



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Elks Civic Building. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT

J. David Reed, Dave Frank, Judy Ann Files, Doug Glaspell, Ed Ulibarri, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaller, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Scott Murphy, William Reis, Shani Wittenberg, Greg Stunder, Sharon Dunning

GUESTS

Flint Ogle, Judith Brown, Richard Brown, Lance Michaels, Lori Michaels, Jim Bowen, Ron Smith, John Brown, Linda Krebs, Jeffrey Krebs, Tony Hoague, Clay Goldberg, Donna Hebein, Sherman Hebein, Casey Bollinger, Cindi Olinghouse, Jeff Olinghouse, Karen Jenkins, Beth Perkovich, Mike Perkovich, Lynda Bailey, Steve Bailey, Randi Cooley, Frank Cooley, Jill Barton, Geri Wold, Richard Wojciechowski, Paul Burr

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. David Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Brown, Jim Bowen, Ron Smith, and John Brown spoke regarding the adoption of a non-sanctuary city declaration and requested a revote on the issue or a vote by the citizens.

Ron Smith spoke against city partnerships with private businesses.

Jeffrey Krebs questioned whether the community has adequate resources for an influx of immigrants.

Tony Hogue stated that the Citizens Climate Lobby is developing a climate action plan and is looking for partners. Mr. Hogue requested an opportunity to speak with City Council in the future.

Lori Michaels said that Altrusa Park is not being watered which is requiring the Altrusa organization to manually water its garden. Ms. Michaels asked if there is a plan for irrigation of the park.

Clay Goldberg expressed concern about concrete replacement on bike paths. Mr. Goldberg also commented that immigrants who here with asylum status are not illegal.

A person who declined to provide a name stated that public comment wording on the agenda violated the First Amendment.

Sherman Hebein, Casey Bollinger, and Jeff Olinghouse spoke in support of a non-sanctuary city declaration.

Karen Jenkins spoke against dedicating resources to people who are not here legally and in favor of ensuring that anyone here illegally does not vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the May 7, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2663 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2663 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, for the annexation of the Blowers Addition.

Planner II William Reis reported that the 12.94 acre parcel is located within the Urban Growth Boundary and city water and sewer service areas. The proposed zoning designation is R-L, Rural Living District, with a minimum lot size of one acre.

Mr. Reis reviewed the zoning of the surrounding area and the intent of the R-L zoning designation.

Mr. Reis recommended approval of the annexation stating that the proposal is consistent with public health, safety, and welfare, city annexation policies, and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Reis also recommended approval of the R-L zoning designation with a minimum lot size of one acre.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Ordinance 2663 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2664 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2664 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, providing for the zoning of the Blowers Addition as a "R-L," Rural Living District.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Ordinance 2664 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2662 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2662 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, granting and authorizing the conveyance of an interest in City-owned real estate pursuant to Section 1-9-2 of the Official Code of the City of Montrose.

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that the recently completed Woodgate realignment project included the future addition of a roundabout at E. Oak Grove Road. The realignment project included an estimated footprint for the roundabout, and property acquisitions were completed. Mr. Murphy said that during the design of the roundabout, it was determined that an additional 509 square feet is needed on one corner. Mr. Murphy stated that Ordinance 2662 vacates parcels that are no longer needed for the roundabout and the following agenda item adopts the amended plat. The closing is scheduled for May 29.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adopt Ordinance 2662 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RDMJK WOODGATE DIVISION OF PROPERTY, AMENDMENT NO. 1 PLAT

City Council considered the RDMJK Woodgate Division of Property, An Official Act of the City of Montrose, Amendment No. 1 plat to dedicate right of way and associated easements needed for the upcoming roundabout project at the intersection of Woodgate and East Oak Grove Roads.

Public comment was accepted.

John Brown questioned whether the work done on the intersection took into consideration the future plan for the roundabout. Mr. Murphy reviewed the history of the property acquisition for the Woodgate Road realignment project.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to approve the RDMJK Woodgate Division of Property, An Official Act of the City of Montrose, Amendment No. 1 plat as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

SPRUCE POINT UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT

City Council considered a utility service agreement with Chipeta Water District and Spruce Point Development Company, LLC to provide City of Montrose water service to currently undeveloped portions of the Spruce Point Subdivision.

City Engineer Scott Murphy reported that the Cobble Creek neighborhood was developed within the Chipeta Water Service Area, and Spruce Point remained on the Chipeta Water system. Mr. Murphy said that continued growth on the Chipeta Water system and future development of elderly care facilities necessitated additional fire protection. Mr. Murphy said the City has waterlines and infrastructure in the vicinity and has the ability to serve with available water resources. Mr. Murphy said the agreement also sets terms for watering landscaping and common areas.

Flint Ogle, principle of Spruce Point Development Company, LLC confirmed that City water will not be used for common areas. Mr. Ogle said the development will consist of patio homes with lawns maintained by the HOA with shares of Uncompahgre Valley water.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Dave Frank, to enter into a utility service agreement with Chipeta Water District and Spruce Point Development Company, LLC as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Sales, Use, and Excise Tax Report

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg provided a sales, use, and excise tax report for the month of March 2024. Ms. Wittenberg reported that total sales and use tax collections were up 1.8 percent as compared to March of 2023 with a positive budget variance of 3.4 percent. Year-to-date collections were up 5.2 percent with a positive budget variance of 6.2 percent.

First Quarter Budget Review

Finance Director Shani Wittenberg reported that a complete First Quarter Budget Review is included in the meeting packet. Ms. Wittenberg stated that everything is very positive, and several capital projects are underway.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Councilor Ed Ulibarri relayed a comment he received regarding the Baldrige Park disc golf course. City Manager Bill Bell said that a new map for the disc golf course is in production and will be available at the Visitor Center. Deputy City Manager Ann Morgenthaler reported that new signage was also installed recently.

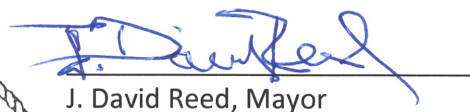
ADJOURNMENT

At 7:02 p.m., a motion was made by Judy Ann Files, seconded by Ed Ulibarri, to adjourn the meeting with no further action taken.

ATTEST:



Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk



J. David Reed, Mayor