



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2026
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

Item 1. 6:55 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 Hassell, Chief of Public Safety Joseph Deras, Finance Director Yvette Gustad, Director of Economic and Community Development Trent Hyatt, Director of Operations Tim Bergman, City Engineer Ryan Gordon, Senior Planner Emery Ellingson, and Long Range Principal Planner Jim Hardcastle

Item 2. 7:08 Agenda Changes

There were none.

Item 3. 8:11 Disclosure of Any Councilor Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Item 4. 8:19 Citizens Appearing Before Council and Council Response (for items not on the agenda - comments limited to 3 minutes)

There were none.

Item 5. 8:33 Council Announcements

Councilor Townsley made announcements about landfill vouchers, earth month tree giveaway and springtime river cleanup.

Councilor Weimer made an announcement about the Coach Miller Drive construction community information session.

Councilor Smith made announcements regarding the Transportation Commission and the Downtown Development Association downtown parking discussion, as well as Transportation Commission discussion of electric bicycles and scooters on our trails. He also reported on the RFTA regional meeting, the State of the River meeting, and announced the following upcoming events: Colorado Communities

for Climate Action Board meeting, the Garfield Clean Energy solar workshop and city manager roundtable, CMC Sustainability workshop and civics workshop. Finally, Councilor Smith noted that during construction on highway 6 & 24 cyclists and pedestrians should take other routes.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made an announcement about the outcome of the Tourism Management Board focus groups.

Item 6. 19:30 Consent Agenda

***19:43 Councilor Schachter moved to approve the consent agenda as written.
Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski seconded the motion.***

20:08 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. 20:18 Discussion of Employee Housing Possibility at the Residences on Grand

City Manager Steve Boyd and Finance Director Yvette Gustad presented on the item.

Councilor Schachter, Councilor Smith, and Mayor Dehm asked questions.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

27:21 Councilor Schachter moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, to support the agreement presented for one year with 90-day cancellation for the residences.

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

31:26 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 8. 31:34 Authority to Sign Formal Withdrawal from Special Problem Enforcement and Response (SPEAR)

Chief of Public Safety Joseph Deras presented on the item.

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

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

1:11:04 Councilor Smith moved, seconded by Councilor Schachter, that City Council authorize appropriate city staff to sign formal withdrawal from the Special Problem Enforcement and Response Task Force also known as SPEAR.

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

1:43:50 The motion passed 6:1 with Councilor Schmahl voting against.

Item 9. 1:44:24 Ordinance 2026-08; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding the Regulation and Permitting of Exterior Lighting and Signage, Planning File CDA000027-2026

Senior Planner Emery Ellingson presented on the item.

Councilor Schmahl, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Councilor Smith, and Councilor Townsley asked questions.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

2:08:09 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Smith, to approve Ordinance 2026-08; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending our Municipal Code Regarding the Regulation and Permitting of Exterior Lighting and Signage based on the staff report and the recommendation from planning and zoning and the findings.

Councilor Smith made a comment.

2:10:38 The motion passed unanimously

Item 10. 2:10:44 Ordinance 2026-07; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Rezoning Seven Parcels Totaling 20.84 Acres from Glenwood Springs Mall Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Corridor (M1) District

2:11:33 Councilor Weimer moved, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve Ordinance 2026-07; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Rezoning Seven Parcels Totaling 20.84 Acres from Glenwood Springs Mall Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed-Use Corridor (M1) District.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

2:12:16 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 11. 2:12:34 Ordinance 2026-09; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding the Regulation and Permitting of Landscaping Screening and Fencing, Planning File CDA000026-2026

Long Range Principal Planner Jim Hardcastle presented on the item.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

2:27:35 Councilor Townsley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, to approve Ordinance 2026-09; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding the Regulation and Permitting of Landscaping Screening and Fencing, Planning File CDA000026-2026 based on the findings.

Councilor Smith made a comment.

2:28:38 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 12. 2:35:48 Right-of-way (ROW) and Grading Permit Code Changes

City Engineer Ryan Gordon presented on the item.

Councilor Schmahl, Councilor Townsley, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, Mayor Dehm, and Councilor Schachter asked questions

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

Mayor Dehm closed the public portion.

Councilor Weimer made a comment and asked a question.

3:08:42 Councilor Weimer moved to send City Engineer Gordon back to his drawing board to continue this to another discussion at another time.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski asked a question.

3:09:31 Councilor Weimer, seconded by Councilor Schmahl, amended his motion to approve the recommendations as presented as they relate to right of way fees etc.

Councilor Townsley and Mayor Dehm made comments.

3:13:53 The motion passed 5:2 with Councilor Townsley and Councilor Schmahl voting against.

3:14:56 Councilor Weimer, seconded by Councilor Schmahl, moved to continue to a later date with City Engineer Gordon's recommendations as they relate to grading fees, square footages, and needs for permits.

3:15:43 The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Schmahl made a comment.

Item 13. 3:17:44 Ordinance 2026-10; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, amending the 2026 appropriation ordinance to reflect carryovers from the 2025 budget, reallocation of funds, and expenditures approved after submission of the 2026 budget.

Finance Director Yvette Gustad opened the item.

3:18:23 Councilor Weimer move, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski to approve Ordinance 2026-10; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, amending the 2026 appropriation ordinance to reflect carryovers from the 2025 budget, reallocation of funds, and expenditures approved after submission of the 2026 budget as presented.

3:18:53 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 14. 3:19:01 Council Comments

Councilor Townsley made a comment about trash pickup vouchers.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made a comment about trash pickup vouchers.

City Manager Steve Boyd responded.

Councilor Schmahl asked a question about unopened restaurants.

Director of Economic and Community Development Trent Hyatt and City Clerk Ryan Muse responded.

Councilor Schmahl made a comment about Community Broadband.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made a comment about the Three Mile landscaping project.

Councilor Smith made comments about vending machines in the community center, lawn watering restrictions, and the SPEAR discussion earlier tonight.

Councilor Schachter made comments about the new bathroom on North Landing, new fencing on the river trail, and the success of the Latino business enterprising forum.

Mayor Dehm made a comment about Strawberry Days alcohol service by councilors

Item 15. 3:31:13 Report from City Administration

City Manager Steve Boyd reported on Three Mile landscaping, irrigation, fencing and other improvements. He also reported on grants, Colorado City and County Managers Association (CCCMA) attendee's positive comments about the city, thanks to council for supporting city staff, the next council meeting is in two weeks on May 7th, Administrative Assistant Sara Weigel is out next week, and FMLD awarded us \$250,000 for the 19th street project.

City Attorney Karl Hanlon reported on the CCCMA attendee's positive comments about the city.

Item 16. 3:35:37 Social Event Announcement

Tonight's social event will take place at El Tapatio following the Council meeting.

Item 17. 3:35:40 Adjournment

3:35:44 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved to adjourn. Councilor Schachter seconded.

3:35:58 The motion passed 6:1 with Councilor Weimer voting against.