

City Council (listed left to right):

Councilmember Kraig Andrews, District E;

Mayor Pro Tem Duke Wortmann, District D;

Councilmember Phyllis Norris, District A;

Mayor Rick Taggart, District At-Large;

Councilmember Anna Stout, District C;

Councilmember Chuck McDaniel, District At-Large;

Councilmember Phillip Pe'a, District B

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am happy to present to you the City of Grand Junction 2020 Calendar and Annual Report on behalf of your City Council. As has been the case for as long as we have been distributing a calendar, we take the opportunity to present the City's year-end report inside a document that we hope you find not only full of valuable information but also beautiful to keep around all year.

We are hearing more and more that Grand Junction is starting to become a place that many recognize for being a desirable location to live and visit. Photography of the Grand Junction area is second to none as a result of the breathtaking, diverse landscape that surrounds us. The photos in the calendar this year express these views and inspire us to enjoy our surroundings. I am reminded every single day how fortunate we all are to call this community our home, and I hope you join me in that sentiment.

I am so excited to be serving as Mayor right now as our community really starts to be noticed for its many great qualities. In 2020, we will continue to work alongside our wonderfully committed City staff to implement the freshly adopted Strategic Plan. New to this plan is a focus on connectedness through

community building and we will work to build on the great sense of community that Grand Junction already enjoys.

In 2020, we will continue to focus on sustainability. This work continues a number of conservation programs, projects and initiatives that will help the City become better stewards of natural resources and make more economical choices. We will also continue our commitment to public safety and infrastructure. Thanks to our voters, the City has increased funding for police, fire, EMS and for transportation infrastructure. This year, we will start the implementation of plans for these dollars, which will make Grand Junction a safer and less congested place to live.

On behalf of your City Council, we wish each of you a tremendous 2020 and thank you immensely for making Grand Junction the wonderful place it is!

Mayor Rick Taggart

## WHAT WAS THE CITY UP TO IN 2019?

We posed several ballot issues to the voters, which resulted in favorable results that included increased funding for police, fire and EMS services, as well as a funding solution for transportation infrastructure.

Robust development activity related to a strengthening economy kept our Community Development Department busy.

We began site development for the future Fire Station #6.

The Public Works Department completed Phase II of the 7th Street reconstruction project.

We partnered with Colorado Mesa University to create an internship program to provide students with real-world experience to help retain local talent.

We began the development of the Riverfront at Dos Rios, which included the start of infrastructure development and a bike park.

Our first tenant in the Las Colonias Business Park, RockyMounts broke ground on their new facility.

We continued work along the Riverfront at Las Colonias including work on a River Park and increased activity at the Amphitheater at Las Colonias.

We welcomed four new members to City Council: Anna Stout, Chuck McDaniel, Kraig Andrews, and Philip Pe'a.

We congratulated Mayor Rick Taggart and Mayor Pro Tem Duke Wortmann.

## VOLUNTEER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Grand Junction currently has 19 standing boards, commissions and authorities consisting of approximately 125 volunteer members. All board members are appointed by the Grand Junction City Council and serve without compensation. Boards and commissions are established for the purpose of acquiring and studying information in specific areas and to make recommendations to City Council on issues within the board's area of expertise.

Recruitment efforts are made throughout the year, with vacancies advertised on the City's website. City Council reviews the applications and determines whether an interview session is appropriate. The City Clerk's Office coordinates the recruitment and appointment process for all boards and commissions.

Each board and commission is supported by a staff liaison and a Council liaison.

Interested in serving on a board or commission? Visit the City's website at [www.gjcity.org](http://www.gjcity.org) to complete your application.

Descriptions of some boards and commissions are listed below. Not every City board and commission is listed.

#### **Airport Authority - Grand Junction Regional Airport**

The Airport Authority sets policy and oversees the operations of the airport, ensuring compliance with its by-laws, the State Public Airport Authority Law and FAA regulations. The Board meets at 5:15 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month with additional committee meetings as needed.

#### **Commission on Arts & Culture**

The mission of the Commission 011 Arts and Culture is to enhance local arts and cultural opportunities and development, encourage cooperation and collaboration among arts organizations, provide information to area artists and arts agencies, and establish community arts priorities. The Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)/**

#### **Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District (DGJBID)**

The DDA's primary purpose is to facilitate the development and reinvestment in downtown Grand Junction. The Board of Directors establishes policy and directs the Authority in its efforts. The meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. DDA Board members also serve as the board for the DGJBID. The DGJBID Board provides a continuity of effort in the promotion and revitalization of the business activities in the District by improving the economic vitality and overall commercial appeal of the Downtown area. The DGJBID board meets monthly, the second Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

#### **Grand Junction Forestry Board**

The Board acts as a reviewing body for the purpose of determining professional qualifications and competence to engage in the business of cutting, trimming, pruning, spraying or removing trees by giving written, oral and practical license examinations. The Board also makes recommendations to the City Council for the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the tree service business in the City and may hear complaints from citizens relating to the tree service business. The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Historic Preservation Board**

The Historic Preservation Board is responsible for recommending designation of historic resources to City Council for listing on the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The Board also reviews proposed alterations to designated sites as necessary and generally promotes historic preservation in the Grand Junction community. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Horizon Drive Business Improvement District**

The function of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District Board of Directors is to take such actions and perform such duties as are required of the operations of the District. The District is allowed to make and contemplate a broad range of public improvements. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Housing Authority**

The Housing Authority provides safe and sanitary dwellings and apartments for persons of low and moderate income. The Housing Authority meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

#### **One Riverfront (formerly Riverfront Commission)**

One Riverfront is charged with planning, advocating and implementing a multifaceted program to redevelop and reclaim the Colorado riverfront within the Grand Valley. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

The Board assists in the planning of recreation activities and helps promote a long-range program for the development of the City's park system. The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at noon.

#### **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission hears and decides many planning and zoning related issues and makes recommendations to the City Council on similar matters. The Commission holds public hearings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and holds workshops as needed.

#### **Urban Trails Committee**

The purpose of the Urban Trails Committee is to plan and promote the City Council's goals for an interconnected network of sidewalks, paths and routes for active transportation and recreation throughout the Grand Junction urbanized area. The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

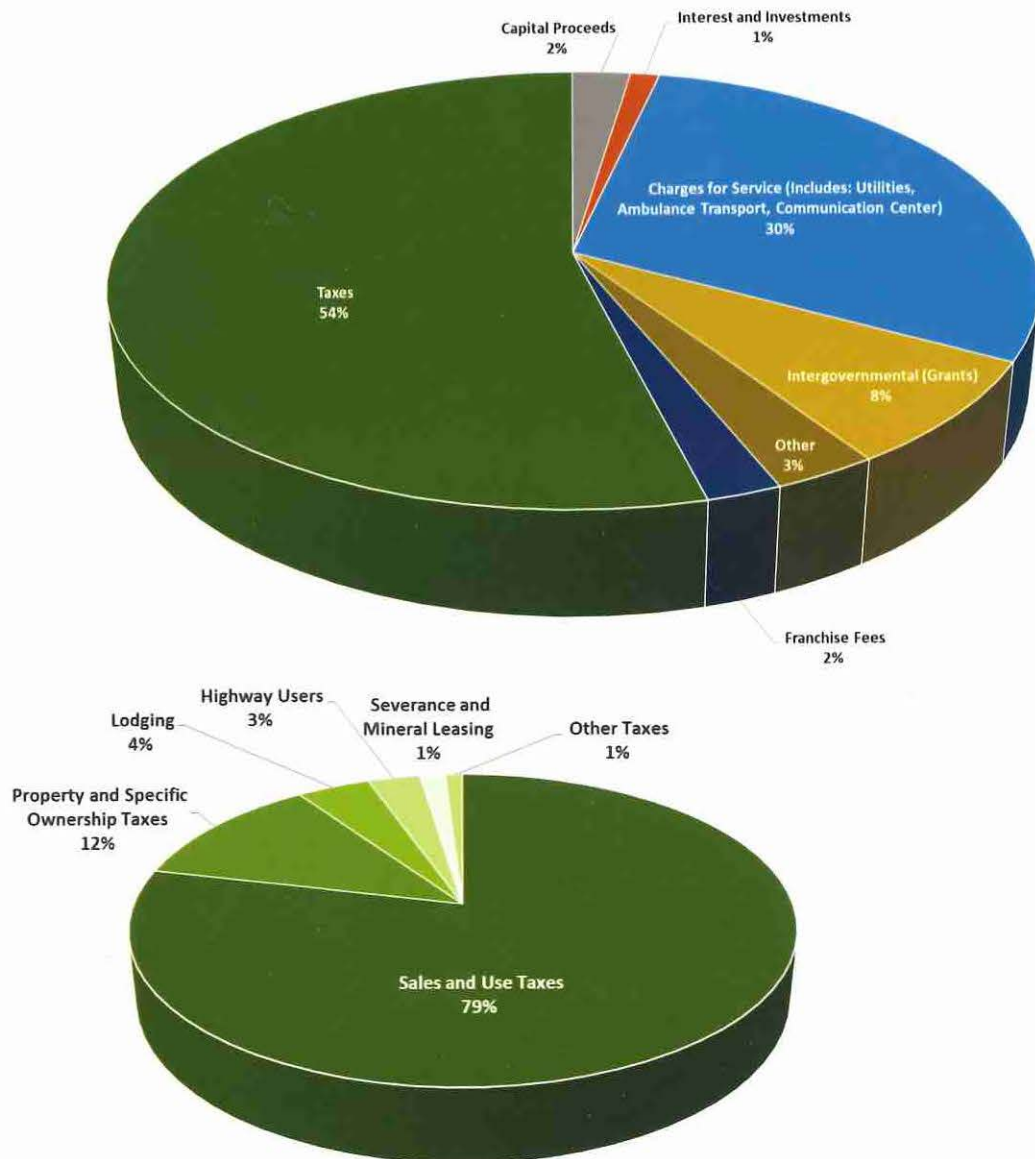
#### **Visit Grand Junction (Visit GJ) Board of Directors**

The mission of Visit Grand Junction is to market Grand Junction, resulting in a positive economic impact of visitor dollars to the City. The Board advises the Visit GJ staff on policies and marketing directions. The Visit GJ Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

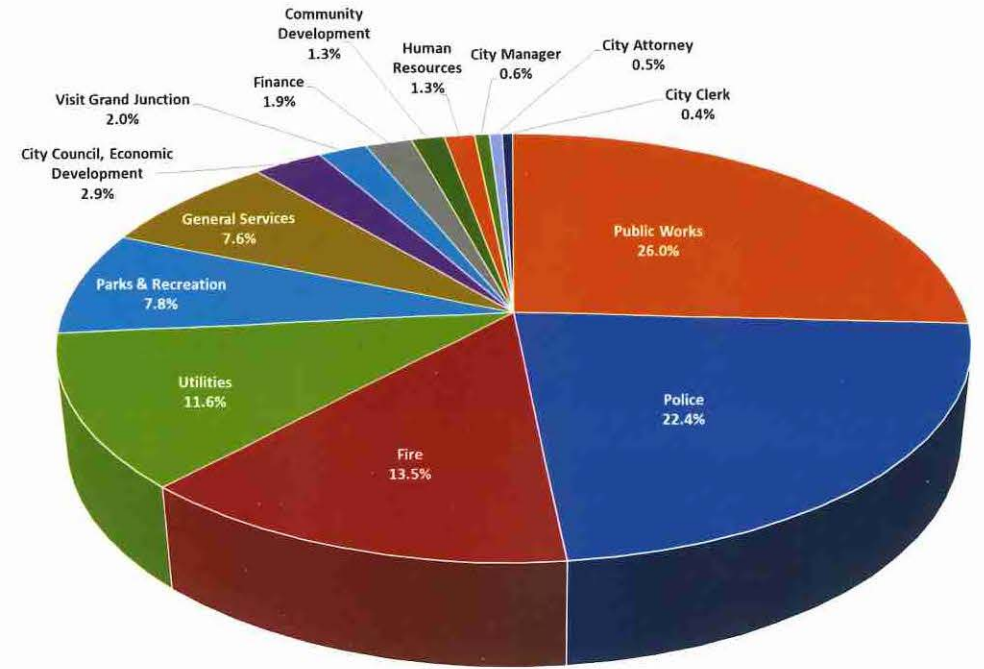
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The following charts, unless otherwise stated, are based on the 2019 City of Grand Junction budget as adopted by City Council.

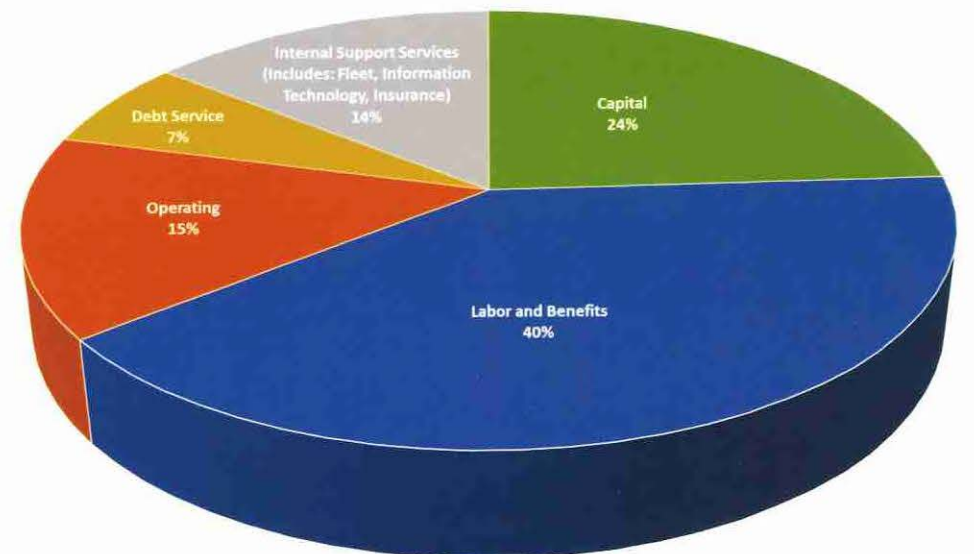
**CITY REVENUE SOURCES**



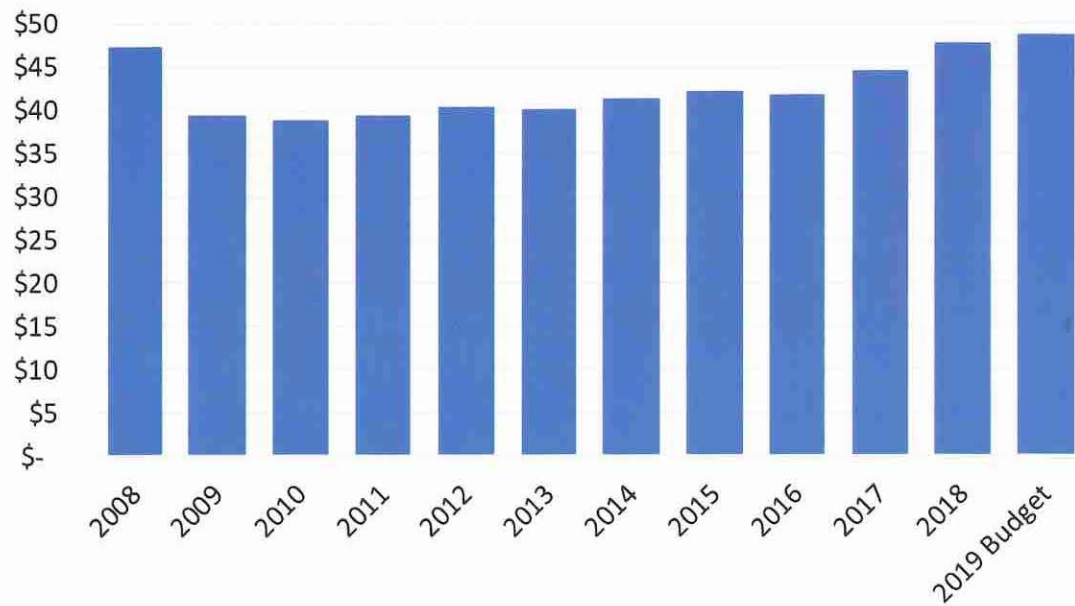
**HOW THE REVENUES ARE SPENT BY DEPARTMENT**



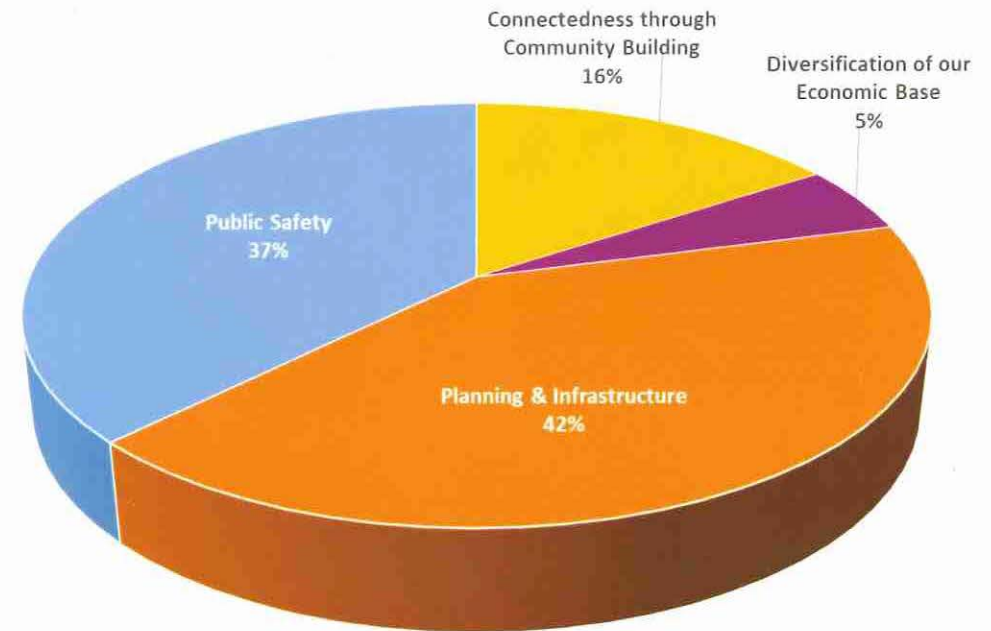
**HOW THE REVENUES ARE SPENT BY CATEGORY**



## HISTORICAL SALES TAX COLLECTION (in millions)



## BUDGET BY STRATEGIC PLAN



## SALES TAX REVENUE BY INDUSTRY

**NOTE:** Gasoline, groceries, and prescription medicine are exempt from sales tax.

2019 Revenues year-to-date; consistent with five-year trends for revenues by industry.

**(1)** Miscellaneous Retail - furniture, electronics & appliances, sporting goods, clothing & accessories, and other specialty retail stores.

**(2)** General Merchandise - department stores, warehouse clubs, and superstores.

