

## **GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**MARCH 31, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met in Special Session on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 250 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Those present were Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Marty Chazen, Jim Doody, Phyllis Norris, Barbara Traylor Smith, and President of the Council Sam Susuras. Councilmember Duncan McArthur joined the meeting via conference call. Also present were City Attorney John Shaver, Deputy City Manager Tim Moore, Police Chief John Camper, Staff Attorney Shelly Dackonish, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Susuras called the meeting to order.

#### **Legislative Update**

Deputy City Manager Moore distributed a legislative update. City Attorney Shaver advised that it is recommended that the City oppose House Bill (HB) 14-1343 regarding the presumptive eligibility of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for Peace Officers for Worker's Compensation. Chief Camper stated that this passage of this bill as it is currently, will qualify nearly every police officer as the traumatic events listed happen regularly to police officers.

Councilmember McArthur stated that it is his understanding that the bill will be amended.

City Attorney Shaver said Colorado Municipal League (CML) is opposed to the bill and he will watch for any amendments. CML is also opposed to the other presumptive eligibility bill for firefighters experiencing any cardiac or circulatory malfunctions (Senate Bill 14-172).

Lastly, HB 14-1327 regarding broadband and telecommunications, was highlighted and there was a brief discussion on service areas and understanding the need for a tower installation in a particular location. They will continue to watch this legislation.

#### **Executive Session**

Councilmember Norris moved to go into Executive Session to confer with and receive legal advice from the City Attorney, under Section 402 (4) (B) of the Open Meetings Law regarding strategies about and our position relative to the recently filed ACLU lawsuit and City Council will not be returning to open session. Councilmember Traylor Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Council convened into executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk