

Grand Junction City Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 17, 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 17th day of June, at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Councilmembers Robert Ballard, (virtual) Scott Beilfuss, Cody Kennedy, Jason Nguyen, (virtual) Anna Stout, Ben Van Dyke, and Council President Laurel Lutz.

Also present were City Manager Mike Bennett, Interim City Attorney Jeremiah Boies, City Clerk Selestina Sandoval, and Deputy City Clerk Krystle Koehler.

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

Proclamations

Proclaiming June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Beilfuss read the proclamation, and David Combs accepted it.

Honoring National Peace Corps Volunteers in the City of Grand Junction

Councilmember Stout read the proclamation, and Dana Brosig, former Peace Corps Volunteer, accepted it.

Appointments

To the Downtown Development Authority Business Improvement District

Councilmember Stout moved and Councilmember Van Dyke seconded to appoint Steven Boyd to the Downtown Development Authority Business Improvement District for a partial term expiring June 30, 2028. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard from Tammy Powers, Shannon Palmer, and Karen Fehringer.

City Manager Report

City Manager Mike Bennett provided an update that the May revenue report will be on the City's website through the new dashboard. May sales and use tax collections were 6.08% higher than May 2025 and year-to-date collections are 5.9% above the same period. Through May, revenues are 2.3% ahead of budgeted projections.

Boards and Commission Liaison Reports

Councilmember Beilfuss reported that he and Mayor Lutz attended the Brain Injury Center at Hilltop's monthly meeting, he participated in a ride-along with Officer Naik, and attended events and meetings related to the University of Colorado, One Riverfront, and the Special Olympics event.

Councilmember Kennedy reported on the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority, the new sensory store, West Star Aviation Expansion and Grand Junction Economic Partnership.

Councilmember Van Dyke provided an update on the Business Incubator and its 40th Anniversary Celebration, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Terminal Project, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new playground next to Trail Life Brewing on Main Street on July 7th at 9 a.m.

Councilmember Stout had updates regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the upcoming Colorado Municipal League (CML) Annual Conference on June 22–25, and the Forestry Board.

Councilmember Nguyen had an update on the Urban Trails committee.

Council President Lutz gave an update on the Special Olympics and the Business Incubator's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Councilmember Ballard joined the meeting virtually at 6:03 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Summary of the June 1, 2026, Workshop
- b. Minutes of the June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting

- c. Minutes of the June 3, 2026, Special Meeting Executive Session

2. Set Public Hearings

- a. Legislative
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Title 6 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code Regarding Animals and Setting a Public Hearing for July 1, 2026 – **MOVED TO FUTURE WORKSHOP FOR DISCUSSION**
 - ii. Introduction of an Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the City Manager and Setting a Public Hearing for July 1, 2026
- b. Quasi-judicial
 - i. Introduction of an Ordinance Vacating Approximately 18,629 Square Feet of 50-Foot-Wide Public Right-of-Way Along South Broadway and Approximately 1,823 Square Feet of 30-Foot-Wide Public Right-of-Way Along 23 Road, and Setting a Public Hearing on July 17

3. Procurements

- a. Police Department Replacement Chiller (HVAC)
- b. Authorize a Construction Contract for 2026 Concrete Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Project

4. Resolutions

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support Establishing a Regional Transportation Management Organization/Association (TMO/A) within the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office to Reduce Ramp Trips on the Proposed New I-70 Interchange at 29 Road
- b. A Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Sign a Construction and Cost Share Agreement and Stormwater Management Covenant for a Regional Stormwater Detention Basin to be Located at 600 28 ¼ Road with Mesa County, PSBX Cache, LLC, and VIA Real Estate LLC

- c. A Resolution to Amend the Contract for Professional Services Between the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County for Administration of the Building Portion of the Wildfire Resiliency Code and Adopting Fees
- d. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement Between the City of Grand Junction and the Grand Junction Sports Commission Concerning the 2018 Voter-Approved Three Percent Lodgers Tax Increase
- e. A Resolution Vacating Approximately 0.31 Acres of Two 14-foot Multipurpose Easements Along South Broadway

Councilmember Kennedy moved, and Councilmember Van Dyke seconded to adopt Consent Agenda Item #1-4. Excluding item 2.a.i. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Stout moved and Councilmember Ballard seconded to table item 2.a.i. and refer to a future workshop. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Non-Scheduled Comments

There were none.

7. Other Business

There were none.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Selestina Sandoval, MMC
City Clerk

