

MINUTES
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2016
101 W. 8TH STREET
6:00 P.M.

7 Roll Call

Mayor Mike Gamba called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Stephen Bershenyi, Matt Steckler, Todd Leahy, Steve Davis, Leo McKinney, and Kathryn Trauger.

Also present were Debra Figueroa, City Manager; Karl Hanlon, City Attorney; Catherine Mythen Fletcher, City Clerk; Tom Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director; Robin Millyard, Public Works Director; Andrew McGregor, Community Development Director; Terri Partch, City Engineer; and Trent Hyatt, City Planner.

8 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gamba led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Citizens Appearing Before Council. (For items NOT on Agenda - comments limited to 3 minutes)

Christina Brusig, Executive Director of the Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts, 601 E. 6th Street, advised Council of the Art Center flood. The gallery and recreation space were severely damaged; an engineer will be assessing the building damage; and they will be displaced for at least a month. She asked for temporary use of the old Library building.

Mayor Gamba replied City Staff will work with the Arts Center to find a solution.

10 Agenda Changes

Mayor Gamba noted Item 14C will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Item 23 will immediately follow the Audit Report.

11 Council Comments

Council welcomed Debra Figueroa, City Manager, to her first Council meeting.

12 2016 Legislative Session- Representative Bob Rankin

Bob Rankin reviewed his history in government; the Severance Tax Fund; and the Joint Budget Committee. He asked for any input or questions.

Council asked about:

- The Tabor Law
- Medicaid
- Transportation funding
- Mental Health funding
- Health Care costs
- Gun violence
- Acquiring grants on the Western Slope
- Severance Tax grants
- Affordable housing

13 Proclamation Arbor Day

Mayor Gamba read the Proclamation which was accepted by Tom Barnes, Parks and Recreation Director.

14 Consent Agenda:

- A. Receipt of Minutes of the May 19 and June 2, 2016 Regular Meetings & May 25 and June 6, 2016 Special Meetings
- B. Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City Of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Section 040.020.170 of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code that Provides for an Additional Economic Incentive Program Option for New Development, to Extend the Sunset Provision for Two Years to July 15, 2018 (SECOND READING)
- C. Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Article 100.010 and adding Section 100.010.035 to the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Spring Cleanup (SECOND READING)
- D. Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending the Appropriation Ordinance to Reflect Reallocation of Funds for Street Sweeper Replacement (ONE READING)
- E. Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending the Appropriation Ordinance to Reflect Reallocation of Funds for White Water Activity Area Parking Lot Paving (ONE READING)
- F. Award of Bid 2016-20, Re-Bid, Street Sweeper with Broom Assist.
- G. Award of Bid 2016 - 23, Electrical Services

Councilor McKinney moved, seconded by Stephen Bershenyi, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, D, E, F and G.

The Motion passed unanimously.

14 C. Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Article 100.010 and adding Section 100.010.035 to the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Spring Cleanup (SECOND READING)

Mayor Gamba noted the changes to the Ordinance since the First Reading.

Council discussed the change reducing the amount of refuse from 5 to 2.5 cubic yards.

There were no public comments.

Councilor McKinney moved, seconded by Councilor Trauger, to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Amending Article 100.010 and adding Section 100.010.035 to the Glenwood Springs Municipal Code Regarding Spring Cleanup changing the second sentence of Section 100.010.035(a) to say limited to 5 cubic yards rather than 2.5.

The Motion passed unanimously.

15 Capital Christmas Tree (USFS)

Greg Rosenmerkel, Engineering, Mineral and Fleet Staff Officer for the White River National Forest, accompanied by Mike Donald, Deputy Forest Supervisor, and Lynn Lockwood, Public Affairs Officer, explained they would like to close 9th Street next to the Forest Service building on November 17th so the public can view the Capital Christmas Tree. They will work with Staff to coordinate access into town and the street closure.

Council approved this plan.

16 2015 Audit Report – McMahan & Associates

Paul Backes, CPA, explained the audit process and presented the 2015 Audit.

22 Resolution 2016-17, A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Approving the Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending December 31, 2015

Councilor McKinney moved, seconded by Councilor Trauger, to approve Resolution 2016-17, A Resolution of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, approving the Independent Auditor’s Report for the year ending December 31, 2015.

The Motion passed unanimously.

17 Development Code Revision Update – Clarion Associates

Andrew McGregor stated the first draft module has been delivered to Staff and will be distributed to Council and the steering committee in the near future.

Matt Goebel, Clarion Associates, updated Council on the progress of the Development Code; explained the modules; the time schedule; and reviewed the Development Review Procedures module.

18 Planning Items:

A. #05 -16 Consideration of a request for major subdivision without a development plan and a design variance

Applicant: Doug Pratt/ The Land Studio, Inc for The Lydia Development Company

Owner: Steinbrecher Investments, LLC

Location: Oasis Creek Subdivision Tract A, North Traver Trail

Zone: PUD R/3 Planned Unit Development Multi-Family Residential

Trent Hyatt explained the subdivision annexation; the proposed development of Tract A; and reviewed the standards. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the design variance and major subdivision with conditions.

Doug Pratt, The Land Studio, reviewed the land use history and this proposal for dividing Tract A into seven lots with one remaining undeveloped. He explained the existing trail and their proposed crushed rock trail. They support the conditions with minor changes to Conditions 8D and 9.

Jerry Steinbrecher, Owner, stated this is good for the community and their neighborhood.

Mayor Gamba opened public comments.

Chuck Peterson, 607 Harvard Drive, said he is part of the Architectural Review Committee. This plan will preserve their neighborhood which high density development would not.

Lynn Stickler, 520 N. Traver Trail, supports this plan.

Clayton Caulier, lives next to Lynn Stickler, and agrees this is a good plan. The HOA is in complete agreement.

Council discussed Condition #9 and the Applicant’s proposed trail.

Councilor Leahy moved, seconded by Councilor Bershenyi, to approve Action 1, a Design Variance from 070.030.080(b) and (e), requirement for a 5 foot sidewalk and 5 foot planting strip along lot frontages in residential zones with the Findings and Conditions incorporated in the Council Packet.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Leahy moved, seconded by Councilor Bershenyi, to approve Action 2, a Major Subdivision without a Development Plan of Tract A of the Oasis Creek Subdivision for the creation of seven lots with Conditions 1 through 9 of the Staff Report with the Amended Conditions presented by the Applicant tonight of 8D and 9.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gamba called a 5 minute break.

Mayor Gamba resumed the meeting.

19 Fire, Emergency, Parks & School Impact Fees

Councilor Leahy and Councilor McKinney recused themselves.

Mayor Gamba noted Council would like to know what other communities charge for total impact fees so Staff will prepare that information for the next meeting.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Steckler moved, seconded by Councilor Trauger, to continue this item to a future Council meeting pending receipt of additional information.

The Motion passed by those present.

20 Blake Avenue Traffic Study

Councilor Leahy and Councilor McKinney rejoined the meeting.

Terri Partch, City Engineer, reviewed the history and the reasons to open the Blake gate. The existing conditions study is complete. The next step is to open the gate, allow traffic to stabilize, and then check for changes. The Transportation Commission recommends continuing the process.

Council discussed:

- Delaying the study until typical traffic patterns have resumed after completion of the Grand Avenue Bridge
- The reasons for completing the study now
- Impacts to the neighborhood north of the gate
- The substandard condition of Blake between 23rd and 27th
- Traffic calming on Blake
- City wide traffic problems

Councilor Leahy moved, seconded by Councilor Trauger, to continue this study indefinitely until completion of the Grand Avenue Bridge.

AYES: Trauger, McKinney, Davis, Gamba, Leahy, and Bershenyi

ABSTAIN: Steckler

The Motion passed.

21 Ordinance No 16, Series of 2016; An Ordinance of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Granting a Franchise to Black Hills Gas Distribution (FIRST READING)

Charles Kelty stated the current franchise fee is 2% which in 2015 was \$110,648.80. He showed the revenue amounts if the fees were increased. Rifle's gas franchise fee is 3%.

Karl Hanlon added Basalt and Carbondale are closer to 4%. It is a direct pass through to the customers.

Carly West, Black Hills Energy, thanked Council for their work.

Council discussed:

- Actual costs to the City
- Increased costs to citizens

Councilor Steckler moved, seconded by Councilor Bershenyi, to approve the Agreement, as stated, with a 2% franchise fee.

The Motion passed unanimously.

23 Ratification of \$20,000 for Temporary Improvements to the Two Rivers Park Bike Path

Karl Hanlon commented there is a disconnect between the purchasing policy and the current Municipal Code. Per Code the City Manager can only authorize \$10,000 but the purchasing policy limit is \$20,000.

Mayor Gamba added this is for temporary completion of a bike/pedestrian path between the Two Rivers pedestrian bridge and the Exit 116 underpass. It was part of the Hot Spring Pool's outfall piping construction at the park. This allows the path to open prior to the Strawberry Days weekend.

Robin Millyard noted there was \$50,000 appropriated in the River Trail System in the 2016 Budget.

Councilor Bershenyi moved, seconded by Councilor Trauger, to authorize the expenditure, not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the temporary improvements of an asphalt trail from the Two Rivers Park bridge to the Exit 116 underpass.

The Motion passed unanimously.

24 Council Reports on Board, Committee and Commission Meetings

Councilor Bershenyi reported he was appointed President to the Ruedi Water and Power Authority Board. All the stored water has been allotted so they will start discussions with the area water groups to determine their future.

Mayor Gamba attended a meeting with CDOT, Eagle County and neighboring communities about a Cottonwood Pass alternate route. The estimated cost for the Eagle County portion would be about \$48 million. CDOT will consider a study of alternate routes during I-70 closures. The RFTA Board approved the IGA and the Transportation Commission discussed Ride Glenwood.

Councilor Davis announced he won't be present at the July 7th meeting.

Councilor McKinney attended the Garfield Clean Energy retreat. They are reassessing their goals and funding.

Councilor Trauger attended the Garfield Economic Partners meeting, the FAB meeting, the VALE Board meeting didn't have a quorum, the Colorado Tourism office's strategic planning session and will attend CML next week.

Debra Figueroa said she signed a Noise Regulation Exemption Request. She would like to reschedule the July 7th Budget discussion.

25 Correspondence: Incoming/Outgoing

26 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.