

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

May 6, 2009

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 6th day of May 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Tom Kenyon, Gregg Palmer, Bill Pitts, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Pro Tem Teresa Coons. Council President Bruce Hill was absent. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrach, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Pro Tem Coons called the meeting to order. Councilmember Beckstein led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations/Recognitions

Recognition of Hans Schmoldt and his crew with Anode Systems for Community Service

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, described the recognition for Anode Systems, a company that wanted to give back to the community. The company had some down time and the owner Hans Schmoldt did not want his crew to be inactive. He volunteered them to do some tamarisk removal and clean up around the tennis courts which included removing vegetation and replacing it with decorative rock.

Councilmember Palmer elaborated on how this came to be and the generosity of Mr. Schmoldt and his crew and personally expressed his appreciation. Two members of the crew, Guy Stephens and Brian May, were present to receive the recognition.

Recognition of Lena Elliott for receiving the 2009 Individual Citation Award

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, described the recognition of Lena Elliot which was awarded to her at the recent Parks and Recreation Conference. Mrs. Elliot was unable to attend this meeting but Mr. Schoeber listed the many things both Lena Elliot and her husband have done for the community. Mrs. Elliot received a standing ovation at the award ceremony at the conference.

Recognition of the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture for being honored with the 2009 Arts and Humanities Award

Rob Schoeber, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the criteria for the next award which was presented to the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture at the Parks and Recreation Conference. Mr. Schoeber described the many contributions the Commission makes to the community including the grant and scholarship programs they administer.

Commission Chair Kat Rhein, Board Member Don Myers, and Cultural Arts Coordinator Allison Sarmo accepted the award on behalf of the Commission.

Council President Pro Tem Coons expressed her appreciation for what they do for the community.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Kenyon read the Consent Calendar and then moved to approve items #1 through #3. Councilmember Beckstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1. **Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Grand Junction and the Town of Palisade for the Operation of the Outdoor Swimming Pool in Palisade**

The Town of Palisade has submitted a request to the Parks and Recreation Department to create a partnership for the operation of the outdoor pool in Palisade. Through this intergovernmental agreement, the City of Grand Junction will operate all aquatic programs at the Palisade Pool during the upcoming summer season.

Action: Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Palisade for the Operation of the Palisade Pool during the Upcoming Summer Season

2. **Vacation of Utility and Irrigation Easement (Country Squire II Subdivision), Located at 2074 Broadway and 2076 Ferree Drive** [File #PP-2008-054]

A request to vacate a Utility and Irrigation Easement for the benefit of the proposed Country Squire II Subdivision that is to be located at 2074 Broadway and 2076 Ferree Drive in the Redlands.

Resolution No. 47-09—A Resolution Vacating a Utility and Irrigation Easement (Country Squire II Subdivision), Located 2074 Broadway and 2076 Ferree Drive

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 47-09

3. **Contract for the Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for I-70B, 24 Road to Rimrock Drive**

The Colorado Department of Transportation has requested that the City of Grand Junction contribute to the I-70B project from 24 Road to Rimrock Drive by contracting and paying for the Right-of-Way acquisition services. This project includes providing six lanes of through travel, consolidation of access points, intersection improvements, improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities and improving existing bus stops.

Action: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Contract with Transportation Resource Services, Inc. for the Right-of-Way Acquisition Services for I-70B in the Amount of \$369,860

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Downtown Residential Neighborhoods Land Use Applications

The proposed resolution would afford the City an opportunity, by declaring a temporary moratorium on the filing of development applications in the identified area, to carefully evaluate and determine as appropriate, the proper implementation of the Downtown Plan specific to the residential neighborhoods located generally north of Grand Avenue, East of 1st Street, West of 12th Street and South of North Avenue.

Councilmember Todd explained this resolution was brought forward on Monday and added to the agenda for this evening. She stated there has been some confusion as to whether proper notice was provided.

Resolution No. 48-09—A Resolution Directing the City Manager Concerning Land Use Applications in the Downtown Residential Neighborhoods

Councilmember Todd moved to continue a public hearing for consideration of the resolution to May 18, 2009. Councilmember Beckstein seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Executive Session

DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER SECTION 402(4)(a) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Councilmember Todd moved to go into executive session to discuss property negotiations regarding the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under section 402(4)(a) of the open meetings law and will not be returning to open session. Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk