



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2026
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

Item 1. 4:10 Roll Call

Present: Councilor Smith, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Weimer, Mayor Dehm, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Councilor Schmahl, and Councilor Townsley.

Staff Present: Also present were City Manager Steve Boyd, City Clerk Ryan Muse, City Attorney Karl Hanlon, Deputy Chief of Police John Hassel, Public Information Officer Bryana Starbuck, Human Resources and Finance Director Yvette Gustad, Director of Economic and Community Development Trent Hyatt, Director of Operations Tim Bergman, Economic Development Specialist Jacob Zook, Transportation Engineer Lee Barger, City Engineer Ryan Gordon, Parks and Recreation Director Rod Tarullo, and Public Works Director Matt Langhorst.

Item 2. 4:28 Agenda Changes

There were none.

Item 3. 4:34 Disclosure of Any Councilor Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Item 4. 4:41 Citizens Appearing Before Council and Council Response (for items not on the agenda - comments limited to 3 minutes)

Glenwood Springs residents Laurie Chase, Doug Burns, and David Howder made comments about North Landing.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Parks and Recreation Director Rod Tarullo, Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Townsley, Councilor Smith, Mayor Dehm, and City Engineer Ryan Gordon responded.

Item 5. 20:15 Council Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made announcements about the January 22 Airport Meeting and the State of the City event on January 31.

Councilor Smith gave updates from the January Historic Preservation Commission, Transportation Commission, Workforce Housing Fund Advisory Board, and RFTA Board meetings. He gave a Garfield County Clean Energy Grants update and announced the Colorado Mountain College Civics Initiative

launch on Monday January 19th. Councilor Smith also announced the Glenwood Springs landfill was recognized for their yard waste diversion program and the upcoming city employee holiday event will be zero waste.

Councilor Schachter made announcements regarding housing.

Item 6. 29:42 Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Councilor Weimer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Item 7. 30:56 Funding Request for Colorado Animal Rescue

Wes Boyd of Colorado Animal Rescue presented on the item.

Councilor Schachter, Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Townsley, Councilor Smith, and Mayor Dehm asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

58:23 Councilor Townsley, seconded by Councilor Schachter, moved to fulfill the request for \$7,500 for Colorado Animal Rescue and move this to a line item in the budget and also to increase our funding up to \$15,000 if Carbondale will match it.

Councilor Schachter, Councilor Townsley, Councilor Schmahl, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, and Councilor Weimer made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski proposed an amendment to the motion to fund \$10,000 one time from the manager's discretionary fund removing the additional stipulations. Councilor Townsley agreed to the amendment. Councilor Schachter seconded the amendment.

Councilor Schachter, Councilor Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, and Mayor Dehm made comments.

1:12:16 The motion passed 4:3 with Councilor Weimer, Councilor Schmahl, and Councilor Smith voting against.

Item 8. 1:12:39 Healthy Beverage Presentation

City Manager Steve Boyd opened the item. Christine Dolan, Nutrition Programs Manager for Garfield County Public Health presented on the item.

Councilor Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Councilor Townsley, and Councilor Weimer asked questions and made comments.

Item 9. 1:38:51 Amendment to Glenwood Downtowner Professional Services Agreement

Transportation Engineer Lee Barger presented on the item.

Mayor Dehm, Councilor Townsley, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Weimer, and Councilor Smith asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

2:19:29 Councilor Schachter moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, to approve the amendment to the Glenwood Downtowner Professional Services Agreement to include the additional pricing as stated in the staff report.

Councilor Townsley asked a question.

2:21:34 The motion passed 5:2 with Councilor Schmahl and Councilor Smith voting against.

Item 10. 2:34:41 Ordinance 2026-01; Building Permit Inspection Fees

Item 11. 2:34:41 Ordinance 2026-02; Wood-Fired Pizza Ovens

Director of Economic and Community Development Trent Hyatt presented on both Item 10 and Item 11.

Councilor Schachter, Councilor Smith, Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Townsley, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, and Councilor Weimer asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

Paul Goodman, Glenwood Springs resident, made a comment about wood fired pizza ovens.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

2:58:59 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve Ordinance 2026-01: Building Permit Inspection Fees with the suggested fee amendments to be included in the packet before second reading.

Councilor Townsley and Councilor Schmahl made comments.

3:02:30 The motion passed 6:1 with Councilor Townsley voting against.

Councilor Schachter made a comment.

3:03:45 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Townsley, to approve Ordinance 2026-02: Wood Fired Pizza Ovens for commercial use.

Councilor Smith made a comment.

3:05:30 The motion passed 6:1 with Councilor Smith voting against.

Item 12. 3:06:53 Project Update

City Engineer Ryan Gordon presented the item.

Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Smith, Councilor Townsley, and Mayor Dehm asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

Item 13. 3:37:10 Water Supply Staff Update

Public Works Director Matt Langhorst presented on the item.

Mayor Dehm, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Smith, and Councilor Schmahl asked questions and made comments.

Item 14. 3:59:39 Council Comments

Councilor Smith made comments about building code requirements, South Bridge, construction at midtown, and emergency evacuation plan readiness.

Councilor Schmahl made a comment about the air quality monitoring.

Item 15. 4:03:43 Report from City Administration

There was none.

Item 16. 4:04:20 Social Event Announcement

There will be no social event after tonight's meeting.

Item 17. 4:05:05 Adjournment

Councilor Schachter moved to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.