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GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL ELECTS MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2025-26 TERM

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. May 8, 2025 – The Grand Junction City Council voted last night to elect Cody Kennedy as the incoming Mayor and Laurel Cole as Mayor Pro Tem for the next term from May 2025-April 2026. Each year city council elects these two positions from among their members.

“I am honored to serve our community in the role of Mayor. This is a responsibility I take seriously, and I’m committed to working hard every day to make our city an even better place to live, work, and thrive. I look forward to collaborating with the City Council, staff, and most importantly, our residents to ensure our decisions reflect the values and aspirations of everyone in Grand Junction,” said Mayor Cody Kennedy.

Cody Kennedy served Grand Junction for 17 years as a police officer, finishing his career as a detective solving complex financial crimes and homicide cases. Kennedy is a small business owner with 20 years of experience with housing in the Grand Valley. He is a father of three amazing young women and a husband of an educator.

“As Mayor Pro Tem, I’m excited for the opportunity to extend the work I’m passionate about and to engage the community in being active participants in local government. I am looking forward to bringing my experiences to foster a culture of dialogue, accountability, and accessibility for all in Grand Junction,” said Mayor Pro Tem Laurel Cole.

Laurel Cole serves the community and has experience working with local, state, and federal governments. With a passion for affordable homeownership, Cole moved to Grand Junction to be the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County. Cole has always believed in transparency and communication and works hard to model both of these values every day. Cole is inspired by building stronger neighborhoods, affordable housing, and sustainable growth that protects the unique aspects of Grand Junction.

Community members are encouraged to attend City Council Workshops held the Monday prior to City Council meetings at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Administration Training Room. In addition, community members can attend and participate City Council meetings held the first and third Wednesday of every month in the City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. 250 North 5th St. Each meeting can be watched virtually through the GoTo Webinar link located at the top of every agenda or by viewing the broadcast option through gjcity.org [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#). More information about City Council can be found online at gjcity.org.

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