



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2020
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 PM

REGULAR SESSION

3. Roll Call

Mayor Jonathan Godes called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Present at roll call: Charlie Willman, Tony Hershey, Jonathan Godes, Shelley Kaup, Paula Stepp, Steve Davis, and Ingrid Wussow.

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 Brian Smith; Parks and Recreation Director.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led in the pledge of allegiance.

5. Agenda Changes & Conflicts

Councilor Wussow recused herself from the Oasis Creek Rezoning item as she had served on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

No comments were made.

7. Council Comments

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Godes moved to approve three Transportation Commission subcommittees (Parking, Bicycle-Pedestrian, and Mass/Alternate Transit).

Ayes: Godes, Wussow, Kaup, Willman

Nays: Hershey, Davis, Stepp

Councilor Willman - Also noted the Transportation Commission did not expect staff or City Council liaisons to attend these meetings.

Councilor Stepp – Discussed parking for veterans.

Mayor Godes – Noted COVID-19 cases increasing and the importance of precautions.

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.

A. Amended Garfield County MOU for Traveler Services

- B. Ordinance 23, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado temporary amending sections 120.030.070(b) and 120.030.080(b) of the municipal code to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated public areas within the City of Glenwood Springs (SECOND READING)

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

9. State Opioid Settlement Presentation

Jarid Rollins, Project Director for Behavioral Health Clinician/ Community Opioid Treatment Strategy at MidValley Family Practice – Presented on this item. He discussed state and local trends. He made note of the opioid state settlement agreement.

10. DNR Project Presentation on the Fire Mitigation Efforts in South Canyon

Tara Tafi, Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (CO DRMS) – Presented on this item and discussed project objectives.

11. Audit Presentation

Paul Backes and Matt Miller, McMahan and Associates – Presented on this item. He discussed the auditing process and the city's audit. Recommendations going forward were discussed. Staff recommended acceptance of the audit presented.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Councilor Davis moved to approve the audit presentation.

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of 2021 Budget

Mayor Godes, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to approve the 2021 budget.

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

Nays: Hershey

Motion passed.

13. Planning Item 15-20 - Consideration of a request for a Preliminary Plat to amend the Oasis Creek Tract A Subdivision to allow for the construction of duplexes on lots previously platted for single-family homes

Councilor Wussow recused. Trent Hyatt, Senior Planner – Made note that no further public comment was received for this item.

Councilor Hershey, seconded by Councilor Willman moved to approve Planning Item 15-20 subject to conditions set forth in the staff report.

Motion passed 6-0.

14. Planning Item 44-20 Consideration of a request for a special use permit for a retail marijuana establishment in the M1 Mixed-Use Corridor District

Trent Hyatt, Senior Planner – Made note that no further public comment was received for this item.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to approve Planning Item 44-20 subject to staff revisions.

Ayes: Kaup, Davis, Stepp

Nays: Wussow, Hershey, Godes, Willman

Motion failed.

Councilor Wussow, seconded by Councilor Hershey moved to deny Planning Item 44-20 based on not meeting the comp plan to diverse economic development and for not supporting a small-town character.

Ayes: Willman, Wussow, Hershey

Nays: Kaup, Godes, Davis, Stepp

Motion failed.

Mayor Godes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaup moved to approve Planning Item 44-20 with staff findings and conditions as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ayes: Kaup, Godes, Davis, Stepp

Nays: Wussow, Willman, Hershey

Motion passed.

15. Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation on Proposed 106 Acre Park

Debra Figueroa, City Manager – Presented on this item. She made note of Aspen Valley Land Trust's involvement, and discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations of this area - including a multi-agency task force. Debra was given direction to discuss the task force with Garfield County.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

Laura Speck – Noted her support for cleanup of this area and this proposal.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Stepp – Noted she will continue as a liaison for the proposed taskforce.

16. Resolution 2020-36; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Adopting an Amended Development Review Fee Schedule

Jenn Ooton, Assistant City Manager – Gave background on this item and discussed the proposed fees.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

No comments were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved for the adoption of Resolution 2020-36; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Adopting an Amended Development Review Fee Schedule.

Motion passed unanimously.

17. Ordinance No 24, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Creating the Community Broadband Network Enterprise (FIRST READING)

Yvette Gustad, Finance Director – Gave background on this item. She discussed the need for an enterprise fund for 2020.

Mayor Godes opened the item for public comment.

No comments were made.

Mayor Godes closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaup, seconded by Mayor Godes moved to approve Ordinance No 24, Series of 2020; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Creating the Community Broadband Network Enterprise (FIRST READING)

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

Nays: Hershey

Motion passed.

18. Consideration of a Planning and Zoning Commission appointment to fill a vacant seat.

Gretchen Ricehill, Assistant Director for Economic and Community Development - Presented on this item. Staff recommended appointing Ben West to a regular seat to expire February 2022.

Councilor Wussow, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to approve the appointment of Ben West for the Planning and Zoning vacancy.

Motion passed unanimously.

19. South Bridge Update

Terri Partch, City Engineer – Presented this update. In the background she noted the origins of this project came about due to the Coal Seam fire in 2002. The project design was reviewed. She is instructed to find out the cost of constructing a tunnel. Furthermore, Councilor Davis believes that the City should only pay for half of the construction cost because the project will take place outside of City limits, on County property. Davis states that many of his constituents do not want the project completed and there will always be the ability to land and fuel helicopters at this airport. Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup agrees that the City should pursue the design to discover the details of the project. She stated that the potential cost of a tunnel would greatly reduce the ability of the City's road budget. She agrees that the County should pay their fair share.

Councilor Davis, seconded by Councilor Hershey moved not to exceed \$75,000 for a study to tell Council the cost of this project with or without the tunnel.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Wussow, seconded by Councilor Hershey moved to give City Manager Debra Figueroa direction to request from Garfield County that they match whatever the City is willing to put into the final project.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, seconded by Councilor Stepp moved to direct staff to pursue funding level of approximately \$17,000,000-\$20,000,000 from CDOT for the construction of the intersections of South Bridge the upgrades to County Road 154 and any other improvements along State Highway 82 that are associated with the project.

Motion passed unanimously

20. Face Covering Public Health Order

Mayor Godes stated that the only thing the City has different from the State is that the City has an indoor/outdoor mask covering order. It is expired and it is up to Council whether they would like to reinstitute the Downtown Face Mask Public Health Order. Councilor Davis said that he would prefer if the City followed Governor's lead. City Manager said there is no perfect solution for outdoor dining during the winter and it will just have to be treated like indoor dining. Councilor Willman is concerned about enforcement. He does not believe the City should pass rules if they do not plan on enforcing them. Attorney Hanlon clarified that without a City order, they County and State rules would take over. Councilor

Kaup said that she has received a lot of appreciation for the extra precaution the Council has taken. Mayor Godes believed that this is a pro-business issue with a lot of people putting on masks between their cars and restaurants and shops.

Mayor Godes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved to reinstitute the Downtown indoor/outdoor face covering public health order until such a time when the City can bring back an ordinance for formal adoption and consideration.

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

Nays: Davis

21. CARES Act Funding

City Manager Debra Figueroa broke down how the CARES Act Funding was being distributed. Debra suggested that the City distribute the final one third of the remaining funds into the community instead of splitting it with the City because the City's general fund is doing better than expected for 2020.

Councilor Willman, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved to approve Debra's recommendation to send out the attachment in the agenda item update October 31, 2020 to have staff focus the money on restaurants.

Motion passed unanimously.

22. Report from City Administration

A. City Manager

Debra Figueroa wanted to streamline the process of interviewing applicants for Boards and Commissions by planning to do open interviews during their meeting times. She wanted to know whether the liaisons wanted the Board or Commission to be present for the interview.

B. City Attorney

None

C. Correspondence Incoming/Outgoing

None

23. Adjournment

10:11