

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
May 7, 2014 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 5:10 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 6:27 p.m.

Council Members present: All. Staff present: Englehart, Moore, Shaver, Romero, Evans, Valentine, and Tuin.

Agenda Topic 1. Vision/Capital Planning.

City Manager Rich Englehart introduced this item and said that Staff would like to layout the budget process referring to the flow chart in the PowerPoint. Discussion of Council policies will help out with future visioning. He advised Council that June 6th has been set for a Council retreat to discuss Council's thoughts on policies and visions. A team has been established to pull all of the information together which consists of City Manager Rich Englehart, Financial Operations Director Jodi Romero, Internal Services Manager Jay Valentine, Finance Supervisor Sonya Evans, Human Resources Director Claudia Hazelhurst, and City Attorney John Shaver. City Manager Englehart explained that the departmental reports will be a little bit different this year; they will really focus on personnel, the operational needs, difficult challenges, and programs, as well as contractual relationships with other Partners such as Grand Junction Economic Partnership and the Incubator. All of this will help with the start of the budget process in late July, early August.

City Manager Englehart identified the policy issues they would like to bring forward to Council to get their perception and direction on: Business Personal Property Tax; City Hall Security; Rainy Day Policy (fund balances and reserves); 5.2.1 Drainage; Vacation of Rights-of-Way; Marijuana issues; Development Policies (fees, TCP funding, tax incentives-exemptions, and tax-revenue sharing); the 29 Road and I-70 Interchange; and the Ute and Pitkin Realignment. There was discussion about what information and reports Council would like to see for the June 6th retreat on the policy issues and clarifying what questions fell under each policy.

City Manager Englehart said that they will also include a Fire Station/Airport update and the update to the 2035 plan for Transportation Planning.

City Manager Englehart said under visioning and departmental reporting, there is the Emergency Management Plan, a one year update on the Greater Downtown Plan, a discussion on making the Urban Trails Committee fall under Council, a Parks Development Plan, and the pavement conditions index results. Specific Fire topics are a station at the airport and increase service opportunities in the eastern part of the valley, and for Police topics are police services for Colorado Mesa University, communication center challenges, and a look at staffing and substations for police.

City Manager Englehart said for capital planning, they provided Council with some numbers from a high level perspective. There could be discussion on the use of General Fund dollars for

Capital projects. City Manager Englehart reviewed and listed the resources and uses for the department identified projects.

Internal Services Manager Jay Valentine distributed a hand out listing out capital projects and priorities over the next three years. He asked Council to take a look at it and give direction regarding the priorities and determining whether or not General Fund monies should be used for Capital projects. There was discussion on the revenues and reserves and Council advised that they would like to know how much is in reserves that could be looked at for Capital projects. Councilmember Chazen also mentioned operations as a source for more funding.

There was a discussion on an assessment being done on all City facilities and establishing an accrual fund for maintenance and large item replacements much like in the enterprise and internal service funds for equipment and vehicle replacements.

City Manager Englehart asked Councilmember Doody how the two year capital plan worked several years ago when it was done that way because it has been suggested to look at going to a two year capital plan again. Councilmember Doody stated that as he recalled, it worked and it did save Staff some time. Council was open to considering going to a longer vision for capital planning and being prepared to adjust it if necessary.

City Manager Englehart distributed a hard copy of the Economic Development Plan which is on agenda for the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014, 5:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
250 N. 5TH STREET**

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1. Vision/Capital Planning