

Grand Junction City Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 15, 2026

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15th day of April, at 5:40 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Robert Ballard, (virtual) Scott Beilfuss, Laurel Lutz, Jason Nguyen, Anna Stout, Ben Van Dyke, and Council President Cody Kennedy.

Also present were City Manager Mike Bennett, Interim City Attorney Jeremiah Boies, Utilities Director Randi Kim, Chief Financial Officer Jay Valentine, Deputy City Manager Kimberly Bullen, General Services Director Jerod Timothy, City Clerk Selestina Sandoval, and Deputy City Clerk Krystle Koehler.

Council President Kennedy called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Proclamations

Proclaiming April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Stout read the proclamation, and Forestry Board Vice Chair Kamie Long accepted it.

Appointments

To the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Councilmember Stout moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded to reappoint Bill Findlay, Nancy Strippel and Bryon Wiehe to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for full terms expiring June 30, 2029, and to appoint Cayman Haltiner for a partial term expiring June 30, 2027. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from Theresa Cambron, Maryann Taigman, Charles Lerr, Raigan Long, Dennis Simpson, and Ed Kowalski.

City Manager Report

City Manager Mike Bennett provided a brief update on the March sales tax revenue. He also highlighted three upcoming city engagement opportunities: Southwest Arbor Fest

on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., which will include a community conversation, the “Meet You There” engagement on May 1, where Mayor Pro Tem Laurel Lutz will be at the Community Food Bank, and a Town Hall with City Council and city leadership on May 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Grand Junction High School Auditorium, located at 1400 North 5th Street. Lastly, he recognized Utilities Director Randi Kim, who attended her final City Council meeting as she prepares for retirement, and shared a few words in appreciation of her service.

Boards and Commission Liaison Reports

Councilmember Beilfuss reported that he participated in a panel discussion with the Next 50 group, which focuses on issues affecting aging populations in Colorado.

Councilmember Lutz shared an update from Visit Grand Junction, and the Grand Junction Housing Authority.

Councilmember Stout reported on the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

Council President Kennedy gave an update on the Grand Junction Economic Partnership.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the March 30, 2026, Workshop
- b. Minutes of the March 30, 2026, Special Meeting Executive Session
- c. Minutes of the April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 21.02.070 of the Zoning and Development Code Related to And Concerning Development Impact Fees and Authorization to Issue Refunds of New Fee Schedule Differences Between January 1, 2026 and the Effective Date of this Ordinance, and Setting a Public Hearing for May 6, 2026

3. Agreements

- a. Agreement for Mesa County Clifton Community Campus Field Reservations Scheduling

4. Procurements

- a. Authorize the Contract to Provide and Install Fitness Equipment at the Community Recreation Center (CRC)
- b. Authorization for Two Contracts for On-Demand Traffic Control Services with Ultra Traffic Management, LLC and Traffic Control Specialists, LLC
- c. Authorize Contract: Water Treatment Plant South Tank Interior Recoating

5. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Amending Resolution No's. 37-22, 56-23 and 59-23 Amending Various Fees and Charges Relating to Title 5 Chapter 13 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Pertaining to Cannabis Business Licenses
- b. A Resolution to Appoint a Hearing Officer for Cannabis Licensing
- c. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Request to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- d. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Mesa County and School District #51 for the Design and Construction of 22 1/2 Road and Greenbelt Drive Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements

Councilmember Lutz moved, and Councilmember Nguyen seconded to adopt Consent Agenda Item #1-5. Excluding Item 4.c. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

4.c. Authorize Contract: Water Treatment Plant South Tank Interior Recoating

This item is to award a construction contract for the Water Treatment Plant South Tank Interior Recoating project. The City has procured plans and chosen a bidder for this project. The scope of work for the project includes all material, equipment and labor to recoat the interior of the tank, and to perform two add alternate maintenance tasks: (1) replace the outlet nozzle and (2) seal the exterior joint of the wall and floor plates.

Chief Financial Officer Jay Valentine and Utilities Director Randi Kim gave a brief presentation and were available to answer questions from council.

Comments were heard from Councilmember Beilfuss, Stout, Ballard, Van Dyke and Council President Kennedy.

The public comment opened at 6:32 p.m.

Public comments were heard from Whitman Robinson and Aaron DeRose.

The public comment closed at 6:39 p.m.

Councilmember Stout moved, and Councilmember Lutz seconded to table consent agenda item 4.c. authorize contract, water treatment plant south tank interior recoating for the opportunity for Council to receive legal advice. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Council took a short break at 6:39 p.m.

Council resumed at 6:49 p.m.

6.a. Award of Construction Contract for Material Recovery Facility Modifications Phase 1 to KR Construction Group, INC.

The City of Grand Junction is advancing Phase 1 of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Re-Purpose and Construction Project located at 365 32 Road. This phase includes critical building modifications necessary to prepare the existing facility for installation of processing equipment and future recycling operations. Improvements include structural modifications, demolition, concrete work, and upgrades to mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression systems. This project is a key step in the City's long-term strategy to enhance recycling operations, improve efficiency, and support a more sustainable materials management system. Due to the complexity of retrofitting an existing structure and the need to maintain an accelerated schedule, timely completion of Phase 1 is essential to support overall project delivery and future facility operations.

General Services Director Jerod Timothy and Chief Financial Officer Jay Valentine gave a brief presentation and were available to answer questions from council.

Comments were heard from Councilmember Stout and Beilfuss.

Councilmember Stout moved, and Councilmember Lutz seconded to authorize the City Manager to enter a construction contract with KR Construction Group Inc. for the

Materials Recovery Facility Phase 1 – Building Modifications project in the amount of \$4,281,380.00. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

7. Non-Scheduled Comments

There were none.

8. Other Business

There was none.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Selestina Sandoval, MMC

City Clerk

