



MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2026
6:15 PM

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REGULAR SESSION

Item 1. 9:18 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, Chief of Public Safety Joseph Deras, Deputy Chief of Police John Hassell, Finance Director Yvette Gustad, City Engineer Ryan Gordon, Public Works Director Matt Langhorst, Fire Marshall Robin Pitt, Housing Development Manager/Planner Watkins Fulk-Gray, and Public Information Officer Bryana Starbuck.

Item 2. 9:35 Disclosure of Any Councilor Conflicts of Interest

There were none.

Item 3. 10:08 Agenda Changes

Consent Agenda Item E: Resolution 2026-12; Adoption of the 2026 Procurement and Contracts Handbook will be moved to July 2nd

Consent Agenda Item F: Resolution 2026-13; Remote Participation Addition to the Council Handbook will be taken off the consent agenda and added to the regular agenda as Item 6b.

11:14 Councilor Townsley moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, to move Consent Agenda Item B off the consent agenda and on to the regular agenda.

11:40 The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item B: Grant Proposal for Work Force Housing Impact Report will be taken off the consent agenda and added to the regular agenda as Item 6c.

Item 4. 11:57 Citizens Appearing Before Council and Council Response (for items not on the agenda - comments limited to 3 minutes)

City resident Judy Haynes made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

City resident Larry Emery made comments about Glenwood Springs Gun Range closure.

Valley resident Anthony Ramirez made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

City resident Ashley Stahl made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

Valley resident Tracy Zabel made comments about the Axon contract.

Valley resident Ellen Freedman made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

Valley resident Auden Schindler made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

Valley resident Fran Orosz made comments about the Paradise Creek Fire emergency response, and bike path and road widths.

City resident Laurie Chase made comments about water service to 50235 Highway 6 and 24.

Valley resident Julie Bomersback made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

City resident Jon Banks made comments about the Charter Amendment.

City resident Dave Minter made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

Valley resident Debbie Bruell made comments about the Axon contract and the Midland Avenue detention center.

City resident Zodie Woolsey made comments about the Axon contract.

City resident Laurie Raymond made comments about the Midland Avenue detention center.

City Manager Steve Boyd responded regarding the Midland Avenue detention center.

Councilor Smith responded thanking residents for coming to make comments.

Mayor Dehm asked a question regarding the gun range.

City Manager Steve Boyd responded.

Item 5. 59:25 Council Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski thanked city staff who participated in the cleanup along I70 corridor. She also announced upcoming opportunities to chat with City Council at Strawberry Days.

Councilor Smith made announcements about Strawberry Days including available transportation options and Bike There Day.

Mayor Dehm made an announcement about the reconstructed Hanging Lake trail.

Item 6. 1:05:04 Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Councilor Townsley seconded the motion.

1:06:40 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6c. 1:06:49 Consent Agenda Item B: Grant Proposal for Work Force Housing Impact Report

Housing Development Manager/Planner Watkins Fulk-Gray opened the item.

Councilor Townsley, Councilor Schmah, Councilor Schachter, Councilor Weimer, and Mayor Dehm asked questions and made comments.

1:13:36 Councilor Smith moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski, to approve Consent Agenda Item B. Grant Proposal for Work Force Housing Impact Report.

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

1:22:00 The motion passed 6:1 with Councilor Townsley voting against.

Item 6b. 1:22:17 Consent Agenda Item F: Resolution 2026-13; Remote Participation Addition to the Council Handbook

City Attorney Karl Hanlon opened the item.

1:23:16 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Townsley, to approve Consent Agenda Item F. Resolution 2026-13; Remote Participation Addition to the Council Handbook with revisions made by legal.

1:23:42 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. 1:23:53 Update on the Paradise Creek Fire

Chief of Public Safety Joseph Deras presented on the item.

Mayor Dehm, Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski and Councilor Schmahl asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

City resident Laurie Chase and City resident Kevin Brady made comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski and Councilor Schachter made comments.

Item 8. 2:02:28 Update from the Glenwood Springs Botanical Garden

Glenwood Springs Riverside Botanical Garden Director Laura Speck, Carolyn Meadowcroft, and Carolyn Cipperly presented on the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski and Councilor Schachter asked questions.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

Downtown Development Authority Director Jillian Sutherland, DDA Chairman Charlie Willman, and DDA Member Kevin Brady made comments.

Councilor Smith and Mayor Dehm asked questions and made comments.

Item 9. 2:38:01 Ordinance 2026-11; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, Amending Sections 080.030.030, 080.040.060, and 100.010.100 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Enforcement by the Neighborhood Services Specialist

City Attorney Karl Hanlon and Public Works Director Matt Langhorst opened the item.

Councilor Weimer asked questions.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

There were none.

46:50 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve Ordinance 2026-11; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, Amending Sections 080.030.030, 080.040.060, and 100.010.100 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Enforcement by the Neighborhood Services Specialist

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

2:47:45 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 10. 2:47:55 Resolution 2026-14; Adoption of Updated Engineering Standards

2:48:16 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved, seconded by Councilor Townsley, to continue Resolution 2026-14; Adoption of Updated Engineering Standards.

Councilor Schmahl made a comment.

2:49:44 The motion passed unanimously.

Item 11. 2:49:51 Resolution 2026-11; Right of Way Acquisition for South Bridge

City Attorney Karl Hanlon opened the item.

Councilor Smith, Councilor Townsley, Councilor Schmahl, and Councilor Weimer asked questions.

Mayor Dehm opened the item for public comment.

Valley resident Sandy Jackson and Valley Resident Tori Udall made comments.

3:15:36 Councilor Schachter moved, seconded by Councilor Weimer, to approve Resolution 2026-11: a Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs Colorado authorizing the acquisition of real property interests as necessary including use of eminent domain authority to facilitate the construction of the South Bridge Project in support of public safety reducing congestion, enhancing connectivity and supporting regional mobility.

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

3:28:45 The motion passed 4:3 with Councilor Smith, Councilor Schmahl, and Councilor Townsley voting against.

Item 12. 3:29:26 Council Comments

Councilor Townsley made comments about density and listening to residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made comments about the bear proof container conversation, a leaking drinking fountain and listening to residents.

Councilor Smith made comments about the C3 Grant application on the consent agenda and Glenwood Park Redesign.

Public Works Director Matt Langhorst and City Engineer Ryan Gordon responded regarding Glenwood Park Redesign.

Councilor Smith also made comments about power outages and understanding the grid.

Public Works Director Matt Langhorst responded regarding the power grid.

Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski made comments about power outages and understanding the grid.

Public Works Director Matt Langhorst responded regarding the power grid.

Council gave a head nod that they would like a short presentation regarding the power grid at a future meeting.

Councilor Smith also made comments regarding new lighting along the bike path.

Councilor Schachter made comments regarding Vogelaar, housing, and listening to residents.

Councilor Weimer made comments regarding Proposition 2A, the confluence and botanical gardens.

Councilor Schmahl made comments regarding the confluence and botanical gardens.

Mayor Dehm made comments regarding the confluence.

Item 13. 3:51:31 Report from City Administration

City Manager Steve Booyd made comments about an email from a Best Western guest.

City Attorney Karl Hanlon commented on a technical issue which failed to record the executive session and the decision to vote to defend against the lawsuit brought by the county.

City Clerk Ryan Muse made point of the correspondence.

Item 14. 3:53:27 Social Event Announcement

Tonight's social event will take place at Doc Holiday's following the Council meeting.

Item 15. 3:53:51 Adjournment

3:53:52 Mayor Pro Tem Zalinski moved to adjourn. Councilor Weimer seconded.

3:54:09 The motion passed unanimously.