Council Goals

Envision a safe, flourishing downtown that provides a strong commercial tax base

Strive to be active stewards of existing aging infrastructure

Recognize importance of experience, well trained, and community minded staff

Ensure its electorate is well informed of on-going successes and future plans

Envision a safe, secure community for its families and youth

Promote redevelopment of existing businesses and neighborhoods and increase quality of life for all its residents

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL
La Junta, Colorado
December 18, 2023
6:00 PM
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Ayala)

INVOCATION (Mayor Ayala)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Ayala)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members	Supervisors	Others
Ramirez		
Velasquez		
Stoker		
Ayala		
Ochoa		
Pantoya		
Rikhof		

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Mayor) (Action)
Regular Meeting December 4, 2023
Special Meeting December 11, 2023

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY ***(5-minutes time limit per person)***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading/ AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF ONE PERCENT ON ALL SALES WITHIN THE CITY OF LA JUNTA; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS AND RATIFYING ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN RELATING THERETO (City Attorney) (Action)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Resolutions (City Attorney) (Action)
   1. Posting of Open Meetings
   2. Designating Official Depositories for City Funds
   3. Offenses against City Property
   4. Publication of Legal Notices
   5. Designating Enterprise Funds

B. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property – Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development, Inc., d/b/a SECED, Inc. (City Attorney) (Action)

C. A Resolution Concerning Change of Fund Names (City Attorney) (Action)

D. Appoint Council Representatives (Mayor) (Action)
   1. **Planning Commission.** Current (Mayor Appointee) Representatives: Chandra Ochoa and Tom Seaba. Current (Council Appointee) Representative: Paul Velasquez
   2. **Senior Citizens Center Advisory Board.** Current Representative: Paul Velasquez
   3. **Tree Board.** Current Representative: Chandra Ochoa
   4. **Board of Utilities Commissioners.** Current Representative: Paul Velasquez

E. Board Appointments (Mayor) (Action)
   1. Reappoint Julie Worley to the Library Board – term to expire 12/31/2026
   2. Reappoint Kathy Martinez to the Sr. Citizens Advisory Board – term to expire 12/31/2026
   3. Reappoint Dortha McLain to the Sr. Citizens Advisory Board – term to expire 12/31/2026
   4. Reappoint Ron Davis to the Tourism Board – term to expire 12/31/2026
   5. Reappoint Colleen Oquist to the Tourism Board – term to expire 12/31/2026

F. Liquor Licenses (City Attorney) (Action)
   1. Application for a Special Event Permit by Otero College Foundation, Dillon Martin, Event Manager. The event is their annual fund raiser to be held December 31, 2023 from 7:00 to 11:59 p.m. at 2001 San Juan Avenue
   2. Application for Renewal of a Beer & Wine Liquor License by Mini Mart Inc., d/b/a Loaf'n Jug #750013, 918 W. 3rd Street

G. Committee/Board Reports

H. City Manager's Comments

I. Governing Body Comments

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S §24-6-402(4)(b)

K. ADJOURN

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 4, 2023

Subject to approval at the December 18, 2023 City Council Meeting

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
CITY OF LA JUNTA)

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Ayala on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

INVOCATION: Mayor Ayala gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ayala led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Damon Ramirez, Ward 1
Paul Velasquez, Ward 1
Jeremiah Stoker, Ward 2
Joe Ayala, Mayor
Chandra Ochoa, Ward 2
Lisa Pantoya, Ward 3
Maureen Rikhof, Ward 3

Absent: none

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
Aliza Libby, Director of Finance
Gary Cranson, UB Vice-Chair
Douglas Golding, La Junta
Patrick Berg, La Junta
Betty Velasquez, La Junta
Adam Frisch, Aspen
Connie Shane, La Junta
Cathy Hurd, La Junta
Everett Edger, La Junta
Susan Dietrich, La Junta
Greg Kolomitz, Chamber of Commerce
Chad/Hannah Penner, La Junta

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Ayala asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 20, 2023. Hearing none, the mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 20, 2023 MINUTES AS PUBLISHED: Ramirez

SECOND: Stoker

DISCUSSION: Council Member Rikhof thought that the Mayor's comments during the presentation of years of service were very thoughtful and worthy of being memorialized.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

Adam Frisch, Congressional District 3 Candidate: Here for questions during the Listening and Learning week. It's all about protecting our way of life in a small rural town. Will be back after the first of the year.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS *(5-minute time limit per person):*

1. Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Avenue: Thanked the City departments for their help during the Parade of Lights. It was a success. The next big event will be the Annual Banquet on January 29th. The theme is Celebrating La Junta.
2. Douglas Golding, 1316 Lincoln Avenue: Asked the council to create a system for citizens of La Junta to be able to bring ideas before the council for consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND, ELECTRIC FUND, AND WASTE WATER FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.** It is capital improvements (not just the roof) to the building located at 27786 Railroad Avenue Bldg. 82. It is not to the business Ark Valley Pallet; they are the lessee. The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Pantoya

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Rikhof abstained)

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Ross V. Leyba, d/b/a B.J.'s Sports Bar, 10 E. 2nd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Manager recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY ROSS V. LEYBA, D/B/A B.J.'S SPORTS BAR, 10 E. 2ND STREET: Ochoa

SECOND: Rikhof

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

B. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Eagle Lanes LLC, d/b/a Eagle Lanes, 2420 San Juan Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Manager recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY EAGLE LANES LLC, D/B/A EAGLE LANES, 2420 SAN JUAN AVENUE: Pantoya

SECOND: Rikhof

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

C. **Application for Report of Change of Ownership and Manager for Eagle Lanes LLC, from Rick J. Harper and Judy Harper to Judy Harper.** The application shows change of ownership and manager. The City Manager recommends approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND MANAGER FOR EAGLE LANES LLC, 2420 SAN JUAN AVENUE: Ochoa

SECOND: Rikhof

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

C. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF ONE PERCENT ON ALL SALES WITHIN THE CITY OF LA JUNTA; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS AND RATIFYING ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN RELATING THERETO.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Pantoya

SECOND: Ochoa

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

D. **Committee/Board Reports**

1. Utility Board (Council Member Velasquez):
   - Had a 50-amp fuse blow in the 1400 block of Adams Avenue. Replaced the old cut-out with a 200-amp one.
   - Started inspecting and putting up the Christmas decorations.
   - There are a total of thirty-five solar customers. Twenty-three customers returned power for a savings of $26.17 per customer.
   - Clean up month was in October: 330 gallons of oil, 55 gallons of anti-freeze, 66 units of freon and 1400 tires (the State picked up the tab on 1,000 of them.)
   - Clean Valley Recycling cleaned up the arroyo at 3rd and Adams. Thank you.
   - The water break in North La Junta just as you cross the bridge was a break of a cast iron pipe that was there since 1951. Special thank you to the City of Rocky Ford for donating time and equipment, the vac truck, which keeps the area safe for our crews to do their job.
   - The City of La Junta lighting contest is ongoing now. Have your lights turned on by 5:00 p.m. on the 14th to be judged. $300 for 1st place, $200 for 2nd place and $100 for 3rd place.

     Mayor Ayala: Patrick Berg had his first Utility Board meeting and it was a long one. He did very well. Thank you for stepping up to take that position. Also, in that meeting, the Utility Board will not be going back on its stance for the Arkansas Valley Conduit at this time. That proposal is still at council.

2. Senior Center Advisory Board (Council Member Velasquez):
   - Board meeting will be held this Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

E. City Manager's Comments

- TLM Constructors has placed over 75% of the concrete trail between 1st and 10th Street at the Brick and Tile trail. They are working on street crossings and then bridge abutments.
- We need to pour pans on 2nd Street and patch back.
- The Fire Department sent personnel to the St. Charles fire which is mutual aid. They will reimburse us for labor. Our personnel are back.
- The EPA has cleared six more houses and we have next year's program of 5-6 more already.
- Working on winter maintenance.

- Met with DOLA on the Brick and Tile park grant. We are looking good.
- Will be on vacation from the 13th to the end of the year.

F. **Governing Body Comments**

1. Council Member Rikhof:
    - Going along the trend of transparency, I've struggled with the website as a citizen, but now, as a council member, I'm struggling even more. There's not anywhere obvious to find the agenda. There's a lot of broken links. The site is unsearchable. I talked with Rick about it and I guess there is a plan. I just think its worth people knowing.
    - I was inspired to walk the trail between the Brick & Tile Park and the locomotive. I would be happy to walk it with anybody. We had a group go out and talk about making sure we maintain native plants in the area. I want to thank Steven Nielsen and Bethany Bender.
    - The Otero College Master Plan public input meeting is tomorrow from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Rizzuto banquet room. This is a 5-year master plan. This is the time for people to come and give their input about ideas of infrastructure, what our campus could look like, to better serve our community.
    - On Wednesday night, Otero is having their first ever Frost Fest. There will be ice skating using a synthetic surface. It's free to the community. There will be booths with lots of fun activities, Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and it's between McDivitt Hall and McBride Hall in the parking lots.
    - The Parade of Lights on Saturday was awesome. Great job to the entire Chamber. Thanks for including the council in the tree lighting.
    - I enjoyed the employee Christmas party. Thank you to Aimee Hill. She went out of her way to make it a lot of fun. Shout out to all the people that made that party happen.

2. Mayor Ayala:
    - Last time we had an election, we did some tours, a parks tour and an Industrial Park tour. If you want to think of something for the new year, we'll coordinate with Rick.
    - We have a lot of board vacancies. There are two positions in the Library, Planning Commission has one open vacancy, Senior Citizen Board has two vacancies and the Tourism Board has two vacancies. For council, we currently have the Utility Board, Planning Commission, Senior Citizens Board, the Hospital Board and the Tree Board. Then there's also the two mayor appointees for Planning Commission. Think about if you're able to serve on any of these boards.
    - Picketwire tickets are now for sale for Peter Pan. The production will run December 14th through the 16th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $18.00 and available 24/7 at the box office beginning December 11th.
    - The other thing is understanding your roles. Make sure you read the Charter. There's not a whole bunch we can do as far as employees go. That's something you talk to Rick or Dean about. That's how we communicate. Dean is going to go over a refresher of what we can and cannot do.
    - I also want to do a work session at some point to go over what 2024 looks like and what our goals are.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e): Ochoa

SECOND: Pantoya

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

Council went into Executive Session from 6:47 p.m. until 7:09 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Joe Ayala, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – December 11, 2023

Subject to approval at the December 18, 2023 City Council Meeting

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
CITY OF LA JUNTA)

CALL TO ORDER: A Special meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Ayala on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Power Board Room of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Damon Ramirez, Ward 1
Paul Velasquez, Ward 1
Jeremiah Stoker, Ward 2
Joe Ayala, Mayor
Chandra Ochoa, Ward 2
Lisa Pantoya, Ward 3
Maureen Rikhof, Ward 3

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e): Pantoya

SECOND: Ochoa

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

Council went into Executive Session from 5:31 p.m. until 5:47 p.m.

MOTION TO ACCEPT DEBOURGH MANUFACTURING REQUEST FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO 27505 OTERO AVENUE (OWNED BY THE CITY), THE CITY OF LA JUNTA WILL CONTRIBUTE $1.2M: Ochoa

SECOND: Pantoya

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Joe Ayala, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 1659

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF ONE PERCENT ON ALL SALES WITHIN THE CITY OF LA JUNTA; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS AND RATIFYING ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of La Junta have determined that sales in La Junta should be taxed an additional one percent (1%) to help defray the costs of operation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of La Junta have determined that the public interest and the needs of the City require that provision be made for the imposition of an additional one percent (1%) sales tax with the revenues generated therefrom to be used as provided herein; and

WHEREAS, the text of the ballot was as follows:

> Shall City of La Junta's taxes be increased by approximately $1,400,000.00 in 2023 and then annually by whatever additional amounts are raised thereafter by the imposition of an additional 1% sales tax on all retail sales as defined in the Municipal Code of the City of La Junta within the City of La Junta beginning January 1, 2023 and continuing thereafter; with the net proceeds of such tax to be collected, retained and spent for the purposes of the City through its general fund; and shall the City be permitted to collect, retain and expend all revenue derived from such tax as a voter-approved revenue change and an exception to limits which would otherwise apply under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution or any other law?

WHEREAS, a majority of the votes cast on the ballot issue submitted at the November 7, 2023 election were in favor of such question. As a result, the City (acting through the Council) is now authorized to proceed with all the necessary actions to impose an additional one percent (1%) sales tax in accordance with such question.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO THAT;

SECTION 1. Section 3.04.020 is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Section 3.04.020 is re-enacted as follows:

Section 3.04.020 - Rate; imposition and collection; distribution.

(a) Sales tax: Until December 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m., there is hereby levied a tax or excise upon all sales of tangible personal property and services specified in Subsection 3.04.030(a). The rate levied shall be three percent (3%).

(b) Sales tax: Commencing on January 1, 2024 and continuing thereafter, there is hereby levied a tax or excise upon all sales of tangible personal property and services specified in Subsection 3.04.030(a). The rate levied shall be four percent (4%).

SECTION 3. USE OF MONEY COLLECTED:

(a) The City shall provide for the receipt and expenditure of revenues collected from the tax and the deposit of the same into a restricted fund as created by the Council to implement this ordinance.

(b) Funds shall be used for the general operating purpose of the City.

INTRODUCED, PASSED on first reading this 4th day of December, 2023.

ADOPTED on second reading this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-2023

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS

WHEREAS, public can not exercise its right to attend open meetings unless sufficient notice is provided to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Law requires the public to receive full and timely notice of any meetings held; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meeting statute (24-6-402) provides in part as follows:

> Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. The public place or places for posting such notice shall be designated annually at the local public body's first regular meeting of each calendar year. The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Junta, the Board of Utility Commissioners, the Planning Commission of the City of La Junta, the Airport Advisory Board, the Urban Renewal Authority, the Tourism Board, and any other advisory boards which have been created by Ordinance and which are required by ordinances of the City of La Junta to comply with the open meetings law shall comply with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the meetings shall be issued by the Clerk of the City of La Junta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that designated place for posting of the meetings shall be the main foyer of the City Building, located at 6th and Colorado, La Junta, Colorado.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-17-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Junta that the following are hereby designated as official depositories for the various funds for the City of La Junta for the calendar year 2023:

1. The Colorado Bank & Trust Company of La Junta;
2. State Bank and Trust Company of La Junta;
3. TBK Bank;
4. First National Bank of Las Animas and La Junta;
5. U.S. Bank;
6. Other financial institutions that comply with the intent of the terms of this resolution.

Whenever investment circumstances exist that prohibit banks from accepting City funds as deposits without requiring deposit fees be paid by the City, the City Manager or his designee, is authorized to locate other financial institutions; provided however that all funds be maintained in a federally insured account and all funds must be fully insured by the FDIC.

Priority considerations shall be given to institutions that offer competitive interest rates on City deposits.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Junta that it shall be the policy of this Council that all discovered or reported offenses against the property of this City shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency in this county for such action as may be deemed proper.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Junta that all legal notices required to be published by the ordinances of the City of La Junta shall be published in the La Junta Tribune-Democrat, a paper of general circulation within the City of La Junta.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-2023

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer's bill of Rights anticipates that certain City enterprises are exempt from the provisions of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights defines the criteria upon which an enterprise becomes exempt from the operative provisions of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the City of La Junta that certain operational funds within its control are "enterprises" as defined by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following City of La Junta funds are considered to be "enterprises" as used within the Tabor Amendment:

   a. Electric Fund;
   b. Sewer Fund;
   c. Water Fund;
   d. Sanitation Fund;
   e. Property Management Fund.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-21-2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the City is a Home Rule City organized under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City previously owned certain real property described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1:

Lot 23, Antelope Trail Subdivision to the City of La Junta, according to the recorded plat thereof, in Otero County, Colorado.

More commonly known as 1518 Adams Avenue, La Junta, CO

PARCEL NO. 2:

Lots 20, 21 and 22, Block 4, La Junta Heights Subdivision to the City of La Junta, according to the recorded plat thereof, in Otero County, Colorado.

More commonly known as 1318 Lewis Avenue, La Junta, CO

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility to the City and as such is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City decided to sell the same to SOUTHEAST COLORADO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, INC. doing business as SECED, INC.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:

1. The City determines that the property is surplus property.

2. The City authorizes the City Manager to execute a Deed of Conveyance to SOUTHEAST COLORADO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT, INC. doing business as SECED, INC.

3. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

EXECUTED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-2023

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHANGE OF FUND NAMES

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta currently operates an internal fund entitled "Employee Benefit Claim Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta currently operates an internal fund entitled "Conservation Trust Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta currently operates an internal fund entitled "Lodging Tax Tourism Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta currently operates an internal fund entitled "Swat Surcharge Fund"; and

WHEREAS, renaming all of the above-mentioned Funds will make revenue tracking and auditing more efficient to the City.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:

SECTION 1: That the Employee Benefit Claim Fund is hereby renamed "Employee Benefit Fund".

SECTION 2: That the Conservation Trust Fund is hereby renamed "Outdoor Conservation Fund".

SECTION 3: That the Lodging Tax Tourism Fund is hereby renamed "Tourism Fund".

SECTION 4: That the Swat Surcharge Fund is hereby renamed "Police Surcharge Fund".

SECTION 5: The effective date of this resolution shall be January 1, 2024.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 18th day of December, 2023.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

City Manager Comments

- The Brick and Tile trail has placed over 90% of concrete trail between 1st and 10th St. by TLM Constructors. They are working on street crossings and then bridge abutments. Bridges come in second week of January.
- Finished putting in a fire line for Sutherlands and along Highway 109 placed new services for the residences.
- K-2 basketball games have started.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.