

October 22 2013

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Public Works Director Bradford, Community Development Director Westbay, WSCU Liaison Leal, and the press. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2013. Councilor Riggs asked that on Page Five, in the third line in her report, the wording "white paper" be changed to "one page paper". Clerk Davidson stated she will make the change.

Councilor Hagan moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of October 8, 2013, as amended.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Special Session Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2013.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Special Session Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2013, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Appointment of 2013-2014 Youth City Council. City Clerk Davidson, who is the Advisor to the Youth City Council (YCC), explained to Council that no students are present because the students and parents sign-up meeting for this year's CHOICE Pass was set for this evening at 7:00 P.M. This wasn't known when the Council agenda was set. Clerk Davidson explained the group is active and has been working on the Youth Tobacco Ordinance that they will present to Council on November 5th. Councilor Hagan asked if additional students want to participate, are they able to do so? Clerk Davidson stated that yes; they are still actively recruiting YCC members and have room for additional students. If more want to participate, they could be appointed by Council.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to appoint Timothy Cranor, William Eager, Sarah Orth, Leo Ferraro, Clara Cranor and Lucas Justice to the 2013-2014 Youth City Council.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

IGA with Gunnison County; Re: Highway Access Plan – Discussion Item. Community Development Director Westbay addressed Council. He informed them that we have come to the final adoption phase of the Highway Access Plan development. The Plan is one of three studies required to be completed by Gunnison Valley Properties LLC, as outlined in the Gunnison Rising Annexation Agreement, before any development occurs on the annexed property. The Highway Study process started in August of last year. There are three related documents coming before Council for their consideration. The first is the U.S. Highway 50 Access Study that was completed by Stolfus and Associates. The study provides the background information, an overview of the project area that runs from the Tomichi and Main intersection east to a point west of Signal Peak Industrial Park, and identifies access points on the Highway. The second document is the draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City, Gunnison County and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). The IGA stipulates the terms and conditions placed upon the various identified access points within the study area boundary. It also elaborates on the responsibilities of the parties in the IGA and defines a means for amending terms placed on the specific access locations. The third document for Council's consideration is a resolution that adopts the IGA.

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The Highway Access Control Plan looks at future development and possible traffic volumes arising from development of the annexed property and from future commerce traffic through the City. The Study indicated there are now approximately vehicle 12,000 trips per day at the Tomichi and Main intersection. At property build-out, it is projected there will be 33,000 trips per day at the intersection. The Plan will be implemented as the phased development occurs. By adopting the Plan, the City will be ahead of the development and we can help control growth.

The IGA defines how changes to the identified access points can be made. These include when a land use change is made that increases traffic volume by 25%, when there is an increased number of traffic accidents occurring at a given access point, when operational functions associated with the highway's level of service capacity has substantially deteriorated or when highway maintenance requirements are being jeopardized by a given access use.

Director Westbay informed Council there was extensive public outreach for input on the Plan. The consultants and City Staff met, held open houses, and went door-to-door to all of the current businesses along the included Tomichi corridor and downtown. Councilor Hagan asked if any of the businesses had concerns. Director Westbay stated there wasn't much concern at this time as this is a long-term document and implementation.

A short discussion and clarifications ensued on the IGA. Director Westbay asked if Council had any concerns about the IGA. There were none. Director Westbay asked Council to take action on these items at a Special Session Council meeting on November 5, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

Set Special Session Meeting for 7:00 P.M., November 5, 2013, for Action on IGA with Gunnison County, Re: Highway Access Plan.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to set a Special Session Council Meeting for 7:00 P.M., November 5, 2013, for Action to adopt the Highway 50 Access plan and for action on a resolution to adopt the Highway Access Plan, approve the IGA and authorize the Mayor's signature on said Agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 12, Series 2013; Re: Eliminating the Liquor License Distance Restriction Set Forth in Section 12-47-313(1)(d)(I) C.R.S. (2013) on WSCU Campus. Councilor Ferguson introduced Ordinance No. 12, Series 2013, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 12, Series 2013, an **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ELIMINATING THE DISTANCE RESTRICTION SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-47-313(1)(d)(I) C.R.S. (2013), ON THE WSCU CAMPUS**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 22nd day of October, 2013.

Discussion ensued on the Ordinance. City Clerk Davidson informed Council that in response to the Council question raised at last week's Work Session meeting, the Tenderfoot Child Care Center is located on the WSCU campus on State-owned property. The actual distance between the Tenderfoot Center and the Main Door of the University Center is 1,180 ft. The Tenderfoot Center operators will have opportunity to voice their questions or concerns about the WSCU liquor license at the required public hearing on the license. This Ordinance eliminates the 500 foot distance restriction for the WSCU campus as set forth in State Statutes.

Roll call vote, yes: Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Kathleen Fogo. Nothing to report.

City Manager: City Manager Ken Coleman informed Council the City will be submitting a bid for the 2014 USA Pro Challenge Event. We are proposing to be a host community and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will put together a package of what we would provide. This will include route options. In previous years, the City has taken funds from the Economic Development line item and these funds assist with procuring additional private sponsorships. Those sponsorships then offset the City's contribution. Councilor Riggs asked for a copy of the bid be sent to Council and the City Manager responded he will send it to them once it is completed.

To further report, the City Manager discussed the following topics: the new Police facility is making good progress with some painting, trim, drywall work done and the exterior concrete work should be done by Friday; the communication towers are being placed at the new Police building and the backup generator has been set; work has begun on the east City limits entry sign and the project should be completed by mid-November; the Community Center will host Fright Night on Friday evening; and following the annual Halloween event will be a Middle School students teen night at the Community Center. City Manager Coleman then informed Council the City has received a letter from the County Manager questioning the City's authority regarding decisions made on the new County Courthouse Project. The County's stance would usurp the City's Planning Commission role in the process. The City Attorney has reviewed the statements from the County and has determined our existing land use process is sound. Any changes to the existing Courthouse property PUD needs to follow the City's process as outlined in the City's LDC. This process is of mutual interest and benefit to all parties. The City Manager will forward a copy of the letter and his response to Council.

Acting City Manager: Public Works Director Tex Bradford, Semi-Annual Departmental Report. Director Bradford informed Council his report is in their packets and then discussed the following items: repairs on the VanTuyl Ranch house continue with the energy efficient windows and door being installed; the roof replacement on the VanTuyl Ranch old barn is underway; the concrete work at the "Cop Shop" is virtually done with the sidewalk work to be completed on Friday; the City crews will start site work on the parking lot area after completion of the sidewalk; the work on the 1,030 foot, 8th Street bike and pedestrian sidewalk path from the school south to Virginia Avenue has been completed and the concrete work on the bike-pedestrian path at the north end of Vulcan will be completed this week; and the concrete work on Denver Avenue into the new WSCU Fieldhouse is almost done. Councilor Steinbeck asked about the large excavated boulders and rock at the new Police facility site. Director Bradford stated that rock will be used in the xeriscaping on the site. Council thanked Director Bradford. City Manager Coleman thanked Director Bradford and his entire crew. They possess incredible skills and work hard every day. They respond quickly and effectively to customer requests and are very customer service oriented.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson reported that she has met with the editor and faculty advisor of the WSCU *Top of the World Newspaper*. The City will be providing bi-weekly City events and general information for the student paper. This is another step towards improving communication between the students and the City. If any of Council have ideas they would like forwarded to the students through this venue, to please get with her.

WSC Liaison: Amber Leal reported on the following: a student at Western is gathering student support to utilize the Escalante Fitness Center as a student social hub once the fitness center moves to the new Fieldhouse; the student hub would be a student gathering place that would be open late, provide food and possibly alcohol, and would be open to all ages of students to hangout; a Western Student majoring in Business and Land & Resource Management (Christian Schwiogerath) was crowned Miss Colorado in April 2013; there is a home football game this weekend; and it is Parents Weekend this weekend with a variety of activities planned including a pancake breakfast on Saturday at Webster Hall.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

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Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning. There was a full house at the Chamber Banquet last Friday night at the University Center. Some of the upcoming Chamber events include: the October 30th Business After Hours sponsored by Garlic Mike's and the Go To Guide; the November Business After Hours at Circus Train and the Chamber-sponsored Business After Hours in December; the Downtown Trick or Treat event on Halloween on the first three blocks of North Main Street; and the Night of Lights downtown on December 6th.

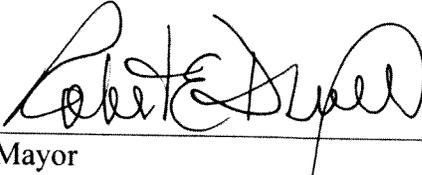
Councilor Steinbeck: reported the latest Housing Authority meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Councilor Hagan: reported he had a busy week. On Wednesday morning, he attended the Incident Comment System (ICS) training. It was a 4 hour class and was very interesting. Wednesday afternoon he participated in the RTA's phone conference on "Airline 101" information. There is lots to know. He met with Finance Director Hanson on Thursday and discussed the ins and outs of budget items. Wendy did a great job explaining the budget. On Monday he met with Debra Callihan regarding the plans for the proposed dog park. Monday night he attended the Gunnison Valley Observatory viewing for the City Council. They had clear skies for viewing and Councilor Hagan thanked both Councilor Ferguson and City Clerk Davidson for their participation in that program.

Councilor Riggs: reported she also attended the ICS training. She also participated in the "Airlines 101" program with Councilor Hagan. She attended the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Friday night and it was a fun and entertaining event. There were a lot of businesses participating. She received a call from WSCU Professor Maria Struble who informed her there will be a group of foreign students at Western this summer and the Professor was inquiring about them attending a Council meeting. City Clerk Davidson stated she too received a call and will keep in touch with Professor Struble about upcoming council agenda items that might be of interest to those students. Councilor Riggs reminded Council that State Senator Gail Schwartz and Representative Mike McLachlan will be at the WSCU Center north conference room at 3:30pm on Thursday and will discuss the Colorado Water Plan. Lastly, Councilor Riggs informed Council that she and County Commissioner Houck will be meeting tomorrow with a WSCU Sociology class and will discuss local government policy, how it is created, and its effects.

Mayor Drexel: reported he will not be able to attend the Firemen's Pension Board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson informed the Mayor the meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.



Mayor



City Clerk