



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 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 Hershey, seconded by Councilor Willman, motioned to continue item 21, which is Planning Item 11-21 Consideration of a Right of Way, the Bell Rippy Issue to the next regular meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

:04 Citizens Appearing Before Council

Janice Aherman said she was waiting to attend the Oakhurst Townhouse meeting and will come to the next Council meeting.

:05 Council Comments

Councilor Willman said the DDA has more funds than anticipated and will have some additional fund from sales tax and will start the design of 6th Street. Also said House Bill 21-117 would allow us to have more flexibility in affordable housing and that he had sent a letter in support to our representatives.

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, to send a letter in support of House Bill 21-117 to Representatives Will and Rankin.

Ayes: Godes, Wussow, Willman, Stepp, Kaup

Nayes: Hershey, Davis

Motion passed 5-2.

Councilor Willman will draft the letter.

Councilor Stepp said the Glenwood Canyon Restoration committee has a trail help day scheduled on May 22nd for No Name, June 5th for Grizzly Creek and a day in September for the Hanging Lake Trail that people can volunteer for. Contact Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers.

Mayor Godes encouraged everyone to get their vaccine.

Councilor Stepp suggested a Council discussion on which groups we should be members of. Mayor Godes suggested it be put on the next agenda.

:17 Consent Agenda

Councilor Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Godes to approve the Consent Agenda subject to minor clarifications in the March 4th and November 3rd minutes.

Passed unanimously.

Staff note: The November 3rd minutes had a motion that read Council accepted the Audit Presentation. The minutes were changed to remove the word "presentation". The March 4th minutes indicated Councilor Willman had asked that an item be pulled from consent and he recused himself from the resulting vote – we added "because of a conflict of interest". The March 4th Minutes described the proclamation to Matt Nunez – we added "The Mayor read a proclamation".

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

21:30 South Midland Progress Report

Terri Partch presented an update on the progress of this project. Councilor Kaup mentioned she's had a comment that it can get backed up at the 27th Street roundabout.

25:45 Introduction of Cheryl Strouse, Executive Director of the Garfield County Housing Authority

Cheryl Strouse presented an overview of activities by the housing authority.

32:00 Transportation Commission Appointments

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Willman, moved to reappoint John Stephens and Robert Gavrell back to the Transportation Commission.

Motion passed unanimously.

33:20 Financial Advisory Board Appointments

Councilor Stepp, seconded by Councilor Willman, moved to reappoint Kathryn Taggart and Dan Sullivan to the Financial Advisory Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

35:20 VALE Board Appointments

Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, to appoint Melissa Jones to the VALE Commission.

Passed unanimously.

Councilor Hershey, seconded by Mayor Godes, moved to reappoint Avis Laurita to the VALE Commission.

Passed unanimously.

39:40 Ordinance No. 1, Series 2021, Adopting Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Housing, Second reading

Hannah Klausman clarified the distinction between the new mandatory affordable housing regulations and the existing voluntary program. City Attorney Hanlon clarified the Ordinance will be adopted this evening and will be subject to guideline revisions if a motion to adopt passes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp to adopt Ordinance number 1 of series 2021 for the Glenwood Springs Inclusionary Housing Regulations approved on second reading as amended.

Ayes: Godes, Willman, Wussow, Kaup, Stepp

Nays: Davis, Hershey

Motion passed 5-2.

53:10 Resolution 2021-06, Community Housing Guidelines

Hannah Klausman highlighted that the resolution includes a tiered priority system for applicants working within the City, then outward to the 81601 zip code, then a 30 mile radius from the development.

Mayor Godes opened to public comment. Dan Kessler and Andrew Corge from K2 Developers introduced themselves and stated they are working to resolve affordable housing issues. Doug Pratte commented in support of housing security in discussions of affordable and workforce housing. Mayor

Godes reminded everyone to not speak about specific properties or developments. Mike Patch stated he was required to participate as a developer in the mandatory program in 2004 and 2005, and that he believed at the time Council was using the topic to restrict growth. Said he believes living here is a choice and it is not the developer's responsibility to subsidize local workers and instead create a fund to assist with down payments and then lead by example by making a contribution.

Mayor Godes brought it back to Council. Councilor Willman wanted more time to review.

1:22 Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Willman, to continue Resolution 06 of 2021, The Community Housing Guidelines, until the April 1st meeting.

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

Nayes: Hershey

Motion passed 6-1.

Councilor Willman asked Hannah to send a copy to Council as a document.

1:29 27th Street Underpass

Terri Partch, Nick Senn with RFTA, and Mike Fowler with SGM presented an overview of the project and the related detour of the Rio Grande Trail. Jason Jaynes from DHM Design spoke about the aesthetic treatment of the project.

2:21:40 Deputy Fire Chief Position

Staff had asked permission to add a Deputy Fire Chief to the budget and said the appropriation request would be included for \$90,000 in the annual reappropriation presented to Council in April.

Mayor Godes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, moved to include \$90,000 in 2021's Fire EMS fund when staff submits the annual re-appropriation schedule in April.

Motion passed unanimously.

2:26:30 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Reauthorization and FY 2022 Appropriations

Debra said our lobbyists have requested that we pick 4-5 top projects to prioritize for earmarks and large federal requests. Factors include whether the design is shovel ready, the cost is substantial enough for consideration, and that they have regional or City-wide impact. The list is Southbridge, LoVA, water and sewer improvements, and street widening at 8th Street.

Mayor Godes moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey, to accept the priorities as presented by staff.

Passed unanimously.

Planning Item 11-21 Consideration of a Right-of-Way Encroachment License and an Easement Vacation for the Bell Rippy multi-family/duplex development

2:37:30 Report from City Administration

Debra said she's on vacation tomorrow through next week and that Jenn will be acting City Manager.

Karl said RMI litigation grinds forward with discovery disputes. Also ran into some small issues with open records policy and that he'd like to bring it back to Council in the first meeting of May. Mayor Godes asked the some examples from other jurisdictions be presented.

2:41:20 Adjournment

Councilor Willman, seconded by Councilor Hershey, moved to adjourn.

Passed unanimously.