

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

January 6, 2010

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 6th day of January 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Tom Kenyon, Gregg Palmer, Bill Pitts, Linda Romer Todd, and Council President Bruce Hill. Also present were City Manager Laurie Kadrich, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Councilmember Todd led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certificates of Appointments

Paul Marx was present to receive his Certificate of Appointment to the Grand Junction Housing Authority.

Kathy Jordan and John Slay were present to receive their Certificates of Appointment to the Historic Preservation Board.

Kevin Reimer was present to receive his Certificate of Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority/Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District.

Citizen Comments

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Public Hearing—LaHue Annexation and Zoning, Located at 514 Morning Glory Lane
[File # ANX-2009-214]

A request to annex and zone 0.32 acres, located at 514 Morning Glory Lane, to R-8 (Residential 8 du/acre). The LaHue Annexation consists of one (1) parcel and includes a portion of Morning Glory Lane.

The public hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m.

Judith Rice, Associate Planner, presented this item. She described the request, the site, and the location. She asked that the Staff Report and attachments be entered into the record. This annexation meets the criteria of the Zoning and Development Code and Planning Commission recommended approval of the R-8 zone district. The applicant is not present.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

a. Accepting Petition

Resolution No. 04-10—A Resolution Accepting a Petition for Annexation, Making Certain Findings, Determining that Property Known as the LaHue Annexation, Located at 514 Morning Glory Lane and Including a Portion of the Morning Glory Lane Right-of-Way is Eligible for Annexation

b. Annexation Ordinance

Ordinance No. 4400—An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, LaHue Annexation, Approximately 0.32 Acres, Located at 514 Morning Glory Lane and Including a Portion of the Morning Glory Lane Right-of-Way

c. Zoning Ordinance

Ordinance No. 4401—An Ordinance Zoning the LaHue Annexation to R-8 (Residential 8 DU/Acre), Located at 514 Morning Glory Lane

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-10 and also Ordinance Nos. 4400 and 4401 and ordered them published. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Mesa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Mesa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to identify and mitigate potential natural hazards. This is a revision/update to the current plan that expires in 2010. Adoption of this plan is a required component for the City to be eligible to receive federal funds for hazard mitigation, pre-disaster mitigation, and flood mitigation projects.

Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director, introduced this item. Mr. Moore said that Mesa County was the lead agency and he listed the other entities involved in the

development of the Plan. The purpose is to identify the natural hazards in this area and develop a way to respond to those hazards. This is an update to the previous Plan adopted in 2005. Adoption of a plan is required to apply for a number of grants through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Councilmember Kenyon asked if there is a budget that will correspond with the adoption of this Plan. Mr. Moore said there may be some projects that will be rolled into a future capital plan. Any drainage/flooding issues would be addressed by the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.

Councilmember Todd asked if the adoption of the Plan ties the City to the goals and objectives. Mr. Moore said it does not obligate the Council but projects can come out of the Plan. Councilmember Todd asked specifically about a basin study that is due in May 2010. Mr. Moore said any required amendments can be made to the Plan.

Councilmember Coons asked if this is a new plan or an upgrade to an existing plan and what other hazards are in this area besides flooding. Mr. Moore responded that this is an update to the Plan adopted in 2005. As far as other hazards, he listed, besides flooding, wildfire and rock fall as the top hazards.

Councilmember Pitts pointed out the mention of the volcano in Dotsero in the Plan and the fact it hasn't erupted in four thousand years; he felt safe in that regard.

Councilmember Palmer said he sat in on the development of the Plan. He pointed out that the Plan does not address mitigation of landslides and they are frequent in the eastern end of the valley. He asked if there is anything in the Plan that suggests how that can be addressed. Mr. Moore said CDOT has done some improvements in that area and recently with ARRA (federal stimulus) money, some rock fences have been installed in some of the vulnerable locations.

Bret Guillory, Utility Engineer, added that the topic was discussed a lot but because it is so hard to identify where a rock fall might occur, there is not a whole lot of mitigation planning that can be put into place. The representatives from CDOT expressed that landslides are hard to predict location-wise.

Councilmember Todd said she would like to see an amendment to remove the date specificity of the Big Salt Wash Basin Study.

Councilmember Todd asked for legal advice on how to handle that change.

City Attorney Shaver said a note could be made as a footnote or it could be stricken from the Plan. Councilmember Todd said it is on the bottom of page 7 of the Plan.

City Manager Kadrich advised that this has been discussed with the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board and there is not a budget for that project. It was probably an oversight that it was left in the document.

Council President Hill suggested that the motion include a notation that the City Council knows that date will not be met and then it will be in the record.

Councilmember Todd noted that the Big Salt Wash Project will not be funded in 2010 and possibly not in 2011. It is still on the priority list of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board and with that she moved that in the Plan in the mitigation matrix on page 7, it is understood that the date will not be met. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 05-10—A Resolution Adopting the Mesa County, Colorado Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilmember Todd moved to adopt Resolution No. 05-10. Councilmember Coons seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Non-Scheduled Citizens & Visitors

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC
City Clerk