



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2021
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

:04 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Godes, Mayor Pro-Tem Willman, Councilor Kaup, Councilor Stepp, Councilor Hershey, Councilor Davis. Also present were Debra Figueroa, City Manager; Jenn Ooton, Asst. City Manager, Matt Langhorst, Director of Public Works, Brian Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation and Karl Hanlon, City Attorney.

:05 Councilor Hershey moved, seconded by councilor Kaup , to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a conference with the City Manager and City Attorney for the to discuss the City's purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real property; determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, and to receive legal advice in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a), (b) and (e). No Council member has a personal interest in the property, acquisition, or sale. We are talking about the boat ramp lease renewal in West Glenwood and pending or threatened litigation related to the Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport.

Motion passed unanimously.

Karl Hanlon, City Attorney, informed the audience that the Council will go off Zoom, no action will be taken during the Executive Session and Executive Session will adjourn and reconvene into the Regular Session at 6:15 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

:06 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Godes led the Pledge.

:07 Agenda Changes and Conflicts

No conflicts offered.

:07 Citizens Appearing Before Council

Janell Togno, Cooper Avenue, wanted to again discuss wildlife vehicle collisions on Highway 82. She stated she had a petition with two hundred and eighteen signature of Roaring Fork Valley citizens who agreed this required action. She is available to give a presentation if requested by Council.

Mayor Godes commented that Councilor Wussow joined the regular session.

Jennifer Vanion, Minter Avenue, wanted to discuss the RFP for South Canyon from the last regular meeting. She said the City had paid the Historical Society to produce a study and assessment of the historical value of South Canyon which should be completed this summer. The City should be patient and requested the Council wait for its completion before taking further action.

Breanna McCullum, Columbia Court, requested that the Council retract the motion for the South Canyon RFP and community input. She does not believe that most citizens agree with the sixty-day RFP and that the Parks and Recreation staff report should be followed by more community and stake holder input.

Jim Olp showed his support for Jennifer Vanion and Breanna McCullim.

:15 Council Comments

Mayor Godes stated that the comments regarding South Canyon are fair, and staff should be given until the end of the year with public outreach and publish an RFP. Councilor Stepp agreed that more time and more thought should go into the process with the incorporation of a citizens group.

:18 Mayor Godes moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp, to give staff enough time to complete the public process and an RFP will go out by the end of the year, and staff to determine if they need a group, if it is helpful or more work.

Ayes: Davis, Wussow, Godes, Kaup, Stepp

Nays: Hershey, Willman

Motion passed 5-2.

Councilor Hershey wanted to thank Alissa Owsley, Director of Information Systems, and the IT staff for everything they have done setting up the Zoom meetings during the last sixteen months and hoped to return to in-person meetings very soon.

Councilor Kaup commented about the tragic shooting in Arvada and requested a moment of silence to reflect on the lives lost including a Police Officer and a Good Samaritan. She also wanted to make special note of Glenwood Springs Police who protect, serve, and perform such a difficult job in the community every day.

Councilor Stepp received a telephone call from a citizen who said that the link for the poll did not work. Debra Figueroa replied that it was released to the community and asked Councilor Stepp to have the citizen contact her direct. Councilor Stepp wanted and received clarification that the wildlife corridors, raised in the public comments, were in fact on County property. She asked if Broadband was city wide. Debra Figueroa replied that Broadband is not city wide yet and she would get an update to Council. Councilor Stepp also wanted and received clarification if the property behind Wal-Mart had been cleaned, what was the next step for City and Council involvement and requested that it be a future agenda item.

Councilor Wussow commented that she is in Wyoming, and she has seen firsthand the employment issues that Montana and Wyoming are experiencing. She, like other Councilors, had received an email from the Colorado Water District asking the Council to consider permanent water restrictions, that stated the City should look at how water is managed in the community and a dialogue should happen about possible restrictions. Debra Figueroa replied that an extensive work session was planned to start looking into water management issues.

Mayor Godes addressed Councilor Hershey's comment regarding Zoom and looked forward to in-person meetings soon. He wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their excellent work in dealing with the mudslides and local water issues. He wanted staff to continue to make those hard leadership decisions concerning water management.

:31 Motion for Consent

:31 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

:32 Debris Flow Update and Response

Matt Langhorst, Director of Public Works, Leanne Miller, Design Engineer and Warren Hayes, Water Treatment and Wastewater Plant Superintendent, presented an update regarding the recent Grizzly Creek Fire Water event, the debris flow that followed and the impact on water quality. Councilor Stepp asked about the possibility of future events. Matt Langhorst replied that they had been focused on debris flow that would damage the intakes, but from this event they can see the problem was numerous smaller debris flows, however similar events will happen due the scar burn and lack of vegetation. There still is a lot of debris on the slope above the creek and this could continue for years. Councilor Kaup asked about and what could be done to protect against future events. Langhorst replied that depending

on where the rain falls, inlets could be closed off, and emergency restrictions could be imposed to allow for only essential domestic water use. He wanted to thank Parks and Recreation and the Streets Department for all their help in getting water shut down throughout the city. Mayor Godes commented that Parks and Recreation could place a future budget item for automating their sprinkler system.

1:01 | Landfill and Recycle Center Hours of Operation Updates and Employee Request.

Matt Langhorst, Director of Public Works, and Liz Mauro, South Canyon Landfill Manager, presented a modification to the Landfill and Recycle Center hours to 8:00 am to 4:15 pm Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, and requested a new full-time employee to reduce the 59 hours of overtime currently worked at the City Landfill and Recycle Center. Councilor Stepp asked if 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays had been considered. Liz Mauro replied that it been considered but operators overwhelmingly preferred the 9:00 am to 1:00 pm period. Councilor Kaup asked if the overtime was built in as part of normal operations and if operational costs would allow for a new employee. Mauro said it is not normal. Langhorst replied that the amount of overtime is not sustainable and that there is enough to fund a new employee while maintaining a balance between operation and maintenance costs and capital projects.

1:16 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

1:16 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

1:16 Councilor Davis moved, seconded by Councilor Wussow, to accept staff's recommendation recommending the approval of the proposed landfill and recycle center hours of operation changes and the addition of the new FTE to the landfill in 2021, for reasons noted within the staff report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Willman stated his concern for commercial haulers and the public. He commented that previously the recycle center in the city was only opened three days a week and asked if it needed to be opened for four days a week, instead he recommended taking it back to three days and opening it longer on Saturday.

Councilor Stepp affirmed Mayor Pro-Tem Willman's comments and requested that Councilor Davis adjust the Motion to 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday. Councilor Davis replied that he is confident staff has looked at the time issue extensively and does not modify the Motion.

Councilor Kaup commented that if people miss the closing time, they still have the option to go to the Garfield County Landfill as they are open until 4:00 pm.

Councilor Wussow commented that she trusts the staff and if they receive feedback that the new time does not work it can be adjusted and calls for the vote.

Ayes: Godes, Hershey, Wussow, Davis, Kaup

Nays: Willman, Stepp

Motion Passed 5-2.

1:25 RFP 2021-16P Blake Ave Asphalt Award

Matt Langhorst, Director of Public Works presented on the status of Blake Avenue. The waterlines have been replaced, concrete has been poured and there have been upgraded power lines, new storm sewer and inlets need to be installed. Other Blake Avenue projects between 23rd and 26th street are currently on hold and may not start until 2022 due to budget and utility requirements.

1:33 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, to approve the award for RFP 2021-16P to United Companies in the amount of \$67,541.45.

Mayor Pro-Tem Willman thanked Jake Velasquez for the good work and minimal disruption during this project.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:34 Ordinance 07, Series of 2021 - Changes to Title 070.045.120
Affordable and Workforce Housing

Hannah Klausman, Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development, presented. Changes to Title 070.045.120 are amending the geographic employment requirements for the voluntary program, amending primary occupant qualifications for the voluntary program to clarify disability benefits criteria, and amending the inclusionary zoning standards to add an exemption for nationally registered Historic Buildings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Willman asked if the Council need to make findings in the proposal. Karl Hanlon, City Attorney, replied that this is an extension of previous work, so it is fine.

1:38 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

1:39 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

1:39 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Hershey, to approve Ordinance 07, Series of 2021 amending a portion of Title 070.045.120 related to Affordable and Workforce Housing.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:40 Resolution 2021-14 Community Housing Guidelines

Hannah Klausman, Economic and Community Development presented Resolution 2021-14. Add language to the Housing Guideline Document that amends the voluntary program to match the geographic employment requirements of the inclusionary zoning.

Councilor Kaup asked if buildings on the Historic Buildings Register have a requirement to not be included in the inclusionary zoning, or is it a State requirement or just the difficulty in upgrading those buildings. Klausman replied that it is not part of those requirements but there are many hoops to jump

through when registered historic buildings are remodeled as they are held to quite a few standards, but this change does not affect many buildings in the city.

1:44 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

1:44 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

1:44 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp, that Council adopts Resolution 2021-14 adoption of the Housing Guidelines for Inclusionary Zoning.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:45 Recess

1:56 RAISE Grant

Terri Partch, City Engineer, presented. Matching funds of \$1,404,736.88 are required for this Federal grant to support the 6th Street reconstruction and the 8th Street widening projects. The construction estimate of the projects is \$5,393,105.78 and the city's matching funds would be twenty-six percent of the project total. Glenwood Springs was invited by CDOT to participate in the RAISE Grant and together with the City of Grand Junction and the City of Rifle, will form a collaboration of Western Slope communities to compete for the grant at a national level. Debra Figueroa commented that the city had put away 1.7 million dollars for the 6th Street project and have also applied for 1.2 million dollars from CDOT. The best outcome is to get the CDOT grant which would take the place of 1.2 million dollars of the matching amount, so the city would end up putting in \$300,000 for both projects.

2:03 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

2:03 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

2:03 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Stepp, to authorize staff to apply for the RAISE Grant and commit a matching fund of around 1.4 million dollars as set out in the staff memo for matching funds for the RAISE Grant.

Councilor Kaup requested further clarification of the figures.

Debra Figueroa explained that it was packaged together because it was a regional grant, and the city is using the money for 6th Street as the match for 8th Street and that CDOT was aware and suggested leveraging the money given to communities with federal dollars.

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

Nays; Hershey

Motion passed 6-1

2:06 Silver Sage Revised Proposal

Brian Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Mike Maple, Glenwood Land Company, presented. Park and Recreation, together with Glenwood Land Company, had previously proposed the Silver Sage easement, which has passed through the Parks and Recreation Commission, to develop new trails and

moving some social trails, in order to access airport property. The agreement is almost complete except for a few tweaks, and the motion from the commission was in support of pursuing the acquisition to the property and conservation easement on a condition to have access or a trail easement access to Airport Road. Councilor Kaup asked for clarification of the proposed access shown on the map. Smith replied that the routes on the map show the improved trail connections and that there is an existing easement to the north. Mayor Pro-Tem Willman asked about the fee title in the proposal. Karl Hanlon and replied that it is a trail easement, so a fee title was not on the table. Smith replied that the maintenance costs are minimal as no improvements are planned, so costs would be a couple thousand dollars a year. He also stated that Roaring Fork Belter Volunteers were unable to pursue a Conservation Trust grant which the city would have to grant match with conservation funds. They are expected to assist with trail development, but funding may take another year. Councilor Stepp asked if Council would be approving an annexation of the acreage. Smith replied that he would defer to Council but recommended the annexation of the eighteen acres in unincorporated Garfield County and Karl Hanlon clarified that the annexation should be included in the motion direction should those procedures move forward.

Mike Maple commented that Glenwood Land Company owns thirty-two acres of the land, with vested rights for thirty-eight duplex units, together with an adjacent eighteen acres of land and, are proposing the city takes a conservation easement on all fifty acres. He explained that the proposed trails are existing trails that have been in use on the land for decades and are already a well-used community asset.

Councilor Stepp asked if the City would be applying for a conservation easement and who would be responsible for the cost. Karl Hanlon replied that Glenwood Land Company would be performing all the work and the City would be the accepting entity, which the City had done on previous occasions.

2:20 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

2:20 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

2:20 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Mayor Godes, that Council accepts the staff recommendation and accept the easement subject to the condition of getting the access to Airport Road.

Motion passed unanimously.

2:21 Park and Recreation Department Changes

Brian Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented on the effects of the pandemic on the Parks and Recreation Department. One hundred and eighteen staff were laid off at the start of the lockdown and to date only thirteen staff had come back to work. To get back to pre-pandemic levels there are thirty positions which need to be filled with a total of one hundred and eighty available slots within those positions. He pointed out that all departments have had difficulty filling vacancies, and this is a nationwide problem. He laid out the causes for the shortage in staffing and stated that the Community Center and Parks and Recreation are affected the worse then suggested strategies with budget proposals to address the issues.

Councilor Stepp asked if they need to propose this action for each department and whether citizens still have COVID caution. Debra Figueroa answered that Parks and Recreation are the worst affected but

other departments may ask for full-time positions instead of part-time ones in the future. Smith answered that trends are strong that citizens are ready to come back to the Community Center. Councilor Kaup stated that she supported the full-time positions and can the requested stimulus be used for this type of request. Debra Figueroa answered that it was expected that from the stimulus the City would receive around one million dollars but around two hundred thousand extra was received and that it can be used for this request.

3:01 Mayor Godes opened for public comment.

3:01 Mayor Godes closed for public comment.

3:01 Mayor Pro-Tem Willman moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, that Council adopts the staff recommendations and strategies made by the Parks and Recreation Department and to let them go forward.

Councilor Hershey commented that this he understands the issues, but departments should live within their budgets.

Councilor Kaup commented that City events downtown are valuable to the community and should be geared towards residents and locals and not for visitors. She also stated that the residents showed their appreciation for events by volunteering and community volunteers should be incorporated into events. Smith replied that he received positive feedback and they are always happy to have volunteers from the community.

Mayor Godes stated that the Community Center and the City Parks, which are multi-million-dollar assets, need to be maintained, remain open to the public, and get the investment from the City to do so.

Mayor Pro-Tem Willman wanted clarification whether this will be revenue neutral for this year. Smith replied there is no impact to the general fund for the rest of this year or through 2022.

Councilor Wussow stated her support for the Parks and Recreation Department, the benefits and the sense of community it brings, and that the department should be funded comparably to the Electric and Water Departments. She agreed that events should be targeted for the residents.

3:09 Motion passed unanimously.

3:10 Report from City Administration

A. City Manager

City Manager Debra Figueroa stated the contractor for the council chamber renovation cannot get some of the equipment parts and so the completion of full technology will be delayed.

Jennifer Ooten, Director of Economic and Community Development, stated that for July 29th the Council will meet in person but there will not be a Zoom hybrid option only the telephone. The noticing for the public will indicate that the meeting is in person only and she will check to see if it is possible to use YouTube.

Karl Hanlon stated that it will be taped so Mayor Pro-Tem Willman can view the meeting.

Mayor Godes asked if the July 15th meeting could be held at the Community Center. Figueroa stated that the meeting could be held there, if available, but is not sure that the Zoom technology can be used. Mayor Pro-Tem Willman stated that the Council Chamber would be best as the recording technology is already in place.

Debra Figueroa commented that the city did not get the BRICK grant, but they will keep trying.

B. City Attorney

Karl Hanlon commented that in the RMI v State case, there was success across the board and a more detailed analysis will be sent out to Council.

C. Correspondence Incoming/Outgoing

3:18 Adjournment

3:18 Councilor Wussow moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.