

August 11, 2020

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

5:30 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in Council Chambers located at 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado, by Mayor Jim Gelwicks. Mayor Pro Tem Jim Miles, Deputy City Clerk Cassie Mason, and Dick Bratton of Gunnison Valley Properties were physically present in Council Chambers. Councilor Mallory Logan, Councilor Diego Plata, Councilor Boe Freeburn, City Attorney Kathy Fogo, City Manager Russ Forrest, Community Development Director Anton Sinkewich, Senior Planner Andie Ruggera, City Engineer Cody Tusing, Police Chief Keith Robinson, and Finance Director Ben Cowan, attended remotely. Two interested residents attended in person. The press and another six interested residents attended remotely. There was a Council quorum.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Gelwicks called the public hearing to order on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado. Mayor Jim Gelwicks, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Miles, and Deputy City Clerk Cassie Mason were in attendance in Council Chambers. Attending remotely were City Manager Russ Forrest, Councilor Mallory Logan, Councilor Diego Plata, Councilor Boe Freeburn, Community Development Director Anton Sinkewich and City Attorney Kathy Fogo attended remotely.

Mayor Gelwicks stated that the purpose of the continued public hearing was to receive input on the merits of a Major Change to a Planned Unit Development application, ZA 20-1, which revises zoning designations and amends the Gunnison Rising PUD Development Standards and Annexation Agreement. He noted that the hearing was a continuation of a properly noticed public hearing, which had been continued by Council on July 28, 2020.

Mayor Gelwicks stated for the record that he was not wearing a mask for health reasons.

Mayor Gelwicks requested an update from staff. Community Development Director Sinkewich indicated that the complete and correct legal description is being prepared by the Applicant. The legal description will be included in a potential first reading of an ordinance at the August 25, 2020, meeting of Council. Updated materials for Council included a detailed exhibit showing the new and old PUD boundaries. Sinkewich indicated that the new boundaries do not change the amount of land that has been annexed by the City.

Dick Bratton of Gunnison Valley Properties confirmed that the Applicant is working on the legal description. Council received confirmation that this is expected to be ready by August 21, 2020.

Mayor Gelwicks called for citizen input. There being none, Mayor Gelwicks indicated that there would be opportunity for further public input since the public hearing would be continued to August 25, 2020.

Mayor Gelwicks called for Council input.

Councilor Freeburn requested clarification on annexation boundaries. Senior Planner Ruggera indicated that Parcel Number 1 was included, a parcel near the Pioneer Museum had been taken out since it had been gifted to the museum, and a third section was included that should have been part of the original PUD.

Mayor Gelwicks asked if written comments had been received. Deputy Clerk Cassie Mason read a letter dated August 11, 2020, from Susan Kerns on behalf of the Valley Housing Fund. Mayor Gelwicks indicated that additional written comments would be welcome and entered into the record at the next hearing.

At 5:44 pm, hearing no additional final comments, the mayor continued the public hearing to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

**Citizen Input:**

Newly appointed County Commissioner Liz Smith introduced herself to City Council.

**Action Items:****Public Input on Reducing the Speed Limit on Residential Streets to 25 mph**

Council acknowledged the 22 emails that had been received related reducing the residential speed limit and traffic enforcement within the City of Gunnison. Council requested from Police Chief Robinson additional information and data related to traffic enforcement policies and practices, including data on numbers of speed stops, citations issued, and the raw data used in the speed study that was presented to Council. Councilors acknowledged the broad public concerns expressed regarding street safety, including visibility at intersections, excessive vehicle noise, and the use of Boulevard by law enforcement responders, among others. Councilors noted that the public's perception is that there is not sufficient enforcement of speed limits and other motor vehicle violations. Councilors also expressed interest in additional safety measure and methods of enforcement, such as automatic cameras.

Police Chief Keith Robinson provided a background on the City of Gunnison Police Department's approach to traffic enforcement and citation issuance, and explained the classification of motor vehicle violations related to illegal modifications that create noise or heavy exhaust. Chief Robinson explained drawbacks of using four-way stops to reduce average speeds. He indicated that the main limiting factor to traffic enforcement is officer time and being present when the violations happen. Chief Robinson will follow up with Council with the additional data requested and would make sure that all officers are turning their radar devices on.

**Approval of the July 28, 2020, Regular Session meeting minutes**

Councilor Logan moved and Councilor Freeburn seconded the motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes of July 28, 2020.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, and Plata. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

**Ordinance No. 7, Series 2020, First Reading: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, Amending Chapter 5.20 Traffic, Section 5.20.020 Additions or Modifications of the Gunnison Municipal Code by the Modification of Part 11, Speed Regulations, 1101 Speed Limits***

Councilor Plata introduced and read by title only Ordinance No. 7, 2020. Councilor Plata moved and Councilor Miles seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 7, Series 2020, on first reading. City Attorney Fogo noted a typo under the eighth paragraph of the ordinance and indicated that she would confirm that "state highway" should be "street or highway." Councilors received confirmation that lower speed limits could be set in special zones, not through this ordinance, and that the issue of the number and placement of signs need not be part of the ordinance.

Roll call, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, Plata, and Freeburn. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

**Ordinance No. 6, Series 2020; Second Reading: *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, Amending Title 3 Finance, Chapter 3.10 to Authorize the City of Gunnison to Collect Taxes for Businesses that are only tied to the City of Gunnison with Economic Nexus and for Marketplace Facilitators to Collect Taxes on behalf of Marketplace Sellers***

Councilor Logan introduced, read by title only, and moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6, 2020, on second reading. Councilor Miles seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Gelwicks, Logan, Plata, Freeburn and Miles. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

**Resolution No. 13, Series 2020: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, Adopting Fees***

A fee resolution was introduced to adjust fees charged for the Ice Rink, Cranor Hill, event equipment rentals, park rental fees, special pickup fees, and tree dump fees.

Councilor Logan introduced, read by title only, and moved to adopt Resolution 13, Series 2020, on first reading. Councilor Plata seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Logan, Plata, Freeburn, Miles, and Gelwicks. So carried.

Roll call, no: None.

**Review of Council’s Strategic Priorities**

City Manager Russ Forrest presented a draft strategic plan for the City of Gunnison that encompasses four broad priorities: (1) Infrastructure and public safety; (2) Economic prosperity and housing; (3) Multi-modal transportation; and (4) Environmental sustainability. The plan outlines desired results related to each of the priorities and strategies to achieve each result. A request was made for Council to review and provide feedback on the strategic plan to ensure it reflects the desires of Council and the community. Council provided some feedback and comments, including feedback on sustainability, vibrancy, traffic, supporting the hospitality industry, and others. Pending additional Council feedback, staff will bring the plan to Council for formal approval via resolution.

**A recess was called at 7:12 pm. Mayor Gelwicks reconvened the session at 7:21.**

**Letter of Support for Seasons Schoolhouse**

A letter was requested by Season’s Schoolhouse supporting its expansion, which will be included in the organization’s grant applications.

Miles moved and Plata seconded a motion to authorize a letter of support for Season’s Schoolhouse.

Roll call, yes: Plata, Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks and Logan. So carried.

Roll call, no: None

**COVID-19 Update and Cattleman’s Rodeo Discussion**

City Manager Russ Forrest gave an update related to COVID-19. Of particular note was Cattleman’s Days, which received public health approval for a televised rodeo scheduled for Labor Day weekend. A critical next step to holding the rodeo is a financial commitment to the stock provider, due by August 12, 2020. The event, if funded, could be one of the only rodeos in Country and would be televised nationally. Staff identified \$15,000 in unutilized City event funds that could be used to support the rodeo.

Councilor Logan moved to allocate an additional \$15,000 to the Cattleman’s Days Rodeo from special events dollars through the public service grant. Councilor Plata seconded the motion. Council Miles requested that the amount be increased to \$20,000 -\$25,000. Councilor Logan amended her motion to allocate \$20,000 - \$5,000 being from the COVID fund and \$15,000 being from special events - to allocate to the public service grant. Diego seconded the motion. Additional possible funding sources were discussed.

Roll call, yes: Freeburn, Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, and Plata. So carried.

Roll call, no: None

Councilor Miles moved to reallocate \$3,500 from the cancelled “Gunny Grinder” for Cattleman’s Days. Freeburn seconded the motion.

Roll call, yes: Miles, Gelwicks, Logan, Plata and Freeburn. So carried.

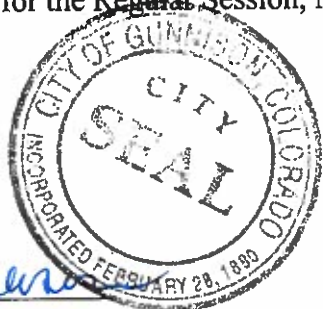
Roll call, no: None

Mayor Gelwicks provided an update on vaccine developments and testing.

**Reports**

Staff gave brief reports. Council gave brief. Council gave brief updates. Mayor Gelwicks gave an update on his health status.

With no further business for the Regular Session, Mayor Gelwicks adjourned the Regular Session meeting at 8:29 pm.



*Jim Gelwicks*  
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Mayor

Attest:

*Cassandra Mero*  
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Deputy City Clerk