



MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL

July 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Montrose City Council was held on Tuesday, July 2, 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, Bill Bell, Ann Morgenthaler, Chris Dowsey, Greg Story, Lisa DelPiccolo, Blaine Hall, Tim Cox, Anthony Russo, Matt Magliaro, Jace Hochwalt

ABSENT

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GUESTS

John Brown, David Fishing, Greg Fishing, Justin Mashburn, Phil Moomjean, Cindi Olinghouse, Amy Trujillo, Jim Trujillo, Dale Haag, Nicole Johnston, Ron Smith, Maggie Smith, Jeff Krebs, Leah Vandersluis, Paul Burr, Dale Haag

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.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor J. David Reed presented a You Make A Difference award to Justin Mashburn, Recreation Services Superintendent with the Montrose Recreation District.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

John Brown, Nicole Johnston, Phil Moomjean, spoke in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration or a vote by the citizens on the topic.

Ron Smith spoke in favor of the planting of trees, in opposition to taxpayer funds used for private enterprise, about unspoken benefits provided to city employees, and in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration.

Maggie Smith, Cindy Olinghouse, Jeffrey Krebs, Jim Trujillo, Leah Vandersluis, and Paul Burr spoke in favor of a non-sanctuary city declaration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council considered the minutes of the June 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Judy Ann Files, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024, regular City Council meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2665 – SECOND READING

City Council considered Ordinance 2665 on second reading, an Ordinance of the City of Montrose, Colorado, assessing the costs of the Otter Pond Circle Utility Relocation Special Improvement District to the property included within the district.

City Attorney Chris Dowsey reviewed the timeline for implementation of the Special Improvement District. A resolution of intent to form a special improvement district was adopted on November 14, 2023, followed by adoption of an ordinance creating the special improvement district on January 2, 2024.

Mr. Dowsey stated that Ordinance 2665 assesses the cost per lot with two options for payment. Lot owners can pay in full within 30 days of the effective date of the ordinance with a 2 percent discount, or annual payments can be made over 20 years with 4 percent interest accruing. Annual payments would be collected through the Montrose County Treasurer.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to adopt Ordinance 2665 on second reading as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

POTATO GROWERS BUILDING HORIZONTAL IMPROVEMENTS SUPPORT

City Council considered a request from High Oasis, LLC for \$418,817.00 in support funding for horizontal site improvements for the Potato Growers Building at 39 W. Main Street.

Anthony Russo, Business Development, provided an overview of the project to renovate the historic Potato Growers building and create a draw to West Main Street. Mr. Russo stated that utility upgrades are needed for the Potato Growers building and adjacent buildings, and parking lot improvements will also benefit neighboring businesses.

Owners David and Greg Fishing thanked City Council for supporting the restoration of the iconic building. David Fishing stated that the existing utilities are outdated and inadequate and the horizontal improvements benefit the site and not the associated businesses. Mr. Fishing also stated that as a result of the investments made in the property, more property tax will be generated for the site than in the past 40 to 50 years.

City Manager Bill Bell stated that a memorandum of understanding will be signed by the Fisherings and Sharing Ministries that will allow public use of the enhanced parking area. Mr. Bell reviewed the importance of the City's investment in community infrastructure and said these improvements will remain with the community and not the business owners. Mr. Bell said that because of this project, one of the most iconic and historic buildings in the community is now restored and is a source of community pride. Mr. Bell said private investment in this project totals \$3-4 million and the City's support is within the 8-12 percent range of the total project costs.

Mayor J. David Reed stated his support for the project and the City's financial support stating that the City's history, heritage, and culture must be preserved for future generations. Mayor Reed also stated that each request for funding is thoroughly analyzed and evaluated based upon economic development value, employment benefits, and generation of sales tax revenues.

Public comment was accepted.

Ron Smith spoke in support of the project and support funding. Mr. Smith suggested communicating the message delivered during this discussion to the citizens.

A motion was made by Doug Glaspell, seconded by Dave Frank, to approve support funding totaling \$418,817.00 for horizontal site improvements for the Potato Growers Building at 39 W. Main Street as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

MONTROSE COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE TAP FEE WAIVER REQUEST

City Council considered tap fee waivers totaling \$24,661.40 for the Montrose County Historic Courthouse renovation project at 320 S. First Street.

Anthony Russo, Business Development, reported that the courthouse is another example of a historic building needing restoration in the downtown corridor. Mr. Russo said that the tap fee waivers are being considered in response to a request for assistance from Montrose County.

Public comment was accepted. No comments were received.

A motion was made by Dave Frank, seconded by Doug Glaspell, to approve tap fee waivers totaling \$24,661.40 for the Montrose County Historic Courthouse renovation project at 320 S. First Street as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

National Opioid Settlement with Kroger Company

Assistant City Attorney Matthew Magliaro reviewed the City's option to participate in a settlement to receive funding from Kroger Company for alleged misconduct related to opioids. The City has until August 12, 2024, to opt into the settlement.

Fourth of July Community Events

City Clerk Lisa DelPiccolo reviewed a list of Fourth of July events including a parade, concerts, a fireworks display, and a pancake breakfast.

Rathbone Hotel Grand Opening

Anthony Russo, Business Development, announced the grand opening of the Rathbone Hotel and Parlor Bar beginning at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, July 3.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

No City Council comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:54 p.m., a motion was made by Dave Frank to adjourn the meeting with no further action taken.

ATTEST:


J. David Reed, Mayor
Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk