

RESOLUTION NO. 25-05

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF A CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION (CLOMR) WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE RANCHMEN'S DITCH DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Recitals.

The Ranchmen's Ditch drainage improvement project ("Project") has been proposed to reduce the potential for flooding along the Ranchmen's Ditch. If the Project is constructed it will remove large commercial areas, including Grand Mesa Center, Valley Plaza Shopping Center and "restaurant row" along the south side of Mesa Mall, from the 100 year floodplain.

The Project will include construction of detention facilities in the upper reaches of the basin and improved storm water conveyance facilities in and through the lower portions of the basin.

The City has performed detailed engineering studies and is requesting a CLOMR based on that work. If FEMA approves, then the City will be afforded a level of confidence that FEMA agrees with the proposed mitigation. Approval of the CLOMR is important prior to and in anticipation of a significant City investment in the Project. Approval of the CLOMR does not change the existing Flood insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Changes or amendments to the FIRM are made when the Project is completed and a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is requested. A request for a LOMR must be submitted to FEMA within 90 days of completion of the Project.

As a requirement for submittal of the CLOMR the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County, are required to acknowledge changes to the floodplain mapping that are likely to occur with construction of the Project. Furthermore, the City must concur with those anticipated changes. That concurrence is expressed by and through this resolution.

The City has worked carefully with and through the FEMA regulations and has notified potentially affected property owners and by this resolution acknowledges that all improvements will be completed on City property or easement(s) for the improvements have been or will be granted by the time the construction takes place. The City further acknowledges that all other applicable requirements have been or will be met.

NOW THEREFORE, for the reasons stated in the recitals above, be it resolved that the City Manager is authorized to sign and file with the Federal Emergency Management

Agency a request for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision for the Ranchmen's Ditch drainage improvements project.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2005.

/s/: Bruce Hill
Bruce Hill, President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin
Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk