

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY

August 5, 2019

Meeting Convened: 5:31 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 7:08 p.m.

City Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Kraig Andrews, Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phillip Pe'a, Anna Stout, and Mayor Pro Tem Duke Wortmann.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Finance Director Jodi Romero, General Services Director Jay Valentine, Public Works Director Trent Prall, Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

a. Possible Ballot Items for the November 2019 Election

Mr. Caton noted a discussion on this topic was held with City Council at the July 15 workshop and support was expressed for staff to continue to receive community feedback regarding 1) transportation funding and 2) a Charter amendment for the length of leases of public property. The community group is recommending a ballot question that would permit the use of the TABOR excess for funding for transportation projects.

Mr. Prall discussed the relationship between infrastructure and the strategic directives listed in the Strategic Plan. The possible roadway expansion projects include the I-70/29 Road interchange, proposed 24 widening, proposed F ½ Parkway, proposed 25 widening, improve Riverside Parkway interchange with 24 Road. The total estimated cost is \$184 million.

Two alternatives for the Riverside Parkway at Redlands Parkway Interchange were presented, including ramps (\$20 million) or a roundabout (\$6.5 million).

Improvements have been rated by priority by staff as either Tier I (\$36.5 million, and Tier II (\$33.5 million), for a total cost of \$70 million for ten projects.

Discussion ensued about the tiers, projects that benefit Safe Routes to School, TABOR excess, debt, and loan repayment. Support was expressed for the \$70 million of projects to be included in a ballot question.

The next ballot initiative staff is proposing is a Charter amendment to address the length of lease on public property. The Charter presently limits leases to 25 years; the initiative would adjust the lease length for just a portion of the Riverfront at Las Colonias. Support was expressed to put this Charter amendment on the November ballot.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

City Manager Caton reported the City's Economic Development Partners (GJEP, the Business Incubator, the Chamber of Commerce, the Air Alliance, and the Sports Commission) are invited to attend the August 19 Workshop to provide an update on their activities.

3. Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 7:08 p.m.