

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY

May 6, 2019

Meeting Convened: 6:01 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 p.m.

City Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Duncan McArthur, Chuck McDaniel, Phillip Pe'a, Anna Stout, Rick Taggart, Duke Wortmann, and Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Norris.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Public Works Director Trent Prall, Community Development Director Tamra Allen, Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

a. Interstate 70 Business Loop Update

Mr. Caton introduced the topic and noted tonight's workshop is a follow-up to the March 4th discussion with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) representatives. Mr. Prall introduced the State Transportation Commissioner Kathy Hall, CDOT Region 3 Director Michael Goolsby, CDOT Region 3 Program Manager Jason Smith, CDOT Resident Engineer Rob Beck, CDOT Project Engineer Matt Casey, and CDOT Traffic Engineer Mark Bunnell.

CDOT has been working on the expansion of the I-70B corridor from 24 Road to 15th Street since 2008. The first four phases of improvements have been completed from 24 Road to American Way.

Mr. Beck reviewed the concerns they heard during their community outreach. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was conducted that includes the environmental, safety, traffic, economic, demographic, and multimodal concerns. Mr. Beck reviewed traffic congestion vs. traffic calming.

Phase 5 is proposed to improve the intersection of 1st and Grand, west to Mulberry Street, east to 2nd Street, and south to White Ave. Funding for this phase appears to be in place for 2021 construction start. CDOT will be scheduling public meetings to discuss the project later this year.

Options for the design of 2nd street were presented and CDOT would like to be at the table when the City designs/builds 2nd street. Other multimodal options were discussed including the options for pedestrians.

Phase 6 would reconstruct the corridor from White Ave south to 5th Street and while CDOT has not secured funding for this phase, staff will discuss the design to date.

Discussion ensued about the timing/funding of Phase 6 (ten plus years), design time for 2nd street, improvements to the Conference Center and the new hotel being built downtown, the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA's) Plan of Development (POD), new use of the train depot, and location of the bus station.

Next steps are for the City to budget and plan for the design of 2nd street.

b. Board and Commission Assignments for City Council

Each year, the City Council reviews and determines who on the City Council will represent the City Council on various boards, committees, commissions, authorities, and organizations. Discussion ensued about the specific assignments and a resolution will be brought forward at the regular Council meeting on May 15 for formal appointment.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

City Manager Caton reported that the May 13 workshop topic will be Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Requests.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The Workshop adjourned at 8:02 p.m.