

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORKSHOP SUMMARY April 10, 2023

Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Fire Department Training Room, 625 Ute Avenue, and live streamed via GoToWebinar.

City Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Chuck McDaniel, Phil Pe'a, Randall Reitz, Dennis Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem Abe Herman, and Mayor Anna Stout.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Assistant to the City Manager Johnny McFarland, Finance Director Jodi Welch, Housing Manager Ashley Chambers, City Clerk Amy Phillips, and Deputy Clerk Janet Harrell.

1. Discussion Topics

a. ARPA Discussion

City Manager Caton stated that this item is for City Council to discuss the two remaining applicants recommended by the ARPA Committee and to consider options for utilizing unspent ARPA funds.

- Counseling and Education Center (CEC): \$996,006
- Altitude Pediatrics: \$244,000

Council has expressed interest in determining how to utilize the remaining funds which, if CEC and Altitude are funded, would result in a remaining balance of \$2,399,527. If Altitude and CEC are not funded, there would be an additional \$1,240,006 available. The table below was provided outlining the allocation of ARPA Funds.

ARPA Funds Allocation as of April 5, 2023	
Total ARPA Funds	\$ 10,400,000
Revenue Replacement to Lodging Partners	1,387,130
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach	1,000,000
Housing Resources of Western Colorado	1,000,000
City of Grand Junction Land and Building Acquisition Program	3,373,337
Total Allocated To Date	\$ 6,760,467
Outstanding Recommendations	
Counseling and Education Center	\$ 996,006
Altitude Pediatrics	\$ 244,000
Total Potential Allocations	\$ 1,240,006
Total Remaining ARPA Funds	\$ 2,399,527

Discussion ensued resulting in direction for staff to add to the April 19, 2023 Council Meeting agenda, an item for discussion of potential options for utilizing the remaining ARPA funds. It was noted that an off-cycle funding request received by the City from Riverside Educational Center (REC) in January 2023, in the amount of \$300,000, could be a potential allocation of funding from remaining ARPA funds.

Council also requested that consideration of additional ARPA funding to Grand Valley Catholic Outreach be added to the same agenda. This item will be to consider increasing the ARPA funding allocated to Catholic Outreach above the \$1,000,000 already approved by City Council.

Lastly, Council requested a discussion regarding the CEC be placed on the May 17th agenda.

2. City Council Communication

City Attorney Shaver updated Council on the election and the letter sent to the City on behalf of At-Large candidate Schwenke. He spoke to the election process and how the Municipal Election Code differs from Title 1 Uniform Election Code. He explained that the Uniform Election Code contains processes for error corrections and missing signatures, which are not found in the Municipal Election Code in Title 31. He also touched on the differences between the processes used by the City and the County for conducting elections. He stated that the County has historically conducted the City's Municipal Elections but did not have the capacity to conduct this year's election. He explained how the City communicated the election voting process to voters through the mail ballot packages, Facebook posts, voting instructions inserted in the Election Ballot envelope, on the exterior return envelope, and through news releases.

3. Next Workshop Topics

City Manager Caton reported the Workshop items for April 3, 2023 will be:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
- Urban Forestry Management Plan
- Discussion on Regulations for Cannabis Product Manufacturers

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Workshop adjourned at 6:28 p.m.