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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION SELECTS SELESTINA SANDOVAL AS NEW CITY CLERK

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. March 26, 2024 –Selestina Sandoval has been selected to replace retiring City Clerk Amy Phillips effective July 1, 2024. City Manager Greg Caton selected Sandoval after an application and interview process was conducted.

“Selestina has shown excellent professional growth over the recent years as Deputy City Clerk and has prepared herself for this expanded role,” stated City Manager Greg Caton. “I am pleased to welcome Selestina to the department director team. The selection of this internal talent will allow for a seamless transition from the dedicated commitment of our current City Clerk Amy Phillips as she retires in July. Amy joined the city when our former clerk retired, and I am very thankful for her contribution and leadership of the City Clerk’s office.”

“Under Amy Phillips’ leadership, the department has continued its long-standing culture of providing excellent customer service. I am confident that in Selestina’s new role she will continue to maintain the reputation for excellent customer service held by the Clerk’s Office in support of our City Council and our community. She is well respected among city staff, and as a proven leader, her extensive knowledge and experience provides tremendous value to the city as our new City Clerk,” Caton continued.

Sandoval assisted the current City Clerk with Grand Junction’s municipal election in 2022 as well as the Cannabis retail business licensing and selection process in 2023. On a regular basis she coordinates the timely preparation and posting of agendas and packets for city council meetings and ensures proper execution of resolutions, ordinances, minutes, and related materials. She facilitates virtual access to City Council meetings and oversees accessibility of reports, documents, and online videos of public meetings. She also performs licensing duties including processing new licenses and renewals, modifications, and transfers as well as the coordination of Liquor Licensing Authority meetings.

“The City of Grand Junction's Strategic Plan will continue to guide the City Clerk’s office as I take on this new role, focusing on fostering relationships with other city departments to support our shared goals,” stated Selestina Sandoval, city clerk. “With providing outstanding customer service as our guiding principle, I am committed to leading our team with the city's core values of Continuous Improvement, Collaborative Partnerships and Exemplary Service as our foundation.”

Sandoval has served as the Deputy Clerk for the city since 2018 and prior to that worked in the City Clerk’s office in an administrative capacity. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Business Administration degree from Colorado Mesa University. Sandoval is a Certified Municipal Clerk and is currently working towards her Master Municipal Clerk designation.

Sandoval is also a dedicated community volunteer and serves as the coordinator for the Public Food Pantry for Junction Community Church and is the co-ambassador for the city's United Way campaign. Sandoval is an avid outdoor enthusiast and has climbed 33 of the 14,000 ft. peaks in Colorado and has assisted 23 people in accomplishing their first summit of a 14er. She founded Sole Squad to encourage others to get outside and hike.

A Colorado native fluent in Spanish, Sandoval and her husband Ruben have two grown children who live and study in Golden, Colorado.

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