

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL READINESS SUMMARY

October 14, 2013 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 5:00 p.m. in the City Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 7:09 p.m.

Council Members present: All except Council President Sam Susuras and Councilmember Jim Doody. Council President Pro Tem Marty Chazen presided. Staff present: Englehart, Shaver, Romero, Camper, Kovalik, Valentine, Taylor, Rainquet, and Tuin. Also present was Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Executive Director Weiss.

Agenda Topic 1. Avalon Theatre Naming Rights

City Manager Englehart introduced the topic, and noted some of the nuances needing consideration, regarding the naming period of time, transferability, etc. He advised that City Staff is pursuing a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant, which will be decided in November.

Convention and Visitor Services (CVS) Director Debbie Kovalik advised the Council on private donor funds contributed or pledged thus far (\$583,000 in cash plus \$601,000 in pledges), and shared the committee's ideas for expanding and increasing donations via naming rights for various parts of the building as well as nonstructural elements like concession areas. Considerations regarding the terms were discussed, including the length of time for naming; CVS Director Kovalik noted the need to put all naming rights terms and conditions in writing, with the understanding that all donations will be subject to final approval by Council. Council requested more details and specific terms be brought back by the committee for further consideration on October 28.

Agenda Topic 2. Prohibition of Parking along Main Street during Parade of Lights

DDA Executive Director Harry Weiss discussed the request to prohibit parking after 3 p.m. on Saturday, and to authorize violators be towed to the gravel lot east of the Fire Department. Council agreed that parked vehicles create a public safety issue, and requested the issue be placed on the Wednesday night Council meeting agenda for formal consideration.

Agenda Topic 3. Addition of City Property to the DDA District

City Manager Rich Englehart introduced the topic of cleaning up and consolidating the DDA District boundary, and the County Assessor's requirement to fully include or exclude all eight parcels of the Public Safety Complex within the boundary. DDA Executive Director Harry Weiss presented the potential properties for annexation into the DDA District. City Attorney John Shaver discussed the concern of having some parcels only partially included and some parcels outside the current boundary, and noted that the issue is time sensitive. Including City parcels within the boundary will not affect the DDA's Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

Inclusion of Emerson Park in the DDA boundary was discussed in terms of future redevelopment. Council decided to bring the issue back for further discussion on October 28 and requested some options along with pros and cons for the various pieces proposed for inclusion.

Agenda Topic 4. Other Business

Discussions included an email from Robert Traylor regarding the Grand Junction Drainage District (GJDD) and trails over piped drainages. Councilmember McArthur advised that the District does have sufficient funds for 2014 but is concerned about their financial position in 2015. He also mentioned ongoing issues with downstream pipe sizes at Community Hospital and drainage problems at the County Health Department building as well as the new Workforce Center. He said the City shouldn't make any financial agreement with the GJDD; all partners in the 521 Drainage Authority need to participate.

Council agreed to wear pink shirts for Breast Cancer Awareness at the October 16 Council meeting.

After a brief discussion about September tax revenues, Council agreed to further review this topic in November.

City Manager Rich Englehart noted that pre-meeting items for the 16th include a CNG support letter and a street lights item. City Attorney Shaver clarified that for undergrounding for street lights, the City will have to pay Xcel Energy direct as there can be no contracting so there is no procurement process.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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READINESS SESSION**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013, 5:00 P.M.
CITY AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

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- 1. Avalon Theatre Naming Rights:** This request is to review and approve the recommendation for naming opportunities for the theatre. The Avalon Theatre Naming Rights Committee includes Debbie Kovalik, Stuart Taylor, Bennett Boeschstein, Jay Valentine, Robin Brown, John Halvorson, Karen Hilderbrandt, and Kathy Hall. Establishing naming opportunities now will make it possible for campaign committee members to go out and generate additional private contributions for the Avalon Theatre renovation project.
- 2. Prohibition of Parking along Main Street during Parade of Lights:** The Downtown Partnership is requesting the prohibition of parking along Main Street during the Annual Parade of Lights, and the authorization of towing of vehicles in violation of the prohibition. City Staff concurs with the recommendation to prohibit the parking.
- 3. Addition of City Property to the DDA District:** The City and DDA Staff are recommending the annexation of a number of City-owned parcels into the DDA district.
- 4. Other Business**