

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**  
**May 18, 2020**

**Meeting Convened:** 5:32 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:24 p.m.

**City Councilmembers present:** Kraig Andrews, Chuck McDaniel, Phyllis Norris, Phil Pe'a, Anna Stout, Rick Taggart (via phone), and Mayor Duke Wortmann.

**Staff present:** City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Community Development Director Tamra Allen, Principal Planner/CDBG Administrator Kris Ashbeck, Public Works Director Trent Prall, General Services Director Jay Valentine, Senior Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

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Mayor Wortmann called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics**

**a. Board and Commission Assignments for City Council**

City Manager Caton explained that each year City Council liaisons are assigned to various boards and commissions. Councilmember Stout suggested that the current assignments continue for another year because many boards and commissions haven't been meeting due to COVID-19 and it would be helpful to have the consistency of the same liaison once meetings resume. Support was expressed for this suggestion. Three changes discussed include Councilmember McDaniel being assigned as the liaison to the Horizon Drive BID, Mayor Wortmann being assigned as the liaison to the Forestry Board with Councilmember McDaniel as alternate, and Councilmember Phil Pe'a as the liaison to Visit Grand Junction.

These assignments will be formally adopted by City Council at the May 20 Regular meeting via resolution.

**b. Consider Expenditure of HUD CDBG-CV Funds Allocated to the City of Grand Junction in the Amount of \$275,976**

CDBG Administrator Ashbeck stated the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the City of Grand Junction of its special allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$275,976 to be used to address impacts of COVID-19. A review team comprised of City and Western Colorado Community Foundation Staff reviewed the applications and provided initial funding recommendations as included in the packet materials.

Discussion ensued regarding the twelve applications received. Support was expressed to accept the staff recommendations with the following exceptions:

1. Fund the \$4,405 request from the Center for Independence from the General fund.
2. Provide the minimum request of \$7,500 to EUREKA! McConnell Science Museum.
3. Provide additional funding to the Riverside Education Center.

City Council will formally adopt these requests at the May 20 Regular meeting.

### **Agenda Topic 2. City Council Communication**

Councilmember McDaniel requested that the May 20 City Council Meeting agenda item regarding a \$300,000 supplemental appropriation to support the #GJStrong Fund be carried to the next meeting. It was suggested that this item be added to each City Council meeting agenda until Council authorizes the appropriation or it is no longer needed.

Because it is a “good news” item, Councilmember Norris requested that the contract extension for the Junior College World Series be highlighted during the Discussion Agenda on May 20.

Councilmember McDaniel reported citizens in his neighborhood have expressed concern over the lack of a neighborhood meeting regarding a plan amendment. City Attorney Shaver noted the developer does plan to hold a neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Stout forwarded a concern from a citizen in the area of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside regarding alleged theft on the property.

### **Agenda Topic 3. Next Workshop Topics**

City Manager Caton noted that an Executive Session will be held on May 27.

Discussion ensued about broadband and the workshop held on the topic earlier this year.

### **4. Other Business**

There was none.

### **Adjournment**

The Workshop adjourned at 6:24 p.m.