

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY

October 5, 2020

Meeting Convened: 4:04 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

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

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Finance Director Jodi Welch, Budget Coordinator Linda Longenecker, Finance Supervisor Tatiana Gilbertson, Matt Martinez, Shane O'Neal, Public Works Director Trent Prall, Darren Starr, Senior Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, Fire Chief Ken Watkins, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Angermuller, Utilities Director Randi Kim, Water Services Manager Mark Ritterbush, Parks & Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou, Community Development Director Tamra Allen, Police Chief Doug Shoemaker, Deputy Police Chief Matt Smith, Deputy Police Chief Mike Nordine, Financial Analyst Shay Harlow, Management Analyst Johnny McFarland, Visit Grand Junction Director Elizabeth Fogarty, Visit Grand Junction Administrative/Financial Analyst Kim Machado, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

Mayor Wortmann called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

a. Presentation of the City Manager's 2021 Recommended Budget to City Council: Police Department, Parks & Recreation, Public Works & Solid Waste, General Services, Community Development, Water Utility, Visit Grand Junction, Fire Department

The City won a *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* by the Colorado Government Finance Officers Association. City Manager Caton presented the City of Grand Junction Recommended Budget for 2021, which totals \$199,988,627, a \$39 million, or 24% increase from the 2020 Adopted Budget of \$158.7 million. The increase is due to capital projects: Transportation expansion projects funded by debt authorized by Voters in 2019; Utility infrastructure; and Fire Station 3 (25 ½ Road & Patterson) and Fire Station 8 (Southeast area).

The General Fund is balanced with an operating surplus. With the need for \$2.5 million for Fire Station 3, only \$952,438 of fund balance was required for this expenditure.

The projected ending General Fund balance is \$30 million, which is an \$11.8 million and 65% increase from the 2017 Adopted General Fund Balance of \$18.2 million. The budget represents

the allocation of resources to achieve the goals identified in City Council's adopted Strategic Plan.

A break was called for at 5:50 p.m. The Workshop resumed at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Caton discussed the Strategic Plan, Partnerships and Intergovernmental Relationships, Fiscal Responsibility, and 2021 Themes and Highlights. Presentations were given from these major operating departments:

- Police Department
- Parks & Recreation
- Public Works & Solid Waste
- General Services
- Community Development
- Water Utility
- Visit Grand Junction
- Fire Department

Agenda Topic 2. City Council Communication

There was none.

Agenda Topic 3. Next Workshop Topics

The October 19 Workshop will be a Budget Overview for Economic Development, Capital, and Horizon Drive Business Improvement District. The Workshop will begin at 4:00 p.m.

4. Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

The Workshop adjourned at 7:05 p.m.