

City Council (listed left to right):  
Mayor Pro Tem Kraig Andrews, District E;  
Mayor Duke Wortmann, District D;  
Councilmember Phyllis Norris, District A;  
Councilmember Rick Taggart, District At-Large;  
Councilmember Anna Stout, District C;  
Councilmember Chuck McDaniel, District At-Large;  
Councilmember Phillip Pe'a, District B.

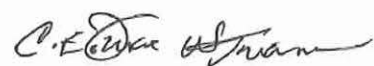
## A Message From the Mayor

I am pleased to present the City of Grand Junction 2021 Calendar and Annual Report on behalf of your City Council. As our residents know, this calendar is much more than a showcase of the natural beauty of Grand Junction. It is also the City's year-end report that we hope you find full of valuable information. I am proud of this year's calendar and I hope that you will find inspiration from the wonderful images inside.

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected municipalities nationwide. I am honored to be serving as Mayor as our community shows strength and resiliency during these challenging times. Local governments like the City are forced to innovate and find ways to safely provide services to their respective communities, all while facing significant economic impacts. The City must continue to provide services to the community. As a result, the City will have to continue to modify employee policies and the physical environment to ensure that both employees and community members are kept safe. As the community continues to navigate the challenges of the global pandemic, I am confident that we can adapt and overcome any challenges that may be on the horizon. In 2021, we will continue to work alongside our wonderfully committed City staff to serve all residents of the city.

Despite any challenges brought by a pandemic, we continue to build on the momentum gained in recent years. Grand Junction is a place that many recognize for desirable quality of life. It is heartwarming to know that Grand Junction continues to receive the recognition it deserves. The photography of the Grand Junction area included in this calendar highlights the breathtaking and diverse landscape that surrounds us. 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.

On behalf of your City Council, we wish each of you well in 2021 and thank you for making Grand Junction the wonderful place it is!



**Mayor 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. Please note that meeting times and dates are subject to change. Please visit [gjcity.org](http://gjcity.org) for up-to-date meeting information.

### **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 on Arts and Culture is to enhance local and cultural opportunities and development, encourage cooperation and collaboration among and 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.

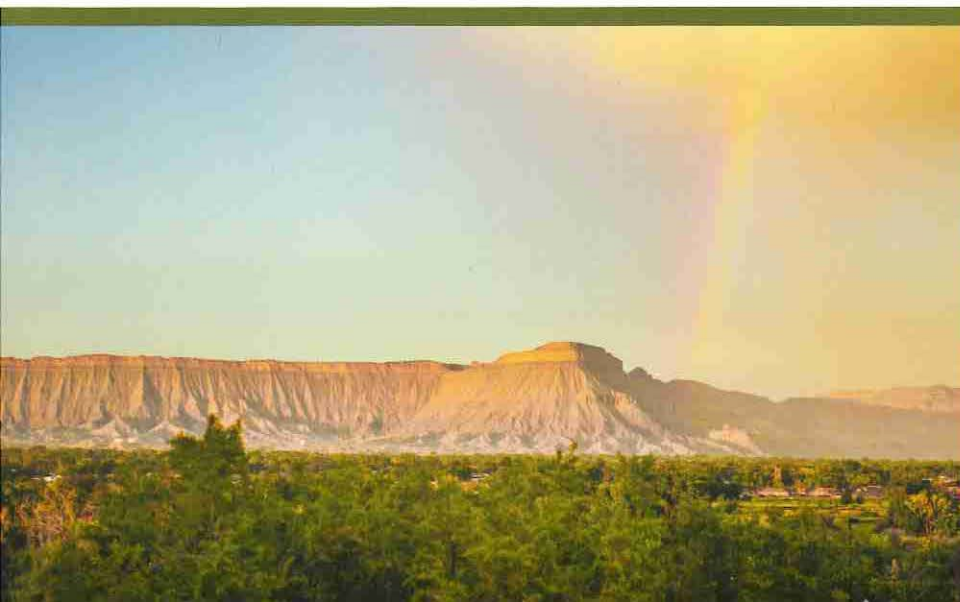
### **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)/**

### **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.

## What was the city up to in 2020?

- We responded to the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Provided emergency sales, use and lodging tax relief to businesses.
  - Created the #GJStrong Fund for nonprofit organizations seeing increased demand for food and housing assistance as a result of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis.
  - Created the #GJStrongAppetite Campaign to support local restaurants during the onset of the pandemic.
  - The City of Grand Junction activated an Incident Command System (ICS) in March to coordinate an effective and efficient response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - City Council declared a state of emergency from March 23rd through May 6th.
- Our anchor tenant in the Las Colonias Business Park, Bonsai Design broke ground on their new facility.
- We continued development of the Riverfront at Dos Rios, which included the completion of the bike park.
- We opened the River Park at Las Colonias, providing residents with a popular way to engage with the river.
- We completed Fire Station #6.
- We partnered with Colorado Mesa University to continue an internship program to provide students with real-world experience to help retain local talent.



### **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.

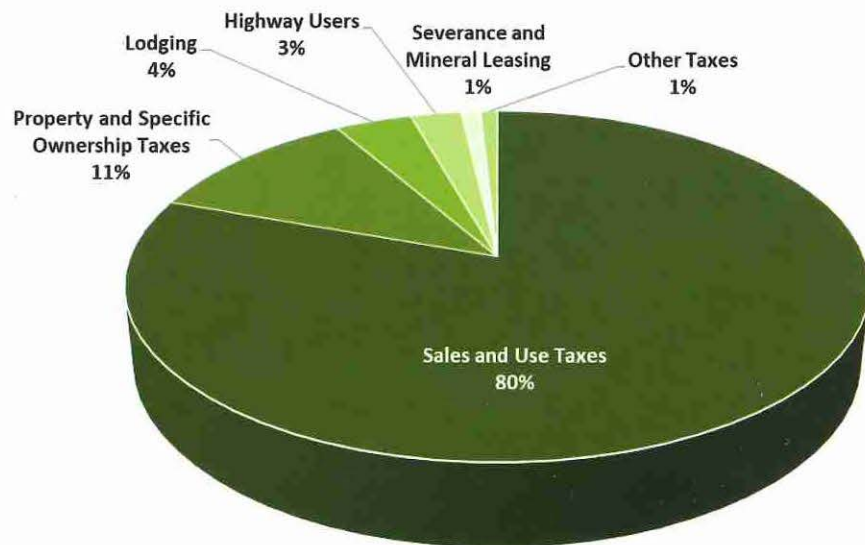
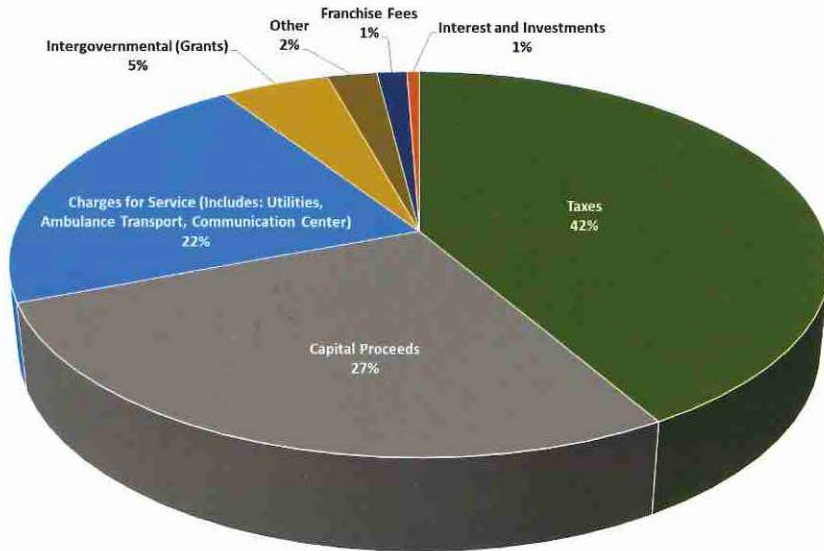
### **Visit Grand Junction (VGJ) Board of Directors**

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.

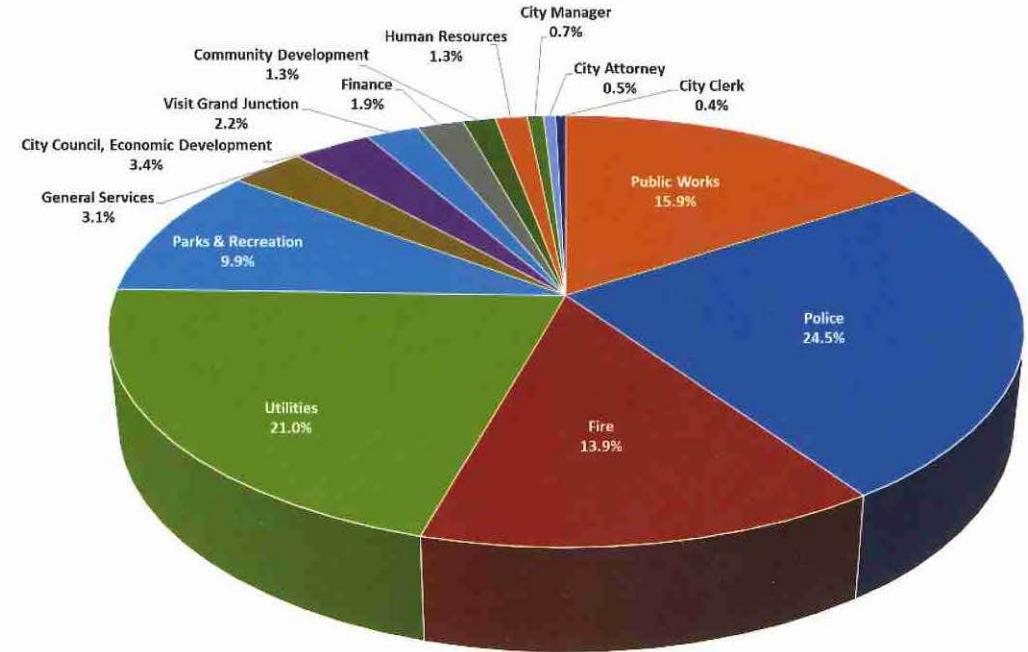
## Financial Information

The following charts, unless otherwise stated, are based on the 2020 City of Grand Junction budget as adopted by City Council.

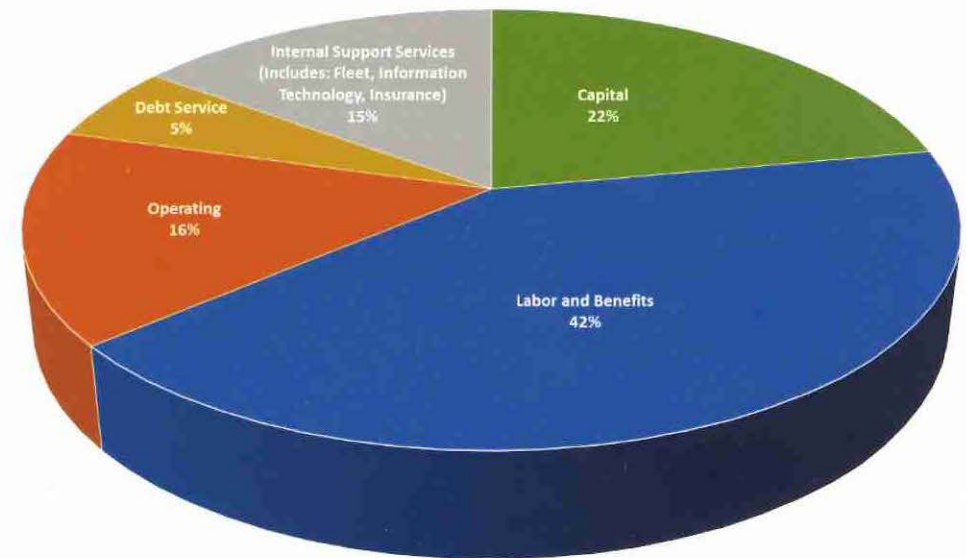
### City Revenue Sources



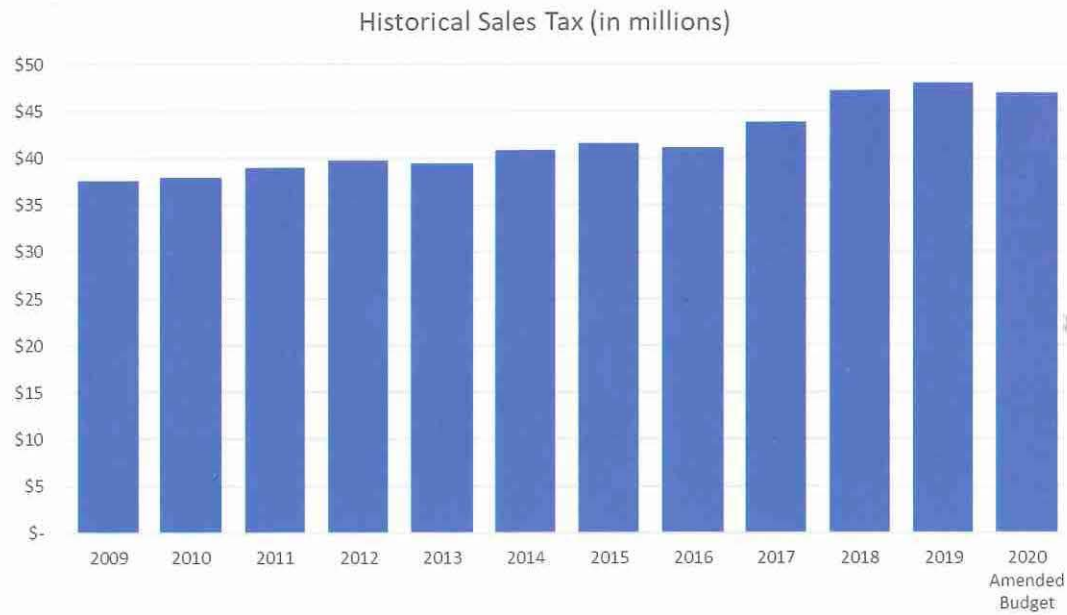
### How the Revenues are Spent by Department



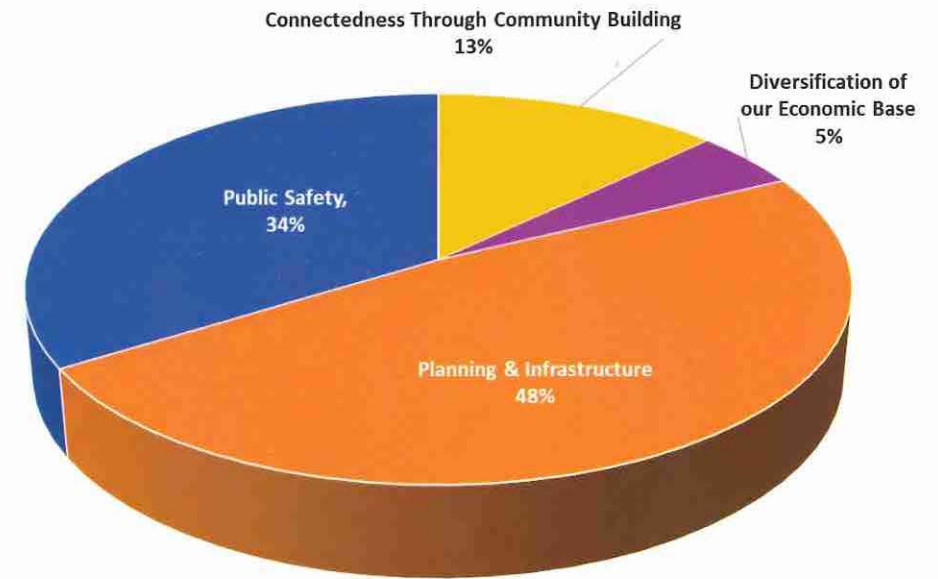
### How the Revenues are Spent by Category



## Historical Sales Tax Collection (in millions)



## Budget by Strategic Plan 2021 Recommended Budget



## Sales Tax Revenue by Industry

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

2020 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.

