



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado

April 4, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Ayala)

INVOCATION (Council Member McIntyre)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Ayala)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members

Supervisors

Others

Ramirez

Velasquez

McIntyre

Ayala

Ochoa

Vela

Pantoya

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Mayor) (Action)

Regular Meeting March 21, 2022

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application for a Special Events Permit by La Junta Rotary, Aimee Hill, Event Manager. The event is an annual Manicures and Mimosas Party to be held May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 315 Santa Fe Avenue (City Attorney) (Action)
- B. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (City Attorney) (Action)
- C. Committee/Board Reports
- D. City Manager's Comments
- E. Governing Body Comments
- F. ADJOURN

*Subject to approval at
the April 4, 2022
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, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vela gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Vela led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Paul Velasquez, Ward 1
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Joe Ayala, Mayor
Edward Vela, Ward 3
Lisa Pantoya, Ward 3

Absent: Damon Ramirez, Ward 1
Chandra Ochoa, Ward 2

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
Todd Quick, Chief of Police
Tom Seaba, Director of Water & Wastewater
Gary Cranson, UB Commissioner
Joseph Chetty, The Steakhouse
Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

PUBLIC HEARING: Application for a New Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by The Steakhouse Ltd., d/b/a The Steakhouse Ltd., 27866 Frontage Road.

The City Attorney opened the hearing and gave some general information regarding the application. He then presented his preliminary findings as follows:

1. The application is in proper order, the necessary fees having been paid, and the requisite checks and drawings are in order.
2. That the premises sought to be licensed is located at 27866 Frontage Road, in La Junta, Colorado.
3. That the premise is not presently zoned in a manner that will accommodate the proposed business.
4. That the premises sought to be licensed is currently under a liquor license.
5. That the premise is properly occupied by the applicant.
6. That the proposal premises outlet was not within 500 feet of any public school or parochial school.

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7. Notice of hearing has been given by posting of the premises as required by law and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of La Junta, being the La Junta Tribune-Democrat, more than ten days prior to the hearing date.
8. That the neighborhood to be served is designated as the City of La Junta.
9. That the closest outlet with a liquor license is FELISA'S MEXICAN FOOD AND LOUNGE, 27948 Frontage Road, La Junta, Colorado, which is approximately five hundred (500) feet from the premises sought to be licensed.
10. That there are other outlets of similar nature within the neighborhood.

City Attorney Malouff asked the owner, Mr. Joseph Chetty, to come forward. Mr. Chetty said they opened on March 15th and their hours are from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. There are currently twelve employees. He has not yet gotten into the details of the liquor rules and regulations by the State. He does intend to make sure himself and his employees are educated in this matter. Council members asked questions of Mr. Chetty and discussion continued regarding the knowledge of the employees. Mr. Chetty was also concerned about the lack of communication he received in this matter. The City Attorney asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak either for or against the issuance of this license. Hearing none, he closed the hearing.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Ayala asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 7, 2022. After hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 7, 2022 MINUTES AS PUBLISHED: Vela

SECOND: Pantoya

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

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

1. There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

- A. **Crime Stoppers:** Chief of Police Todd Quick presented information to the Council on starting a new crime stoppers program and asked if they could possibly make a committee to form a board. (Information is attached)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses.

1. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the 37th Annual La Junta Trading Company Golf Classic to be held May 6, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The appropriate fee has been tendered and the premises have been posted. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO INSPIRATION FIELD FOR THE 37TH ANNUAL LA JUNTA TRADING COMPANY GOLF CLASSIC TO BE HELD May 6, 2022 FROM 5:00 p.m. TO 11:59 p.m. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Velasqu3z

SECOND: Pantoya

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent, McIntyre abstained)

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2. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Ronald Hall, d/b/a The Railyard, 114 Colorado 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 Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE TO RONALD HALL, D/B/A THE RAILYARD, 114 COLORADO AVENUE: McIntyre

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

3. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Red Dog Revisited LLC, d/b/a Red Dog Revisited, 709 E. 3rd 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 Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE TO RED DOG REVISITED LLC, D/B/A RED DOG REVISITED, 709 E. 3RD STREET: Velasquez

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

- B. **A Resolution Concerning the Petition for Annexation Filed by the Phillip W. Buford and Mary Jean Berg Buford Living Trust Dated 04/15/2014.** Resolution No. R-8-2022 was presented for council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, a Petition for Annexation has been filed requesting an annexation of portions of the following described land:

Lot 32, Stark's Subdivision of the W/2NW/4 of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. in Otero County, Colorado.

said Petition having been filed by THE PHILLIP W. BUFORD AND MARY JEAN BERG BUFORD LIVING TRUST DATED 04/15/2014; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Petition for Annexation of land, filed by THE PHILLIP W. BUFORD AND MARY JEAN BERG BUFORD LIVING TRUST DATED 04/15/2014, is hereby received and that annexation proceedings are hereby authorized to be undertaken.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-8-2022: Vela

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

- C. **Application for a New Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by The Steakhouse Ltd., d/b/a The Steakhouse Ltd., 27866 Frontage Road.** There was a public hearing held before the City Council meeting that the council now needs to act on.

MOTION TO GRANT A NEW HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY THE STEAKHOUSE LTD., D/B/A THE STEAKHOUSE LTD., 27866 FRONTAGE ROAD WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE SHORTCOMINGS (KNOWLEDGE OF COLORADO LIQUOR RULES AND REGULATIONS) BE APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY WITH NO TIMEFRAME: Vela

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SECOND: Pantoya

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. AVRMC Board (Council Member McIntyre):
 - La Junta Community Blood Drive will be Tuesday, April 5th at the Educational Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. You may call 384-2000 to make an appointment.
2. Utility Board (Council Member Vela):
 - Will have a third party audit the utility billing system.
 - We will also be getting more engagement about the conduit.
3. Tourism Board (Mayor Ayala):
 - There will be a Tarantula Festival headed by Angela Ayala with help with various sub-committees and volunteers.
 - They also approved a QR code and a brand new logo.
4. Urban Renewal (Mayor Ayala):
 - Did not meet.
5. Planning Commission (Mayor Ayala):
 - Had a presentation by Michael Yerman.
 - Will be updating the zoning laws.
 - Michael Yerman would like a work session with council about any concerns on the code they may have and to tie it in with the housing efforts.

E. City Manager's Comments

- We are working to finish up the Hunnicutt Water Company customers line project. The people have started coming in to pay tap fees.
- We are hoping that Moltz Construction will start the pump replacement project at 16th and Smithland water tank this summer. It depends on when the current job is finished.
- Fire Department has started wildfire training. Wildfire season is around the corner.
- We have been experiencing shipping delays and it doesn't seem to be getting any better.
- We met with Lamar City Council last week.

F. Governing Body Comments

1. Council Member Pantoya:
 - Something needs to be done with the house at 208 Harriet. It's being used as a squatter house.
2. Council Member Velasquez:
 - Just want to reference that Jaqueline Armendariz fulfills our need for having someone who is bi-lingual to assist those looking for grants or financial needs.
 - The storm drain at 2nd and Santa Fe looks phenomenal.
 - Met with architects from CU and they love La Junta in regards to possible sites and possibly drawings for an amphitheater at no cost to the city.
3. Council Member Ramirez (text received by Mayor Ayala):
 - Had a bunch of positive comments regarding the trip to Lamar.
 - Remind everyone in the community about being safe.
 - Thank you to our First Responders and City Crews.

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4. Mayor Ayala:

- The Lamar trip went very well. Hopefully it brought us a better appreciation of La Junta. We did find ways we could work together. I'd like to thank Kirk and their council for hosting us. The food and the tour afterwards was great. We will be looking for a time for them to come down here.
- We need to be looking at some sort of late spring alley clean up. I will be bringing this to the Utility Board.
- Also spoke about the number of ADU's (accessory dwelling units) popping up. This is something Michael Yerman will be talking about as well.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN 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: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Ramirez absent)

Council went into Executive Session from 7:01 until 7:44 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Joseph Ayala, Mayor

LA JUNTA POLICE DEPARTMENT



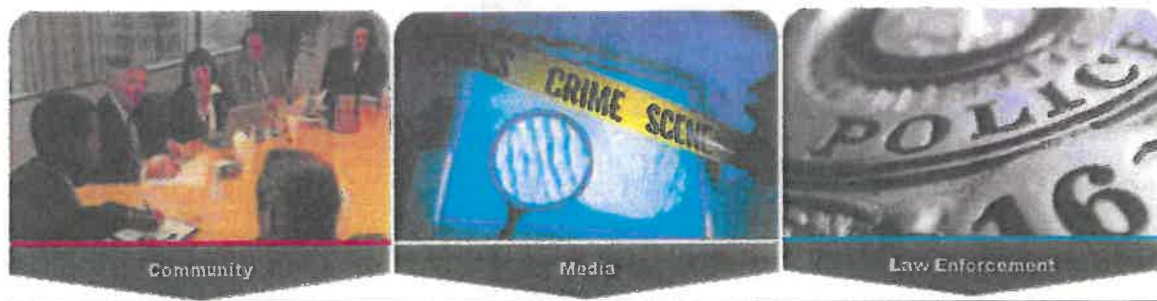
**WANTS YOU TO HELP US FIGHT
CRIME.**



START A NEW CRIMESTOPPERS PROGRAM

Crime Stoppers programs are started by concerned citizens who want to help their communities fight the war on crime. Each program is independent and operates under its own bylaws and Board of Directors. Board members come from all segments of the community and donate their time and talents for one common goal – to make the program a success by assisting law enforcement in reducing crime.

Crime Stoppers USA, Inc. can assist in all phases of startup and operation of your program. We will help you develop all aspects of the organization which include providing guidelines for selecting your board of directors, establishing bylaws, determining standard operating procedures, identifying media partners, providing training opportunities, and providing legal guidance for the success of your program.



About CSUSA

Local Crime Stoppers programs are non-profit organizations led by citizens against crime. Some Crime Stoppers programs offer cash rewards of up to \$1000 to persons providing anonymous information that leads to the felony arrest of criminals and fugitives. Information is received through anonymous Crime Stoppers tips that are received through a secure tips line or through a secure web connection manned by a professional program coordinator. Each caller is assigned a code number for the purpose of ensuring anonymity.

Crime Stoppers is based on the principal that someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime and was created to combat the three major problems faced by law enforcement in generating that information:

- Fear of REPRISAL
- An attitude of APATHY
- Reluctance to get INVOLVED

Crime Stoppers resolves these problems by:

- Offering ANONYMITY to people who provide information about crimes.
- Paying REWARDS when the information supplied leads to arrest.

Community

Citizens are responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-profit corporation, whose directors establish policy, determine amount and method of reward payments, work closely with law enforcement and the media and generally oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for fund raising, and all volunteer service. The program is supported by the public through tax deductible donations from businesses, corporations, individuals, and service organizations.

Media

Crime Stoppers is publicized on a regular basis by all media outlets including print, broadcast and web-based partners. Special attention is given to unsolved crime re-enactments, "Crimes of the Week", cold cases, narcotics activity, wanted fugitives, and suspected terrorist and gang activity.

Law Enforcement

Local law enforcement agencies receive and process the anonymous tips received through Crime Stoppers, and solve the crimes. If the information leads to an arrest, the caller will be paid up to \$1,000.00 for their information



Crime Stoppers working with the community

Crime Stoppers is a community program in which members of the community, the media, law enforcement agencies, and businesses work together to solve crime. Citizens are encouraged, via cash rewards and a promise of anonymity, to provide information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals.

Who is Involved?

Crime Stoppers is made up of volunteers who are willing to take action against crime. They want their community's to be a safe and are willing to work to make it that way. A board of directors – members of the community who have volunteered to give their time and talents to the program – administer the program. How does it Work? Information related to unsolved crimes, crimes in progress and wanted persons are distributed to the community via the media. Citizens are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers and anonymously give any information related to the unsolved crime. Crime Stoppers forwards the information to the investigating law enforcement agency to assist in the investigation or the location of a wanted fugitive. If the information is used by law enforcement and leads to an arrest, the caller would be eligible to receive a cash reward.

Who Benefits?

Your community benefits. A criminal who is taken off of the streets of your community is not a threat to you, your children or your business. In a community where citizens work together to solve crimes, the threat of swift, sure punishment serve as a strong deterrent to would-be criminals.

How Can You Help?

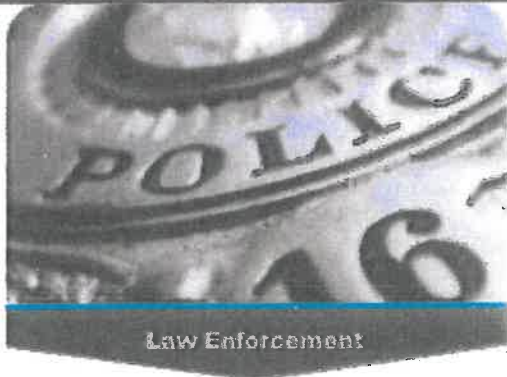
Crime Stoppers is funded mostly by private donations. Individuals, professional associations, corporations, retailers, civic and social groups are our main source of revenue. Crime Stoppers' only purpose is to make our community's a better and safer place to live and we need your help to reach that goal. Crime Stoppers gives every citizen the opportunity to actually do something about the problem of crime in their community.



MEDIA RELATIONS

Crime Stoppers utilizes a multimedia approach, for solving crime, designed to gather evidence and information on unsolved crimes through the cooperation of local media. Periodically a fugitive or unsolved crime is selected by the Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator, who distributes the information as supplied by the investigating agency, to the media publication, radio, television, newspaper and/or billboard. This is known as the Crime of the Week and will result in a reward to the individual who supplied the information needed to solve the crime.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS



Crime Stoppers programs work closely with law enforcement agencies to get criminals off our streets. With the assistance of a law enforcement coordinator – who acts as the communication facilitator between citizens, media and law enforcement – tipsters can remain anonymous and receive a reward if their information leads to an arrest.

FAQ

Q – What are the membership dues for Crime Stoppers USA members?

A – Membership dues are based on the size and population served by the local Crime Stoppers program. The annual dues payment schedule starts at \$50 for independent Student programs, and is a maximum of \$300 annually for the largest community programs. Associate and Alumni dues are \$75.

Q – Is CSUSA a member of CSI?

A – Yes CSUSA has renewed our relationship with CSI. We believe it is important to have relationships with all Crime Stoppers programs around the world.

Q – What are the requirements of membership in Crime Stoppers USA?

A – To be a program in good standing, the program must be domiciled in the USA or US territory or possession, have a volunteer board of directors, and be registered in its state as a non profit organization. The program must be a 501(c)(3) organization according to a United States IRS determination letter and have an issued IRS tax identification number; or provide documentation and a tax identification number that indicates the organization falls under another IRS designation that deems it to have tax-exempt status, with the ability to accept tax deductible contributions. The program must have a law enforcement organization that supplies a program coordinator, an anonymous phone line, and pay cash rewards that do not greatly exceed the suggested guideline of up to \$1,000.00 as set forth by the Crime Stoppers concept, with the exception of a State or Regional program that provides only administrative, member services, or advisory support to local programs within a geographic area. A member program must pay annual dues to Crime Stoppers USA and continue to remain current.

Q – What will be the annual cycle for membership dues?

A – The membership year will run January to December.

Q – What are the elected positions for Crime Stoppers USA and term limits?

A – The elected positions of Crime Stoppers USA will be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, At-Large Directors, Regional Directors. Term of office is 2 years. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in each office except

the Secretary and Treasurer, who can serve up to 4 consecutive terms. There is a 10 year limit to being on the CSUSA Board of Directors.

Q – What are the paid CSUSA positions and salary amounts?

A – The bylaws provide for the hiring of an executive director if it is deemed necessary and the contract will list the responsibilities of said person, reporting structure, term of contract and compensation.

Q – How is one nominated for elected office on the Crime Stoppers USA Board of Directors?

A – All civilian candidates must have a present association with and a letter of support from a member program in good standing. All law enforcement/coordinator candidates must have a present association with a member program in good standing, and a letter of support from the supervisor of their law enforcement agency. The letter is then submitted along with a completed application. Each candidate must have attended at least 1 state or regional Crime Stoppers conference, and 1 National or International Crime Stoppers conference with supporting documentation. The nominations committee will conduct the back ground checks and prepare the ballot dissemination to all programs in good standing. Elections are held every two years, however, the Board of Directors can fill vacancies on the board in between national elections. Committee appointments are also available.

Q – What are the voting privileges for Crime Stoppers USA member programs in good standing?

A – Each member program in good standing of Crime Stoppers USA will have two votes to be cast at a the Annual General Meeting or by mail or electronic means prior to the meeting for all issues and elections to be voted. Each ballot will be sent with return instructions.

Q – What are the paid Crime Stoppers USA positions and salary amounts?

A – At present, the only long-term paid position for the organization is the contracted position for the Director of Legal Services.

RESOLUTION NO. R-10-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to purchase certain real property described as follows:

A tract of land lying in Lot 9, Industrial Addition to the City of La Junta, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the NE/4 of Section 10, Township 24 South, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M.; thence N.88°19'31"E., along the North line of said NE/4, a distance of 690.75 feet; thence S.0°47'11"E., along the East Right-of-Way line of Lawrence Avenue a distance of 405.56 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N.45°26'52"E., 285.79 feet; thence N.20°28'14"E., 44.92 feet; thence S.0°47'11"E., 56.84 feet; thence S.12°48'29"W., 72.29 feet; thence S.25°47'22"W., 223.36 feet; thence S.70°49'43"W., 111.45 feet to a point on the East line of Lawrence Avenue; thence N.0°47'11"W., along said right-of-way line, a distance of 122.44 feet to the True Point of Beginning. County of Otero, State of Colorado. The Tract contains 0.72 acre.

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase the real property from VERNER L. GILTNER for the sum of \$160,000.00.

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

1. This resolution authorizes the City to purchase the above property.
2. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

EXECUTED this 4th day of April, 2022.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Joseph Ayala, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

City Manager Comments

- **New turf is being installed at 22nd Street Ball field by Otero College**
- **We have 20 new picnic tables being delivered**
- **Weed season all crews starting spring**
- **Moltz Construction is coming to inspect project at water tank pump replacement project**
- **2 fires at opposite sides of town at same time. We had RF fire help cover.**
- **Soccer has started practices**