

GUNNISON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
201 W. VIRGINIA AVENUE IN GUNNISON

Amended 10/05/15 – added agenda item G(1)

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

WORK SESSION

7:00 P.M.

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| 7:00 – 7:10 P.M. | A. | Discussion on Dog Park GOCO Grant Application – Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro |
| 7:10 – 7:20 P.M. | B. | Discussion on Possible 2016 Utility Rate Increases – Public Works Director Tex Bradford |
| 7:20 - 8:10 P.M. | C. | Safe Streets Webinar Presentation – Fox/Tuttle/Hernandez Consultants & CD Director Steve Westbay |
| 8:10 – 8:20 P.M. | D. | Discussion on Draft Survey of City Businesses; Re: Visitor Center Funding – Finance Director Ben Cowan |
| 8:20 – 8:30 P.M. | E. | Draft Resolution No. 18, Series 2015; Re: Supporting RTA Ballot Issue 5A – Mayor Hagan and Councilor Morrison |
| 8:30 – 8:50 P.M. | F. | Nuisance Code Discussion – Police Chief Keith Robinson |
| 8:50 – 9:10 P.M. | G. | Discussion on Design Standards – CD Director Steve Westbay |
| 9:10-9:15 P.M. | G(1) | Draft Resolution No. 19, Series 2015, Supporting City of Gunnison Ballot Question 2C |
| 9:15 – 9:25 P.M. | H. | Non-Scheduled Citizens: At this agenda time, non-scheduled citizens may present issues of City concern to Council. Per Colorado Open Meetings Laws, NO action or Council discussion will be take place until a later date, unless an emergency situation is deemed to exist by the City Attorney. Speaker has a time limit of 3 minutes. |
| 9:25 – 9:45 P.M. | I. | City Staff Reports; Council Discussion, Meeting Reports Items for Future Work Session |
| 9:35 P.M. | J. | Adjournment |

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17
SERIES 2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINI GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON DOG PARK PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the updated and recently adopted City of Gunnison *Parks & Recreation Master Plan*, funded in large part by a planning grant from Great Outdoors Colorado, identified the citizens and visitors need for a dog park adjacent to the Jorgensen Park complex; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gunnison supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the Dog Park Project, and if the grant is awarded, the City of Gunnison supports the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gunnison has requested funds not to exceed \$45,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado to construct a dog park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO THAT:

- Section 1: The City Council of the City of Gunnison strongly supports the grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado for the Dog Park Project.
- Section 2: The City Council of the City of Gunnison hereby acknowledges that the grant application includes matching funds which the City of Gunnison is solely responsible to provide if a grant is awarded.
- Section 3: The City Council of the City of Gunnison authorize the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.
- Section 4: The City Council of the City of Gunnison recognizes that as the recipient of a Great Outdoors Colorado Mini Grant the project site must provide reasonable public access.
- Section 5: The City Council of the City of Gunnison will continue to maintain the Dog Park in a high quality condition. City Council will appropriate funds for annual maintenance, an estimated \$2,000 in its annual budget.
- Section 6: If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.
- Section 7: This resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a Regular Session meeting of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, held this 13th day of October, 2015.

Mayor

(SEAL)

City Clerk

MEMO

To: City Council

Date: September 30, 2015

From: Tex Bradford

Re: Utility Rate Increase Proposals for 2016

Staff is proposing an increase in Electric, Water, and Sewer rates beginning January 1, 2016. The attached Ordinances reflect an overall increase in Electric and Water sales increases of 5% and an overall increase of 3% for sewer although the proposed increases for rates and service charges will affect individual customers differently depending upon usage therefore some may see more or less than 5% overall.

The attached Ordinance proposal reflects staff's recommendation to move the utility rate structures forward over the next three to five years to recover fixed cost thru the monthly service charges and to collect the cost of purchasing power, pumping water, waste water treatment, and capital projects thru usage fees (Rates). Fixed cost are those cost associated with the operation of each department even if no electric or water was sold and no waste water was treated. This type of rate structure is being adopted and or considered by other Utilities around the country and has been adopted by the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN).

Implementing this type of rate structure is expected to minimize fluctuations in rates due to many factors such as weather and usage patterns and will more closely reflect the Rate structure adopted by MEAN.

The following are examples of the proposed rate ordinances impacts to city customers.

Residential	Commercial	WSCU
Using 630kWh (Month)	Using 3,062kWh (Month)	WSCU (Month)
An increase of \$4.76 Month	An increase of \$13.48 Month	\$2,041 Month
	Water	
Approximately \$1.00 Month	Approximately \$2.42 Month	
	Sewer	
\$1.75 increase per Month	\$4.76 increase per Month	

I propose to discontinue the electric attributes rate highlighted in the electric ordinance when the current contract expires next year and will discuss further at the October 6th work session.

**DRAFT ORDINANCE
SERIES 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON
AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF GUNNISON
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR ELECTRICITY CONSUMED.**

WHEREAS, Section 40-3.5-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, vests the power and authority to set rates and charges for electrical service in the City Council for electrical service provided within the authorized service area of the City of Gunnison Electric Department;

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that the City Council set rates for electrical service by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that said rates be at least sufficient to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's electrical system, interest and principal of all bonds payable from the revenues thereof, and to replace, when necessary, obsolete components thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison has, after public notice as required by Section 40-3.5-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, held a public hearing upon the amended rates contained herein on December 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison has considered the current electrical service rates and charges, and has determined that a change in the electrical service rates and charges is necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,
COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:**

Section 1. The electrical rates as set forth in Section 12.40.020(A), Rate Tables, Electrical Rates, of the City Code of the City of Gunnison, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Electrical Rates	Proposed 2016 Rates	Current 2015 Rates
Residential:		
Monthly Service Charge		
Flat Rate	\$8.75	\$6.44
Time of Day Rate	\$12.84	\$12.84
Usage Charge	\$0.07877/kWh	\$0.07761/kWh
Time of Day Rate		
On-Peak	\$0.09210 /kWh*	\$0.09210/kWh
Off-Peak	\$0.03243 /kWh*	\$0.03243/kWh
Commercial:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 8.75	\$6.44
Usage Charge	\$ 0.07412/kWh	\$0.07302/kWh
City Government Service:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 8.75	\$6.44
Usage Charge	\$0.07412/kWh	\$0.07302/kWh
Western State College:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$25.00	\$26.01
Usage Charge	\$0.05077 /kWh	\$0.05002kWh
Demand Charge	\$6.24/kW	\$6.15/kW

Contract Lights: Monthly Charge	\$8.00/fixture	\$7.72
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Wind Power Attributes	\$ 1.70/100kWh per month added to usage charge**	\$ 1.70/100kWh per month added to usage charge**
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Section 2. The rates and charges set forth herein shall be effective as of January 1, 2016, and thereafter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ?th day of ?, 2015, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this ?th day of ?, 2015.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Published in its entirety in the Gunnison Country Times
Dates to be determined

**ORDINANCE NO. ?
SERIES 2015**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON AMENDING THE MONTHLY RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE AND THE FEES CHARGED FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, SEPTIC TANK, AND PORTABLE TOILET WASTE TREATED BY THE CITY OF GUNNISON.

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that the City Council set rates for municipal utility service by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that said rates be at least sufficient to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's utilities, interest and principal of all bonds payable from the revenues thereof, and to replace, when necessary, obsolete components thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison has considered the current sewer service rates and charges and has determined that a change in the sewer service rates is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. The monthly sewer service and user rates as set forth in Section 12.40.020(C), Rate Tables, Sewer Rates, of the City Code of the City of Gunnison, are hereby amended to read as follows:

	Proposed/2016	Current/2015
Sewer Rates		
Residential:		
Monthly Service and Usage Charge	\$25.00	\$23.25
Commercial:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$ 12.00*	\$ 10.60*
Monthly Usage Charge	\$ 0.00252/gallon of water used as determined by water meter**	\$0.00245/gallon of water used as determined by water meter**
Recreational Vehicle Waste	\$ 6.00 or \$ 0.1666/gallon whichever is more***	\$ 6.25 or \$0.17160 whichever is more***
Septic Tank and Portable Toilet Waste	\$32.47/load plus \$ 0.17160/gallon***	\$32.47/load plus \$0.17160gallon***
Gunnison County: Sewer Districts	\$0.00109 Per Gallon	\$0.00104 Per Gallon

Section 2. The rates, charges, and fees set forth herein shall be effective as of January 1, 2015, and thereafter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ?th day of ?, 2015, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this ?th day of ?, 2015.

Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. ?
SERIES 2015**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON FIXING THE AMENDED RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF GUNNISON, AND AMENDING THE RATE TABLES IN SECTION 12.40.020 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON TO REFLECT THE NEW SERVICE RATES.

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that the City Council set rates for municipal utility service by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.2 of the City of Gunnison Municipal Home Rule Charter requires that said rates be at least sufficient to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's utilities, interest and principal of all bonds payable from the revenue thereof, and to replace, when necessary, obsolete components thereof; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the current water service rates and has determined that it is necessary to increase the municipal water service rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. Section 12.40.020(B), Rate Tables, Water Rates, of the City Code of the City of Gunnison, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.40.020(B) Rate Tables.

Water Rates:

Monthly Service Charges for all Customers
Based on Size of Water Meter:

	Proposed/2016	Current/2015
5/8" Meter	\$ 5.00/month	\$4.19/month
3/4" Meter	\$ 5.00/month	\$4.42/month
1" Meter	\$ 5.00/month	\$4.59/month
1½" Meter	\$ 11.00/month	\$10.10/month
2" Meter	\$13.00/month	\$11.94/month
3" Meter	\$51.00/month	\$48.90/month
4" Meter	\$71.00/month	\$67.71/month

Usage Charge:

First 5,000 gallons/month	\$1.60/1,000 gallons	\$1.53/1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons/month	\$1.75/1,000 gallons	\$1.64/1,000 gallons
Over 15,000 gallons/month	\$1.80/1,000 gallons	\$1.70/1,000 gallons

Section 2. The foregoing rates for water service shall be effective as of January 1, 2015, and thereafter.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this ?th day of ?, 2015, on first reading, and introduced, read, and adopted on second and final reading this ?th day of ?, 2015.

Mayor

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

City Clerk
Published in its entirety in the Gunnison Country Times
on ?, 2015.

Tomichi Avenue Existing Cross-Section

Looking West



10'	8'	20'	12'	15'	12'	20'	8'	13'
Sidewalk	Parking	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Center Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Parking	Sidewalk

118' ROW



Tomichi Avenue

Option 1: Buffered Bike Lane

Looking West



10'	7'	2½'	5'	3'	11'	11'	6'	10'	11'	11'	3'	5'	2½'	7'	13'
Sidewalk	Parking	Buffered Bike Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Raised Median & Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Parking	Sidewalk				

118' ROW



Tomichi Avenue

Option 2: Parking Protected Bike Lane

Looking West



10'	6½'	3'	8'	11'	11'	6'	10'	11'	11'	8'	3'	6½'	13'
Sidewalk	Buffered Bike Lane	Parking	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Raised Median & Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Parking	Buffered Bike Lane	Sidewalk		

118' ROW

Higgins Avenue

Metro Popula



East-West Corridors

Option 3: Parallel Bike Network/Enhanced Pedestrian Zone

Looking West



16½'
Sidewalk

8'
Parking

13'
Travel
Lane

12'
Travel
Lane

8' 11'
Raised Median &
Turn Lane

12'
Travel
Lane

13'
Travel
Lane

8'
Parking

16½'
Sidewalk

118' ROW



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LUNCH - DINNER

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Foot Hills
Gallery

Hot
Tubs

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For
More
Info



Main Street Existing Cross-Section

Looking North



13'	8'	11'	11'	10'	11'	11'	8'	13'
Sidewalk	Parking	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Parking	Sidewalk

96' ROW



Main Street

Option 1 – Parklets and Raised Median

Looking North



13'	8'	11'	11'	10'	11'	11'	8'	13'
Sidewalk	Parklet/ Parking	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Raised Median/ Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Travel Lane	Parklet/ Parking	Sidewalk

96' ROW

FOR LEASE
Call 303-442-1040

Empire

restaurant



Main Street

Option 2 - Parking Protected Bike Lane

Looking North

Note: There are two buffer alternatives: (1) Raised or (2) Painted



13'
Sidewalk

8' 3' 8'
Buffered Parking
Bike Lane

11'
Travel
Lane

10'
Turn
Lane

11'
Travel
Lane

8' 3' 8'
Parking Buffered
Bike Lane

13'
Sidewalk

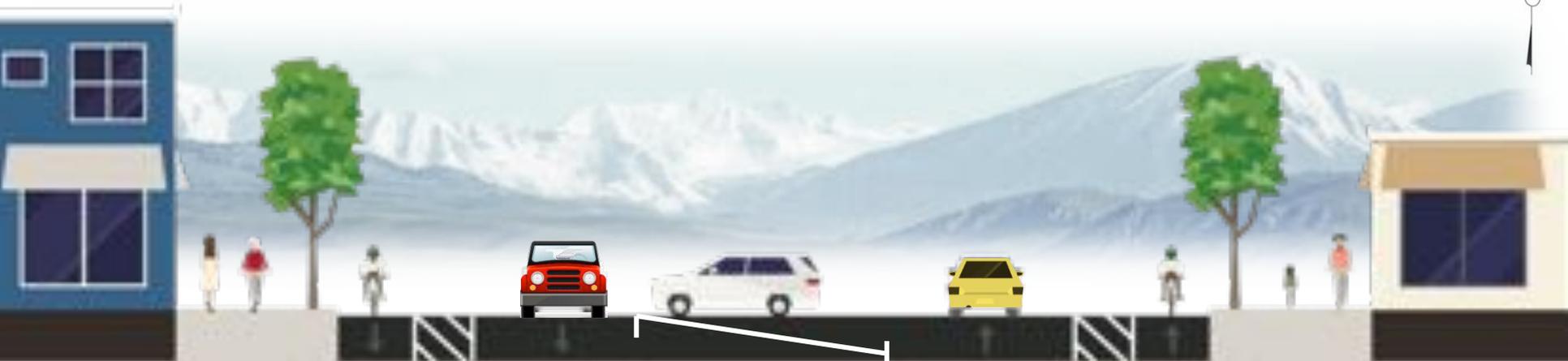
96' ROW



Main Street

Option 3 – Center Diagonal Parking with Bike Lane

Looking North



13'
Sidewalk

6' 5'
Buffered
Bike Lane

14'
Travel
Lane

20'
Center Pull
Through Parking

14'
Travel
Lane

5' 6'
Buffered
Bike Lane

13'
Sidewalk

96' ROW



Main Street

Option 4 – Wider Sidewalks with Bike Lane

Looking North



15'	8'	6'	3'	11'	10'	11'	3'	6'	8'	15'
Sidewalk	Parklet/ Parking	Buffered Bike Lane		Travel Lane	Turn Lane	Travel Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Parklet/ Parking	Sidewalk

96' ROW



Gunnison Safe Streets

September 3rd
Workshop
Summary



Input Overview

2 hour and 30 minutes

3 Breakout sessions

43 total participants

151 comments on existing conditions

756 photo survey comments

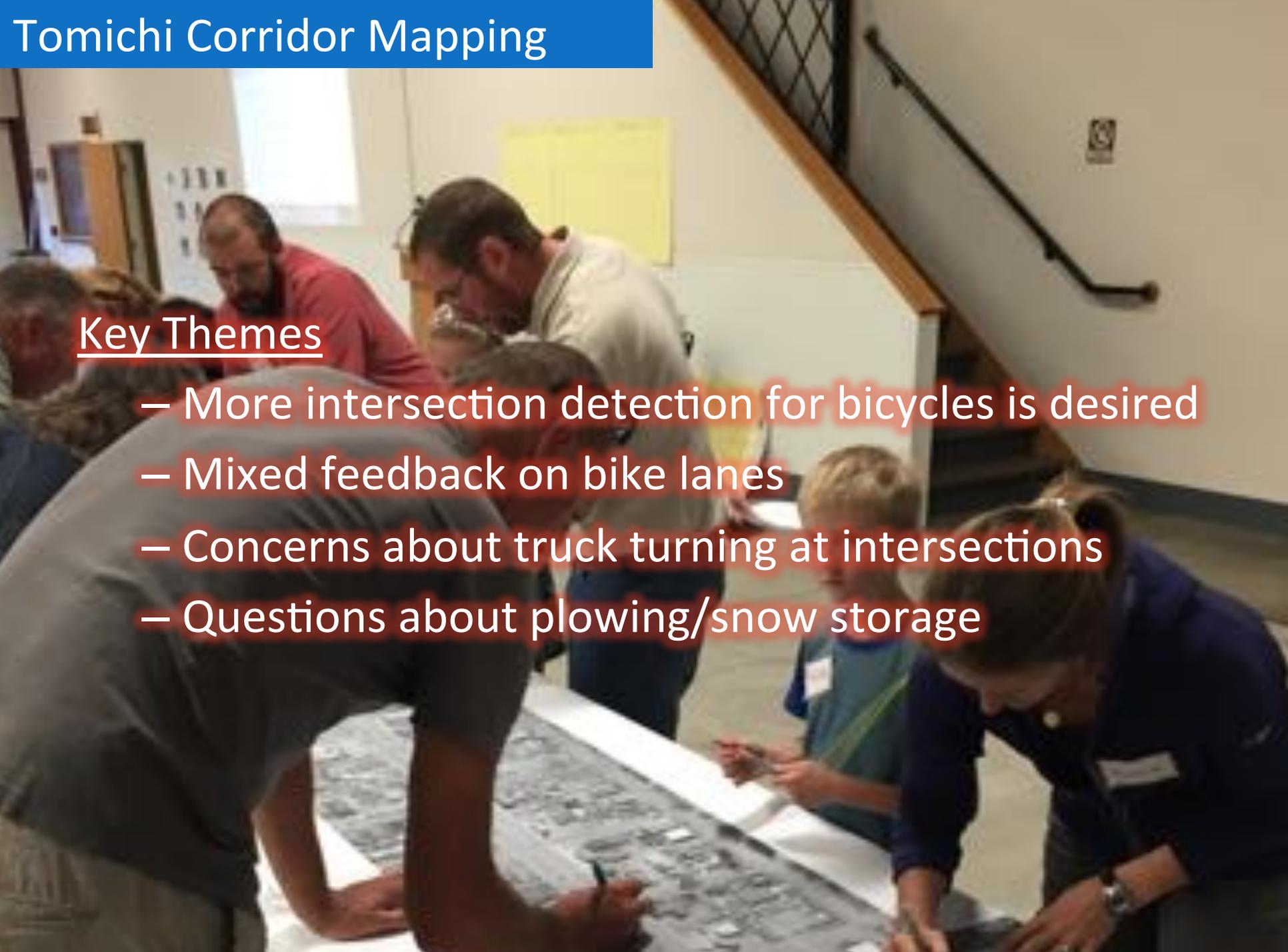
15 Right of Way game submissions

Key Themes

- Traffic perceived to be “too fast” and “not yielding”
- Perceived to be dangerous and unsafe for crossing
- Pedestrian signals at major intersections desired
- Ped signal timing perceived to be “too short”

Key Themes

- More intersection detection for bicycles is desired
- Mixed feedback on bike lanes
- Concerns about truck turning at intersections
- Questions about plowing/snow storage



Main Corridor Mapping

Key Themes

- Most comments apply from Georgia to Tomichi
- Pedestrian signals at major intersections desired
- More intersection detection for bicycles is desired
- New signal to exit Meadows Center desired
- Mixed feedback on bike lanes near Tomichi

Large
green
background
has a lot
of
color



PLEASE
SHARE

Light



more
open
for
people
to
be
down
there

WHY?



98% support for “green” medians



85% support for parklets



85% support for parklets



85% support for more “places” to sit and talk



90% support for colored crosswalks



90% support for colored crosswalks



98% support for signalized mid-block crossings



80% support for some type of protected bike lanes



Interest in what Missoula, MT built



Don't Build: Medians that are ugly



Don't Build: Temporary "tests"



Don't Build: Flagged crosswalks



Don't Build: Wide zebra crosswalks



Don't Build: Unprotected bike lanes



Don't Build: 2-way bike lanes





Right of Way Game Results

Tomichi Corridor Results

6 options submitted

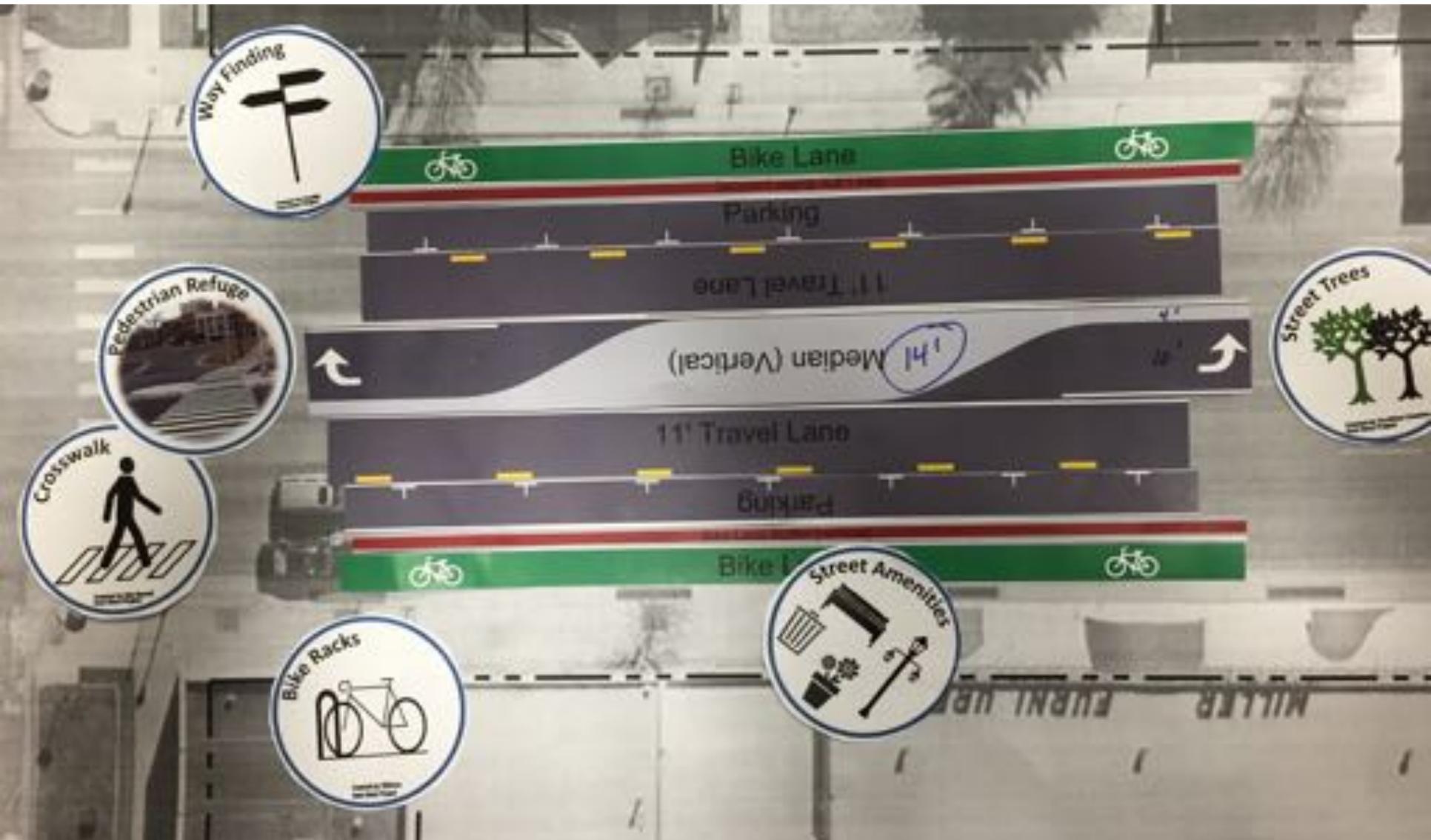
- 100% kept parking
- 100% had raised medians with turn lanes
- 66% had protected bike lanes
- 50% added tree lawns
- 50% utilized narrower travel lanes
- 0% deleted travel lanes

Main Corridor Results

9 options submitted

- 100% kept parking
- 100% had raised medians with turn lanes
- 67% had protected bike lanes
- 45% added tree lawns
- 45% deleted travel lanes
- 33% had “no change”
- 33% utilized narrower travel lanes

Main Corridor Results



Questions?



Tomichi Corridor Concepts

Cross Sections Concepts

1. Existing Conditions
2. Buffer Bike Lanes
3. Parking Protected Bike Lanes
4. Parallel Neighborhood Greenway Network

All options have:

- Colored crosswalks
- Medians with turn lanes
- Mid-block crossings with ped activated sig.
- Bulbouts

Main Corridor Concepts

Cross Sections Concepts

1. Existing Conditions
2. Parking Protected Bike Lanes (Missoula)*
3. Center Parking Lane*
4. Wider sidewalks*

All options have:

- Colored crosswalks
- Parklets
- Bike Parking

** Two lanes removed*

Memorandum



To: City Council
From: Ken Coleman
Date: October 2, 2015
Re: Chamber funding

The Chamber of Commerce has requested that the City provide their non-profit organization with a dedicated funding source that would cover expenses of the visitor center operations. As stakeholders in this function of their operation, a continued partnership from the City in support of this service is warranted. Staff believes there are multiple beneficiaries from this operation and encourages the Chamber to explore other potential funding sources.

To address the request that City sales tax license fees be utilized for this purpose, it is recommended that we poll businesses within the City jurisdiction to gauge their support for these suggested funding strategies. City staff has drafted a survey document for this purpose and asks Council to review and comment on this approach.

Information on the current discussion is provided to provide understanding of the issue. Three questions are posed for our businesses consideration. Those queries include lowering the vendor fee from the 5% of sales tax retained, raising the sales tax license fee, or increasing general fund allocations to fund the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

The survey would be distributed via the US Postal Service to each sales tax license holder within the City of Gunnison. A stamped return envelope would be included. Each respondent has the opportunity to weigh in on these questions as well as provide input to an open question. They must provide their sales tax number as a control. The entire exercise would be administered by City staff to retain anonymity for the businesses. There is an October 31st deadline for responses.

The estimated cost to the City in providing this input for the Chamber will be approximately \$3000.00 with 869 businesses receiving the questionnaire. With Council approval, staff will initiate the process.



CITY OF GUNNISON

VISITOR CENTER FUNDING SURVEY

Funding options for the Gunnison Country Visitor Center, located at 500 E. Tomichi Avenue, are being explored by the City of Gunnison. The City of Gunnison currently funds the Chamber as follows:

General Fund support for the operation of the Visitor Center	\$13,500
Holiday greenback exchange	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total 2015 budgeted funding:	\$15,500

Initial impressions garnered by visitors are critical and the Visitor Center is a distinguishable icon for new and returning patrons. The presence of the facility has significance for the visitors' experience and ultimately, local economic vibrancy.

Comparable communities throughout the State of Colorado have a variety of funding mechanisms ranging from contributions (similar to the current structure), to sales tax license fees, to dedicated tax support.

City Council values your perspective as a business operating within the city limits of Gunnison and would like your input as it considers various alternatives. Please complete and return the below questionnaire and return it in the provided envelope **no later than October 31, 2015**.

OPTION 1 - Reduction of the Allowable Service Fee (Vendor Fee)

The City of Gunnison allows businesses to keep 5% of the sales tax collected as a cost of collecting and remitting the City sales tax. That amount is 50% more generous than the next highest service fee in the State of Colorado. Reducing the service fee by 1% would generate \$54,516 (based on 2014 taxable sales) that could be passed along to provide funding for the Visitor Center. For example, a business making \$10,000 monthly in net taxable sales will pay \$400 for City sales tax. The current service fee retained by the business is \$20. If a 1% service fee reduction was enacted, and subsequently passed through to the Chamber, it would cost that business \$4 per month.

Arguments For

This funding mechanism is balanced across all businesses, based on the ability to pay. The current service fee is incredibly generous compared to all other taxing entities in the State of Colorado.

Argument Against

Businesses generating larger taxable sales pay a larger share of the cost. Chamber members receive priority referrals over non-Chamber members for visitor inquiries. This reallocation in effect would require non-Chamber members to subsidize the Visitor Center.

OPTION 2 – Increase the Sales Tax License Fee

The City of Gunnison currently charges \$10.50 annually for a sales tax license (\$5.50 for licenses purchased after July 1). Increasing the license fee to \$75.00 would generate approximately the same amount of revenue as a 1% service fee reduction. Sales tax license fees in the State of Colorado range from \$0.00 to \$85.00.

Arguments For

Every business pays an equal amount toward funding the Visitor Center.

Argument Against

This funding mechanism is more impactful to smaller businesses. Businesses that generate larger taxable sales pay a proportionally smaller amount. Chamber members receive priority referrals over non-Chamber members for visitor inquiries.

OPTION 3 – Annual Contribution from the General Fund

This option is currently in place, which funded \$15,500 in the 2015 Budget. The City of Gunnison and the Visitor Center sign a Contract for Service, which is a mechanism that provides funding to local non-profits or governmental agencies to deliver services to residents. The money comes from sales tax collected on retail sales within the City of Gunnison. The amount could be increased upon approval by the City Council.

Arguments For

City Council has the discretion regarding the amount of funding that goes to the Visitor Center on an annual basis during the budget process. Anyone who purchases retail goods within the City of Gunnison effectively is paying for the contribution, regardless of whether they are a resident, business or visitor.

Argument Against

Most comparable organizations that use this method of funding the Visitor Center in the State of Colorado provide a less significant level of funding, ranging from \$1,200 to \$28,000. Chamber members receive priority referrals over non-Chamber members for visitor inquiries. This reallocation in effect would require non-Chamber members to subsidize the Visitor Center.

SURVEY

The results of the survey will be kept anonymous, but the sales tax license number is required to ensure the accuracy of the results. Failure to mark one of the boxes and provide the sales tax license will invalidate your response. Please indicate your response below by checking the appropriate box.

1) OPTION 1 - Reduction of the Allowable Service Fee (Vendor Fee)

The City Council should reduce the service fee by 1% and pass the funds to the Visitor Center.

2) OPTION 2 – Increase the Sales Tax License Fee

The City Council should increase the sale tax license fee from \$10.50 to \$75.00 annually to help fund the Visitor Center.

3) OPTION 3 – Annual Contribution from the General Fund

The City Council should consider funding a specified amount to the Visitor Center each year as a Contract for Service, according to the same process currently used.

4) OTHER

Please indicate in the space below any other funding options or comments you feel are pertinent to this discussion that you would like to share with City Council.

Sales Tax License # _____



From: Gunnison Chamber of Commerce
To: City Council and Staff
Subject: Visitor Center Funding
Date: September 22, 2015

Dear City Council and Staff;

Under the direction of the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, I have been asked to send you a letter to offer our assistance in the formulation of the survey the City will be conducting of City Sales Tax License Holders and help with tabulation of results if needed. The Gunnison Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gunnison have been close partners for 90 years by virtue of our location and our common goal of business support and tourism attraction. We value that partnership and appreciate your willingness to help us find a solution to support the long term financial stability of the Visitor's Center.

We would like to clarify that not all of the information regarding funding of Visitor Centers that was presented at the Sept. 8 City Council meeting was wholly accurate. We realize that this information was received from community governments and we understand that they are not always fully aware of how their Visitor Centers operate. Alamosa for example does not receive any city funding for their visitor center as was correctly reported to you, however they are a State Welcome Center and receive the majority of their funding from the State of Colorado. Delta is another example of a Visitor Center that may not receive much in cash from the City, however they reside in a City owned building and all of their city utilities are paid for by the City of Delta. Federal Heights and Firestone neither one have a visitor center they both utilize the Westminster Chamber and Visitor Center. If you would like to more fully analyze examples of Visitor Center funding and look at other potential options for Gunnison's — items such as utilities, maintenance, etc. — we'd be happy to begin that conversation as well.

As always we appreciate your help and feedback on this matter. The board feels very strongly that this is an important and time sensitive issue concerning not just the Visitors Center but the Gunnison economy as a whole.

Thank you again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Ryan Johnson

Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce, Board President



VOTE YES on 5A- SUSTAINING OUR VALLEY'S TRANSPORTATION

The Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) has two primary missions that serve the residents of Gunnison County:

1. Maintain and manage a long term, energy efficient public ground transportation system.
2. Work with the airlines to maintain and grow air service to and from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport.

The RTA is a Special Taxing District (a governmental entity) and is funded by sales tax.

- The sales tax is collected on all retail sales in the district except for groceries and energy.
- The District includes the entire County except for Marble, Pitkin, and Ohio City.

Why 5A, Why Now?

- Many residents in Gunnison Valley including students and seniors enjoy the convenience and economic benefits of the RTA's free bus service, but it's not really free. Did you know it costs the Gunnison Valley RTA \$125 to run a bus one-way between Gunnison and Mt. Crested Butte? In fact, ridership has increased from 48,000 people to 118,000 people since 2011.
- It will cost over \$620,000 each to replace current vehicles with new buses better suited to the service (80% of the first bus will be paid for with a Federal grant from CDOT).
- A survey done several years ago showed that 35% of the ridership of the free bus was Western students (and it can be assumed that this number continues to go up each year as the bus schedule has expanded to accommodate more riders during ski season).
- Senior groups have approached the RTA about increased transportation options in the valley. This ballot issue is a direct result of those conversations and an attempt to address the need for better senior transportation. The ballot language mandates that the first \$250,000 of the yearly revenue from the sales tax be spent on senior transportation.
- The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport is a vital part of the Gunnison Valley economy. The funds generated by the tax will go towards protecting existing flight service, and secure future flights to and from the airport. That means more flight options for local residents, and more tourism dollars going into our local economy.

- Research has shown that visitors to Gunnison Valley that come through the airport stay an average 7 nights and spend \$981. So increasing the number of seats and flights available into the airport is a direct way to grow our economy.
- The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport has 149 direct employees and 249 indirect employees, resulting in \$14.3 million dollars in local salaries annually.
- The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport generates \$177 million dollars in annual direct and indirect output, and \$5.5 million in tax revenue by commercial aviation visitors. These numbers can grow with additional funding.
- Except for United air service from Denver, the airlines require Minimum Revenue Guarantee Contracts to fly to Gunnison. The RTA needs the new revenue to secure those contracts and keep flight coming in and out of Gunnison.

Conclusion

On October 13th ballots will be mailed out and registered voters will be asked to consider ballot number 5A, a sales tax increase to generate additional funding for our bus and air service operations. This increase will be on sales tax, will not be reflected in household food purchases and will equal 10 cents on every \$10 purchase.

The last time a sales tax increase was approved to fund the Gunnison Valley RTA was 13 years ago in 2002 and renewed in 2008. Since then the cost of maintaining the bus fleet over time and negotiating deals with the airlines has increased significantly.

We encourage you to **VOTE YES ON 5A!**

What Can You Do?

- FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/voteyes5A and for more information and contact information visit www.sustainingourvalleystransportation.com
- Visit www.sustainingourvalleystransportation.com to sign up for a yard sign and for other ways to get involved.
- Attend our community party on October 15th- stay tuned via our website and Facebook page for final details.
- Campaigns are expensive! To make a donation to the campaign please send a check to Sustaining Our Valley's Transportation at P.O. Box 523 Gunnison, CO 81230

**RESOLUTION NO.18
SERIES 2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,
COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE GUNNISON VALLEY REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BALLOT ISSUE 5A**

WHEREAS, the Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority (GVRTA) is a special taxing district formed in January 2003, as a joint enterprise between the City of Gunnison, the Town of Crested Butte, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and Gunnison County; and

WHEREAS, the GVRTA's primary missions that serve the residents of and visitors to the Gunnison Valley, are to maintain and grow air service to and from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport and to provide a long-term, energy-efficient, public ground transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the free public ground transportation system alleviates traffic and parking congestion in the valley, reduces private vehicle use and the associated environmental impacts, and provides needed transportation for citizens without vehicle ownership; and

WHEREAS, tax-assisted air service provides local employment, brings visitors into the city that patronize local businesses and generates city sales tax revenue, and provides air service in to and out of the valley for city residents and Western State Colorado University students; and

WHEREAS, operation and maintenance ground transportation costs and minimum guarantee airline contracts to provide air transportation services continue to rise each year; and

WHEREAS, the GVRTA is requesting a sales tax increase on the November 3, 2015, Combined Election ballot to increase funding for much needed seniors transportation, continued and expanded air service to and from the Gunnison Valley, and continued bus service between the city and the north end of the valley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council recognizes the value of ground and air transportation services provided by the Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority to the citizens of and visitors to the City of Gunnison; and

Further, the City Council encourages all registered electors of the City of Gunnison to become educated about Ballot Issue 5A and to vote YES on the ballot issue in the November 3, 2015, Combined Election.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 13th day of October, 2015.

(SEAL)

(ATTEST)

Mayor

City Clerk

Memorandum

To: City Council
From: Keith Robinson
Date: September 29, 2015
Subject: Nuisance Ordinance Rewrite



Council may remember; as the marijuana ordinance adoption was coming to an end and the ordinances dealing with Idling Engines were adopted earlier this year, I advised that the ordinances related to nuisance issues would be reviewed for amendment starting in the fall. At Council's request the review process is being brought forward now for discussion.

Staff met on September 23rd to review past complaints, concerns, issues with existing code and how the process should proceed. Issues typically under nuisance violations deal with community standards of acceptance rather than safety, health or society expectations. Yes, health and safety may be of concern and where possible those are identified and dealt with in a more direct response. With nuisances however our existing ordinances and those researched try to blend criminal and civil remedies. We also have to insure that adoption of a criminal/civil enforcement action does not conflict with existing land use regulations. Those conflicts are part of the delay in enforcement, causes confusion in the process and a lack of noticeable action in many cases. The review and rewrite discussed is intended to clarify a process where a violation can be identified, clearly defined, and a course of action established from initial contact, compliance, court action, and conclusion either through voluntary compliance, court ordered compliance, or court ordered.

The existing Nuisance Ordinance is located in Title 5, Chapter 30, Sections 010 thru 070. The proposed plan consists of myself working with City Attorney Kathy Fogo to define a process for nuisance issues to be handled. That process will be developed in conjunction with PD staff and members of the City Compliance Task Force (CTF) Group reviewing, discussing and providing input. The envisioned process includes initial contact and voluntary compliance through court ordered abatement. Where possible we will be looking for opportunities to address some issues early with summons before they grow into a nuisance issue. Mainly the hope is a clearly defined process to get complaints resolved with property owner voluntarily and if not a clean understandable process to force compliance.

To address Council's request for a planned approach, I would propose updating Council at the November 17, 2015, work session, with information pertaining to 5.30.030 Inspection of Property, 5.30.040 Abatement, 5.30.050 Recovery of Expenses, 5.30.060 Protest of Notice of Abatement and 5.30.070 Enforcement and Remedies. Addressing

these areas should provide a frame work for dealing with a nuisance issue from initial complaint through resolution. This portion of the ordinance could then be completed in draft form and approved.

Specific nuisance topics can then be identified, defined and ordinances drafted under 5.30.020 Nuisance Prohibited. Additional ordinances can be approved or adopted individually or in groups at Council's direction. Without considering what may already be addressed in the land development code, existing general offenses, model traffic code, or fire code the basic categories identified for consideration and discussion are:

1. Excessive Noise
 - Commercial Operations
 - Residential
2. Weeds/Vegetation:
 - Right of way
 - Established yards vs. undeveloped lots
 - Wild habitat/wet lands/agriculture
 - Noxious weeds vs. natural landscaping, zero scape, appearance
3. Inoperable or junk vehicles
 - Antiques
 - Parts
 - Street, yards
 - Covered vs. open storage
4. Use of City Right of Way
 - Storage of non-motorized items
 - Storage of motorized or towed vehicles
 - Conducting Business
5. Litter/Rubbish/Allowable Storage
 - Household Furniture
 - Appliances
 - Building Materials
 - Yard waste
 - Electronics

Again, trying to give Council a plan for rewrite and adoption. I would anticipate an update every 4 to 6 weeks once the abatement and enforcement sections are approved. The update might be the language that already exists and how enforcement is going to be applied. In some cases the needed ordinance change may not be in Chapter 30 but can be more effective in another Chapter.

The plan laid out is very aggressive but should allow for a workable nuisance code rewrite in place by July 1, 2016.

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Steve Westbay
DATE: October 6, 2015
RE: Commercial Design Standards

On August 18th the Council was provided a general overview of design standard elements established in the *City of Gunnison Land Development Code (LDC)*. The 2014 *LDC* establishes contemporary standards for site plan development that promote quality urban design. Existing standards include, but are not limited to, detailed access and parking lot design standards, buffering standards, landscaping standards, signage and lighting.

The 2014 *LDC* also contains specific standards for large scale retail (Big Box- more than 50,000 square feet) that include architectural design provisions. Other than dimensional standards affecting building design, the *LDC* does not establish any other controls for architectural design.

At the August 18th council meeting the staff was asked to provide a tabulated summary of commercial design standards enacted by other municipal jurisdictions. Since the 2014 *LDC* already addresses many development factors associated with commercial development, the staff review has focused on standards associated with commercial architectural design.

Architectural design standards can address a variety of design related topics, but most contemporary standards focus on building mass form and scale, building façade material types, integration of window and doors into the wall plane design (solid: void ratio) and regulation of other related building design elements. For the purpose of this assessment, several architectural design elements were integrated in the attached table, but please note this is a summary of only some of the potential themes that may be applied to commercial design standards. Design standards from other jurisdictions reviewed for this presentation have varying levels of detail, with some standards being very broad statements that may be too vague for consistent application and others being very detailed in content.

The following is a summary of factors that should be considered if the Council desires to move forward with the adoption of commercial design standards:

1. Crafting the city's approach on design standards should be based on solid research and legal advice, properly weighing the standards to permissible legal purpose.
2. Architectural design standards should be based on the perceived community character. Understanding and identifying related themes should be established through citizen involvement processes, visual surveys and other techniques that help to define the local design character. Development of architectural design standards will require consulting services by professionals versed in urban and architectural design.
3. Design standards may be perceived in an adverse manner without extensive education and cultivation of citizen support.
4. Applying architectural design standards must be vetted through established procedures that ensure due process challenges are not an issue - are the regulations reasonable and applied to all related development in a set zone district or overlay zone? Are terms properly defined? Is the authorized governing board properly trained and impartial?

Jurisdiction	Building Orientation	Architectural Style	Roof lines	Massing	Building Materials	Colors	Window Treatments	Landscaping	Pedestrian Access	Screening	Other Comments
Durango River Corridor	Viewshed protection – 2 perspectives drawings from river			35' maximum height in river overlay				Buffer river viewshed impacts & maintain riparian habitat	Minimum 15' setback from river trail. Pedestrian loading area required		2 overlay districts River district and CBD district
Durango Downtown		Meet the intent of the adopted design guideline & Historic Preservation standards									
Estes Park – Stanley Hotel. Overlay District	Viewshed protection	Height 30' maximum	4:12 Pitch								
Ft Collins Development Standards – site & design standards	Build-to lines at street sidewalk. -pedestrian oriented street fronts. Building no more than 15' from ROW.	Building wall plane modules are a max 30' wide. Massing changes are accomplished using varied wall textures, window voids or other design elements creating variation.	Base (1 st floor) and top (above 1 st floor) treatments are required to distinguish vert. design element – stepped parapets, cornice treatments, slope roof articulations.	Variation in Mass: Height/Width mass no more than 1:3 w/o mass variation.	Material combinations may be used to distinguish bldg. façade modules and massing.	Integrally textured materials such as stone and masonry. Integrally colored and patterned materials; lighter or darker colored material, mullions or panels.	Windows, entrances, awnings, et al. cover no less than 50% of wall plane facade	Landscape standards are addressed in the Ft. Collins Development Code.	Addressed in Development Code Access standards	Addressed in Development Code screening standards	Site development and design standards are contained in a uniform code format. Ft. Collins standards are integrated and detailed in scope.
Glenwood Springs- DT Design Standard	New structures shall respond to the contextual building setbacks and orientation of the surrounding structures on the block. New construction shall be built parallel to lot lines to reflect the historical orientation of nonresidential structures	Prominent, street-oriented doorways, awnings and large glass storefront windows features that add visual interest and contributing to both the architectural and the pedestrian-oriented character of the Downtown Core. Maintain the distinction between the street level and the upper floors.	The primary roof form shall appear to be flat, as traditionally found on the City's downtown commercial structures. A parapet shall conceal roofs. "Exotic" roof forms, including mansards, shall not be allowed.	Building massing shall respect the existing neighborhood scale, especially along the lot edge that abuts existing residential development and along the street edge. A wider structure shall, to the maximum extent feasible, be divided into modules that reflect these traditional building widths.	Commercial structures are constructed of sturdy, earth-toned materials such as brick and stone. Natural materials contribute to the character and perceived permanence of a structure.	Use Earth tone colors with natural materials. Deep red, blue and green may be used as accent colors to add visual interest to a store front façade or entrance.	Upper story windows shall have a vertical emphasis, and similar proportions to those traditionally found on historic commercial structures Transparent, clear glass shall be used. Opaque, tinted and mirrored glass shall not be used.	Landscape standards are addressed in the Glenwood Springs Development Code.	Street Design standards address pedestrian function and Streetscape design	Ground-mounted electrical and mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view using opaque fencing, walls or a combination of fencing or walls and plantings	Glenwood Springs codes are integrated and detailed in scope.
Mt. CB	Vistas and view-sheds are to be preserved. Setbacks based on individual zone district standards				Roof materials must be harmonious to natural environment - natural materials used	Earth tone colors are favored – bright colors used only as accents. Non-reflective metals may be used.		Use a point schedule for the site landscape requirements.			Cut:fill and retainage standards are established along with retaining wall standards.
Steamboat Springs – Commercial Standards		Deep eaves, projections, and use of awnings and window placements are integrated into the building design	Pitched roof preferred-but protect against ice and snow fall. Roof style shall balance compatibility with area character.	Avoid Blank Walls	Quality material – but not defined. Building design cannot include a corporate architecture image-no golden arches			Landscape standards are addressed in the Steamboat Springs Development Code.	Shall provide for ease of pedestrian access.	Mechanical Equipment and Service Area	
Steamboat Springs- Downtown standards	Parallel to lot lines with building front orientated to street	Similar to existing buildings. Contemporary design is encourage but complements traditional structures.	Similar to existing buildings. Third story modules are required to have 15' setback from sidewalk.	Divide large mass structure into modules. Change massing form if walls are +25' wide.	Use traditional materials: brick, stone, painted wood, stucco. Panel products are prohibited	Awning allowed but cannot be exotic or high gloss material.	Use product similar to existing buildings. Solid:Void ratio required but no specific ratio is identified. Upper story window have vertical emphasis		Develop active outdoor space for pedestrians.		
Woodland Park	Building orientation should face the street frontage and preserve view corridors.	Blank walls visible to the public shall be avoided, to the extent possible.	Scale of the existing and proposed buildings to create an existing rhythm of buildings along the street.	Building shall be set to fit the existing topography. Buildings should be set lower than any ridgeline on the site.	Brick, sandstone wood, stucco, colored and textured concrete masonry units of facing material are encouraged. NOTE: This is not a standard but only a guideline.	Colors which blend with adjoining building style and natural surrounding environment shall be use on buildings. Panelized plywood and highly reflective material for facing material is prohibited.		Healthy existing trees shall be preserved to the extent feasible. Acceptable standards for tree spacing pruning and maintenance must be met.	Sidewalks Required in commercial and multi-family development. Dimensional standards are set by the city engineer. Private on-site walkways are a minimum of 5' wide.		Outdoor display of retail goods shall be limited to the private property area at the front of the principal building and shall not extend beyond 25' of any front wall. Outside storage shall be screened by fencing or suitable buffering

**RESOLUTION NO.19
SERIES 2015**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING CITY OF GUNNISON BALLOT QUESTION 2C REFERRED TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE ALL SERVICES, DESCRIBED AS “ADVANCED SERVICES” (HIGH SPEED INTERNET), “TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES” AND “CABLE SERVICES”, RESTRICTED SINCE 2005 BY TITLE 29, ARTICLE 27, OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Colorado Legislature passed a law commonly referred to as Senate Bill 152, codified at Title 29, Article 27 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, which prohibits most uses of municipal or county money for infrastructure to improve local broadband service, without first going to a vote of the people; and

WHEREAS, the provision of broadband service, including high broadband services and service “redundancy”, has been the topic of many discussions among elected officials of the City of Gunnison, the Town of Crested Butte, the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, and Gunnison County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value and importance of high broadband services and service redundancy for our existing and future businesses, residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has referred to the electors of the City, Ballot Question 2C, which seeks authorization from the electors to reestablish the authority of the City to provide all services, described as “Advanced Services” (High-Speed Internet), Telecommunications Services” and “Cable Services”, including any new or improved bandwidth services based on existing or future technologies, telecommunications services and cable television services, within the City’s service area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado recognizes the importance of reestablishing the City’s authority to provide services, described as “Advanced Services” (High Speed Internet), “Telecommunications Services”, and “Cable Services”, including any new or improved High Bandwidth Services based on existing or future technologies, telecommunications services and cable television services; and

Further, the City Council encourages all registered electors of the City of Gunnison to become educated about City of Gunnison Ballot Issue 2C and to vote YES on the ballot issue in the November 3, 2015, Combined Election.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, this 13th day of October, 2015.

(SEAL)

(ATTEST)

Mayor

City Clerk