



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

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REGULAR SESSION

:03:20 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.

:03:47 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led the Pledge.

:04:05 Agenda Changes and Conflicts

None were offered.

:04:16 Citizens Appearing Before Council

Heather McGregor 63 Airport Road commented that development projections in the Environmental Assessment are not realistic and questioned the wisdom of the wall at Cardiff Glen. Asks City to postpone the noise wall until necessary.

Steve Smith 63 Airport Road said he's concerned about South Bridge becoming a de-facto bypass and believes curb and gutters are necessary. Would like Council to insist curb and gutter be installed in the neighborhood.

:11:16 Council Comments

Councilor Hershey said the corner of 10th and Cooper has had an increase in traffic going the wrong way.

:12:40 Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, to reinstall the temporary barrier and return it to the condition it was previously, and that staff bring back longer term options in the May 20th meeting.

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup wants to see the clean-up behind Walmart move forward and have the City consider holding trail easements if the property passes to a private owner. Asked that Council give direction to Debra to cooperate with the County and participate in a meeting. Councilor Stepp said the County's plan is to clean the property up and transfer it to Triumph Developers, at which point the City would consider supporting easements for trail development. County is also working with Mind Springs and ECOS to assist the homeless community in the area.

:25:14 Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, to have the City work cooperatively with the County to move this project forward, and investigate whether the City can approve trail easements, including participating in meetings. Seconded by Mayor Godes.

Motion passed 7-0.

Councilor Kaup asked that Council schedule a work session on traffic thresholds currently under consideration in the Cardiff area.

Councilor Stepp noted that Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance has Grizzly Creek and No Name opportunities to volunteer in May and June and people can register through Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers.

Mayor Godes said Johnson and Johnson is still a safe and effective vaccine and supports people getting it when they have the opportunity to help get the economy back more quickly.

Mentioned Colorado Association of Ski Towns (CAST) has a board seat open and asked him, wants to check in with Council to make sure it is supportive and it was.

:32:34 Consent Agenda

Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, to approve Consent Agenda.

Passed 7-0.

ACTIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

:32:59 Swearing in of Council members

The three recently elected Councilors; Godes, Kaup and Wussow were sworn in by City Clerk Ryan Muse who certified their oaths.

:39:00 Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

City Attorney Karl Hanlon outlined the process of electing a Mayor and a Mayor Pro-Tem, and opened the floor for nominations.

:40:30 Councilor Davis, seconded by Councilor Wussow, nominated Mayor Godes for Mayor. Nomination accepted by Mayor Godes. Councilor Hershey nominated Councilor Willman for Mayor. Nomination accepted by Councilor Willman. City Attorney Hanlon called to vote. Councilor Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup, Councilor Wussow, Councilor Stepp, and Mayor Godes voted for Mayor Godes. Councilor Willman withdrew his candidacy and added his vote to Councilor Godes.

Councilor Godes was voted Mayor 6-1.

:44:36 Mayor Godes opened the floor to nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilor Stepp nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup for Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Mayor Godes. Nomination accepted by Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup. Councilor Wussow nominated Councilor Willman for Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilor Hershey. Nomination accepted by Councilor Willman. There were no other nominations. Mayor Godes called to vote. Mayor Pro Tem- Kaup, Councilor Stepp, and Mayor Godes voted for Mayor Pro-Tem Kaup. Councilor Willman, Councilor Davis, Councilor Hershey, and Councilor Wussow voted for Councilor Willman.

Councilor Willman was elected Mayor Pro-Tem 4-3.

47:10 Councilor Stepp requested that Councilor appointments to Commissions and Boards be discussed next meeting.

:48:33 South Midland Update

Kathleen Wanatowicz told the Council that the project is going well and complimented the entire team including the residents. Mayor Godes stated he has not had a single complaint from a resident.

:55:45 Solar Campaign in Garfield County

Maisa Metcalf, Director of Consumer Engagement at CLEER updated Council on solar rebates available to residents.

1:05:35 South Bridge Design – Amendment #8

City Engineer Terri Partch explained that this amendment to the Jacobs Engineering contract results from 33 different designs over several years. This amendment covers utility coordination in the corridor, design and reconstruction of Airport Center Road.

1:35:41 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, to approve Amendment 8 with the condition that we remove the White Pathway as outlined in the staff report as well as work with the County for separate funding for the Four Mile Path.

Yayes: Wussow, Stepp, Hershey, Davis, Godes, Kaup

Nays: Willman

1:42:23 Devolution of the State Coronavirus

Assistant City Manager Jenn Ooton reported that we are moving toward more local guidance and education rather than enforcement. Four options were summarized from the staff report for Council to consider regarding local guidance when mask and distancing dial restrictions ease.

Mayor Godes turned it over to public comment.

Christian Henny stated that he would like there to be consistency throughout town and supported removing the outdoor mask mandate.

Mayor Godes brought it back for further Council discussion.

2:05:31 Councilor Stepp moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to follow Option 2 in the staff report, including an indoor facemask order and promoting social distancing, until May 20, the second Council meeting in May.

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

Nays: Hershey

Motion passed 6-1.

2:09:20 Resolution 2021-07 Water Rates

Public Works Director Matt Langhorst summarized the origination of the rate study two years ago and budgeting efforts since then.

2:26:10 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Davis, to approve the Option 2 outlined in the staff report, with the amendment that annual rate increases after the initial increase be considered and approved in the budget process.

Ayes: Willman, Davis, Godes, Kaup, Wussow

Nays: Stepp, Hershey

Motion passed 5-2.

2:50:45 Tourism Board Conversation

2:50:54 Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by Councilor Davis, to continue item #8, Tourism Board Conversation, until May 6th.

Motion passed unanimously.

2:51:14 Report from City Administration

Debra told Council that staff expects significant price increases in various materials needed for upcoming projects put out to bid. Debra has also put in a fireworks ban in the City until November 1, 2021.

2:53:47 Adjournment

2:53:50 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to adjourn.

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

Nays: Hershey

Motion passes 6-1