



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2023
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

Item 4. :02 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Wussow, Councilor Godes, Councilor Zalinski, Councilor Weimer, Councilor Schachter. Also present were; Steve Boyd, City Manager; Joseph Deras, Chief of Police; Yvette Gustad, Finance Director; Ryan Muse, City Clerk; Hannah Klausman, Director of Economic and Community Development; Matt Langhorst, Public Works Director; Karl Hanlon, City Attorney; and Sara Weigel, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Item 5. :02 Agenda Changes and Conflicts

Mayor Wussow asked to remove Item 18. Update on Case Number: 23CV030160 to honor the Judge's Gag Order.

Item 6. :03 Council Announcements

Comments were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes.

Comments were made by Councilor Schachter.

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow.

Item 7. :05 Citizens Appearing Before Council (for items not on the agenda-comments limited to 3 minutes)

Citizen comments were made.

Item 8. :13 Consent Agenda

:13 Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm moved, seconded by Councilor Zalinski, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9. :14 Childcare Facility Being Considered in the Glenwood Springs Mall

Annette Franta, CFO of Mountain Family Health Centers, Jeff Peterson, Owner of Iron Mountain Engineering, Jennifer Knott, Executive Director of Access Early Education Foundation, Kelly Esch, Executive Director of Early Childhood Network presented.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes, Executive Director of Access Early Education Foundation Jennifer Knott, Owner of Iron Mountain Engineering Jeff Peterson, Mayor Wussow, City Manager Steve Boyd, Councilor Kaup, Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Weimer, CFO of Mountain Family Health Centers Annette Franta, Executive Director of Early Childhood Network Kelly Esch, and Councilor Zalinski.

:58 Councilor Godes moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to do the fee waivers up to \$40,000.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes and Mayor Wussow.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:03 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm, based on the need in Glenwood Springs and the recommendation by the City Manager, to approve the support of the project in the amount of \$150,000 with the agreements that have been discussed.

Comments were made by Councilor Zalinski, Executive Director Access Early Education Foundation Jennifer Knott, Councilor Schachter.

1:06 Councilor Kaup amended motion to include future negotiation at which time the facility expands.

City Attorney Karl Hanlon clarified that it would be a minimum of 25%, then negotiate from there, either on this round or future rounds.

1:07 Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm amended second.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes and Councilor Kaup.

Ayes: Schachter, Kaup, Weimer, Dehm, Wussow, Zalinski

Nays: Godes

Motions passes 6-1

Item 10. 1:09 Presentation from Educational Pathway Innovation Center (EPIC)

Michael Lowe, Executive Director of COVENTURE presented.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes, Mayor Wussow, Executive Director of COVENTURE Michael Lowe, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Zalinski, and Councilor Weimer.

1:28 Councilor Weimer moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm, to contribute \$15,000 from a combination of the Marijuana and the Tobacco Fund to the EPIC program.

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow, Executive Director of COVENTURE Michael Lowe, and City Manager Steve Boyd.

Comments were made by Councilor Zalinski, City Manager Steve Boyd, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm.

1:30 Councilor Weimer amended his motion, Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm amended his second, to approve a contribution in the amount of \$15,000, one time to EPIC.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes, Executive Director of COVENTURE Michael Lowe, Councilor Schachter, and Mayor Wussow.

Motion passed unanimously.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes.

Item 11. 1:34 Update on Ordinance 2023-06; Extension of Marijuana Hours from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Karl Hanlon, City Attorney and Ryan Muse, City Clerk presented.

Comments were made by City Attorney Karl Hanlon and Mayor Wussow.

Item 12. 1:38 Ordinance 2023-20; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 (One Reading)

Steve Boyd, City Manager presented.

1:38 Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to approve Ordinance 2023-20; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 (One Reading)

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 13. 1:39 Ordinance 2023-21; Amend the 2023 Budget Appropriation (One Reading)

Steve Boyd, City Manager presented.

1:39 Councilor Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Zalinski, to approve Ordinance 2023-21; Amend the 2023 Budget Appropriation (One Reading)

1:40 Mayor Wussow opened item 12. Ordinance 2023-20; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 (One Reading) for Public Comment.

1:40 Mayor Wussow closed item 12. Ordinance 2023-20; An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glenwood Springs Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2024 (One Reading) for Public Comment.

1:40 Mayor Wussow opened item 13. Ordinance 2023-21; Amend the 2023 Budget Appropriation (One Reading) for Public Comment.

1:40 Mayor Wussow closed item 13. Ordinance 2023-21; Amend the 2023 Budget Appropriation (One Reading) for Public Comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

1:41 Council took a short recess prior to Item 14. Storm Water Fees.

Item 14. 1:48 Storm Water Fees

Ryan Gordon, City Engineer and Ashley Dostal, Assistant City Engineer presented.

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow, City Engineer Ryan Gordon, City Attorney Karl Hanlon, Councilor Kaup, Assistant City Engineer Ashley Dostal, Councilor Weimer, and Councilor Schachter.

Item 15. 2:07 Ordinance 2023-22; An Ordinance Amending Article 100.060 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code

Ryan Muse, City Clerk presented.

Comments were made by Councilor Kaup.

2:09 Mayor Wussow opened the item for public comment.

Public Comment was made.

2:10 Mayor Wussow closed the item for public comment.

2:10 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Councilor Godes, to approve Ordinance 2023-22; An Ordinance Amending Article 100.060 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes and City Attorney Karl Hanlon.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 16. 2:12 Digital Accessibility Plan Update

Bryana Starbuck, Public Information Officer and Aaron Cobas, Virtual City Hall Intern presented.

Comments were made by Councilor Schachter, City Manager Steve Boyd, and Mayor Wussow.

2:23 Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm moved, seconded by Councilor Zalinski, to adopt the Digital Accessibility Plan for the City of Glenwood Springs, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item 17. 2:24 Acquisition of a Property on South Grand Avenue and a Property on Blake Avenue

Steve Boyd, City Manager and Wendell Smith, Broker with HomeSmart Realty Partners presented.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes, Broker Wendell Smith, Councilor Kaup, Council Weimer, Councilor Zalinski, Mayor Wussow, City Attorney Karl Hanlon, Councilor Schachter, and Councilor Dehm.

2:51 Councilor Godes moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm, to not pursue purchase or due diligence but to pursue a partnership opportunity with a potential future buyer.

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow and Councilor Schachter.

Ayes: Zalinski, Godes, Dehm

Nays: Wussow, Weimer, Kaup, Schachter

Motions fails 4-3

Comments were made by Councilor Zalinski and Councilor Kaup.

2:58 Councilor Schachter moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to ask staff, in conjunction with the 2-C Commission, to explore the due diligence for inquiring this trailer park including infrastructure, liabilities, financing, partnerships, and come back to Council with a recommendation to either make an offer at a reasonable amount or say they can't find a pathway for it and to do it in a timely fashion to meet whatever obligations we can.

Comments were made by City Manager Steve Boyd, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Zalinski, Mayor Wussow, and Councilor Godes.

Ayes: Zalinski, Wussow, Dehm, Weimer, Kaup, Schachter

Nays: Godes

Motions passes 6-1

3:03 Councilor Schachter and Mayor Wussow presented Smith Property.

3:08 Councilor Kaup moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm, to direct staff, our City Attorney, and Councilor Schachter to continue to have discussions and negotiations with the Smith Family regarding the property on Blake Avenue and future opportunities.

Comments were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm and Mayor Wussow.

Ayes: Zalinski, Wussow, Dehm, Weimer, Kaup, Schachter

Nays: Godes

Motions passes 6-1

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow and Councilor Schachter.

Item 18. 3:11 Update on Case Number: 23CV030160 involving the August 10th Executive Session, the Open Records Act, and the Open Meetings Law

Mayor Wussow reminded everyone that Item 18. Update on Case Number: 23CV030160 was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

Item 19. 3:11 Council Comments

Comments were made by Councilor Schachter.

Comments were made by Councilor Kaup and Councilor Godes.

Comments were made by Councilor Godes.

Comments were made by Councilor Zalinski.

Comments were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm.

Comments were made by Councilor Schachter and Mayor Wussow.

Comments were made by Mayor Wussow and Councilor Godes.

Item 20. 3:27 Report from City Administration

Comments were made by City Manager Steve Boyd.

Comments were made by City Attorney Karl Hanlon and Matt Langhorst.

Item 21. 3:32 Social Event

Comments were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm.

Item 22. 3:32 Adjournment

3:32 Mayor Pro-Tem Dehm moved, seconded by Councilor Kaup, to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.