments offered.

:05 Council Comments

:05 Councilor Hershey complimented VVH staff for an efficient experience getting his vaccine. Also supported continuing with private security downtown.

:06 Councilor Willman agreed with VVH comments. Also, CML mentioned funding availability for main street funding, is interested in a local circulator and referred Steve Beckley to the Transportation Commission for discussion.

:09 Councilor Stepp congratulated Charlie and Tony for getting their shots. Said they had a detox funding meeting, space still available at Mind Springs, mobile unit may be an option, more information to come. Wants to discuss what will be allowed in outdoor dining downtown in the summer.

:11 Councilor Wussow commended the community for reaching out to Councilors over the last two weeks, and Councilors for being receptive.

:12 Debra agreed we should talk about outdoor dining, but in the summer/fall because it currently expires in September.

:12 Mayor Godes stated he thought a guest column in the Post Independent had inaccurate information and expressed disappointment in the Post Independent to have allowed misinformation to be printed. Also complimented the Post for its accurate reporting.

:17 Consent Agenda

Councilor Willman asked that item 10B be taken off consent and said he'd recuse himself because he had a conflict of interest.

Councilor Hershey moved, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup seconded a motion to approve consent not including item 10B – Local Jurisdiction Letter. Passed 7-0.

Councilor Hershey moved, Councilor Wussow seconded a motion to approve item 10B – Local Jurisdiction Letter. Councilor Willman recused. Passed 6-0.

:19 Proclamation for Matt Nunez

Mayor Godes stated Matt submitted photographs for the new driver's licenses and two of the four were accepted. Matt said he had three photos as finalists and one of them was picked from 280 submittals. Mayor Godes read a proclamation.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

:22 Blake Street Configuration

Jessica Bowser, Assistant City Engineer and City Engineer Terri Partch presented options A through D that staff has developed to address the opening of the Blake Gate and traffic flow between 26th and 27th Streets on Blake Avenue.

1:09 Mayor Godes opened it up to public comment.

Steve Smith opposed Alternative C for safety reasons resulting from mixing vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Frank Martin thanks staff for the thorough planning and advocated on behalf of the neighborhood and supported the one-way alternatives.

1:16 Councilor Stepp moved, Councilor Willman seconded to conduct a temporary test for one-way traffic from 26th to 27th, including gathering traffic counts, from time of Certificate of Occupancy for at least six months to see how traffic flows and look at the budget in the meantime to find money for infrastructure including sidewalks if we decide to go to two-way traffic in the future.

Ayes: Kaup, Wussow, Willman, Hershey, Stepp

Nayes: Godes, Davis

Motion passed 5-2.

1:38 South Bridge Design Vote

1:39 Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved, second by Councilor Wussow, to take the preferred design including the tunnel to 100% design and at the same time pursue partners, grants and other available sources of funding.

2:21 Ayes: Wussow, Hershey, Davis, Kaup

Nayes: Stepp, Willman, Godes

Motion passed 4-3.

2:22 Willman moved, second by Godes to direct City staff to pursue an airspace study per Option 2 to determine whether it is feasible, and determine how many planes, what kind and how many flights come in and out of the airport and report back to Council as soon as possible.

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

Nayes: Hershey

Motion passed 6-1.

2:54 Tourism Promotion Board Structure

Councilor Willman expressed concern that several people may drop off of this board at the same time, and the structure of the board make-up needs to be revisited to consider having alternates.

3:11 Tourism Promotion Board Appointments

3:14 Councilor Willman moved, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup seconded to appoint Patrick Drake to the resident business seat, term ending 2024. Passed unanimously.

3:14 Councilor Willman moved, Councilor Hershey seconded to appoint Mike Mercatoris as Chamber representative with term ending 2024. Motion carried 4-3.

3:15 Mayor Godes moved, Councilor Wussow seconded a motion to appoint Taylor James to the Lodging seat. Motion carried unanimously.

3:15 Councilor Willman moved, Councilor Wussow seconded to appoint Heather Montrose-Craven, Lindsey Ball and Suzanne Emery as alternates with no end date. Passed 4-3.

3:19 (motion restated at 3:26) Airport Commission Appointments

3:26 Mayor Godes moved, Councilor Hershey seconded to affirm Stephanie Stanfield as regular member and Sean Thomas as alternate for term ending 2024 and Stephanie for term ending in 2023. Motion carried 6-0 with Paula not able to vote because of temporary loss of internet connection.

3:22 River Commission Appointments

3:22 Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved, Mayor Godes seconded to reaffirm Scott Schreiber and Erika Gibson for appointments expiring in three years, and Richard “Chip” Fisher to a term expiring in three years. Motion carried unanimously.

3:23 Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments

3:24 Councilor Davis moved, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup seconded to appoint Kris Smulczenski and Jasmine Ramirez to terms ending in three years. Motion carried unanimously.

3:24 Arts and Culture Board Appointments

3:25 Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved, Councilor Willman seconded to appoint Jenny Tremble to a term ending in 2024 and John Carr to a term ending in 2023. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilor Stepp not able to vote because of temporary loss of internet connection.

3:34 Resolution 2021 No 5 – Adopting an update to the Downtown Plan of Development of the Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority

Laura Kirk, Director of DDA summarized the plan update to mission, vision, objectives, goals and potential projects. The TIF would remain unchanged.

**9:48 Councilor Willman moved, second by Councilor Davis to approve Resolution 2021-5.
Motion passed 7-0.**

3:39 Report from City Administration

City Manager Debra Figueroa said the Community Center will be closed for at least a day for contract tracing from a presumed positive COVID case from an employee.

3:40 Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Willman, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup to adjourn. Passed unanimously.