

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 6, 1967

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p.m. September 6, 1967 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were C. E. McCormick, R. B. Evans, Harry O. Colescott, R. G. Youngerman and Herbert M. Wright. Council President Ray A. Meacham and Councilman Stanley Anderson were absent. President Pro Tem Chas. E. McCormick presided in the absence of President Meacham. Also present were City Manager R. N. Gray, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reverend Ralph G. Walker, Mesa View Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Evans that the minutes of the Special Meeting held August 30 and the regular meeting held August 16, 1967 be approved as written. Motion carried.

ANNEXATION - NORTH WILLOWBROOK - APPROVE REVISED BOUNDARIES - ELIGIBLE FOR ANNEXATION

The matter of the annexation of North Willowbrook Subdivision, which was tabled at the August 16th meeting, was brought up for re-consideration. The petition against the annexation which had been presented to the Council by Mr. M. B. Garman was taken to the Planning Commission on Aug. 30th. The recommendation from the Commission to the Council was that the boundaries of the district be amended to omit the property along First Street and add an area to the north which belongs to Dr. Bosma. Manager Gray stated that if the area boundaries are left as petitioned, an election would defeat the annexation as there are more resident land owners opposed to annexation than are in favor of it. The deletion of North First Street would not materially affect the annexation and does not make it unfeasible. It was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Council reject the annexation of North Willowbrook as the boundaries are presently set out. Motion carried. The Council would then accept new petitions for annexation with different boundaries.

City Manager Gray stated that there would be only one alternative to the present sewer assessing policy which the City now has which would be for the existing City residents to help fund new sewer system installations and fund to the point where sewers would be

constructed and tap fees charged when property is developed, the same as new water service lines are handled at the present time.

ANNEXATION - REQUEST OF WESTERN MEAT PACKERS, INC. FOR SEWER SERVICE - PETITION TO BE ACCEPTED - INSTR NO 4214

A letter from Western MEAT Packers, Inc. was read. The Meat Packing firm requests annexation to the City. The State Board of Health has issued an order for them to cease and desist putting untreated sewage into the Colorado River. They desire to annex to the City so that they can put in a sewage system which would go into the present disposal plant and be treated. Mr. Keith Mumby, Attorney, and Mr. Orville Callaway, one of the owners of the plant, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Mumby stated that it is very important that the Packing Plant get permission from the City to have the sewage from the plant treated. He had previously explained to the Council the treatment system which they expect to use before the effluent is put into the City mains. They are trying to get a Small Business loan and this cannot be completed until the plans for sewage treatment are completed. Councilman McCormick stated that he would feel better about possibly complicating the City's relationship with the State Health Department, if a letter could be obtained stating that it was all right for the City to go ahead and accept the sewage from the packing plant at the sewage disposal plant, before new facilities are constructed by the City.

Councilman Wright stated that he believed that one of the purposes in the City expanding sewer facilities is to take care of business such as Western Meat Packers. He felt the Council should go ahead and accept the annexation proposal and plan to treat the effluent from the packing plant. If the State says "No," of course this cannot be done. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request for annexation be approved, and petition accepted as soon as possible. An agreement should be entered into that Henningson, Durham and Richardson's recommendations be followed as to the type of materials that can be put into the sewers. Motion carried with Councilman McCormick voting NAY. He stated that he felt it necessary that the City have the letter from the State Board of Health before giving approval. Any sewer service outside of the City limits would be charged for at double City rates, and if the sewer service was ready before final annexation, it would be necessary to charge Western Meat Packers double rates for a short period of time.

SAFETY AWARD TO UTILITY DEPARTMENT

A letter of congratulation to the City Utility Department on receiving an Award of Progress for improved safety was read and filed.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE - WATER - RAISE RATES-RECONNECTION CHARGE-
PROVIDE FOR COPPER PIPE**

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO PROVIDE A CHANGE IN CERTAIN WATER RATES WITHIN THE CITY; AMENDING SECTION 31-6 OF SAID CODE TO RAISE THE RECONNECTION CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 31-24 TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF COPPER PIPE IN THE CITY WATER SERVICE. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - RAISE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE - ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER FUND

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-1 a OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION RAISING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND AMENDING SECTION 25-5 OF SUCH CODE TO PROVIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER AND SEWER FUND. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - RAISE TRASH AND GARBAGE RATES - REFUSE CONTAINER STANDARDS

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-12 (A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION INCREASING THE RATES FOR REFUSE REMOVAL IN THE CITY AND AMENDING SECTION 14-10 (B) OF SAID CODE CONCERNING REFUSE CONTAINERS. It was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Wright that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - CHANGE NAME OF UTE DRIVE IN EL CORONA SUBDIVISION TO EL CORONA DRIVE

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF UTE DRIVE IN EL CORONA SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO EL CORONA DRIVE. It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Wright that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

INTERSTATE HWY 70 - RESOLUTION APPROVING RED BUFFALO ROUTE

The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That the Joint Statement On The Location of Interstate Highway 70 in the Red Buffalo Mountain Region, prepared as the concurrent statement of the Mesa County Board of Commissioners, the City of Grand Junction, the Western Colorado Regional Planning Commission and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce be approved and entered into by the Council as the act of the City of Grand Junction:

JOINT STATEMENT ON THE LOCATION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 70 IN THE RED BUFFALO MOUNTAIN REGION

During the past two presentations in November 1965 and November 1966, to the Colorado Highway Commission, the Mesa County Board of Commissioners, the City of Grand Junction, the Western Regional Planning Commission, and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, supported the tunnel location of I-70 under Buffalo Mountain. Specifically, our report said: The full realization of I-70 will come into focus when the tunnel is completed at Straight Creek eliminating the physical and psychological barrier of Loveland Pass . . . and we support the tunnel at Buffalo Mountain eliminating Vail Pass and cutting 10 1/2 more miles from the Denver-Grand Junction distance.

Our reasons for supporting the I-70 route are as follows:

- (1) The physical and psychological barrier existing in the minds of travelers of Colorado mountains may be reduced or eliminated;
- (2) It is 10.8 miles shorter between Denver and Grand Junction;
- (3) There would be no interference or inconvenience to the motoring public during the long construction period;
- (4) The Colorado Department of Highways, Colorado Highway Commission, and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads support the Red Buffalo Route;
- (5) It would save motorists about \$3 million annually in operating costs;
- (6) The I-70 route through the Core Range-Eagle's Nest area was provided for in the Wilderness Bill;
- (7) The tunnel will join with the one under Straight Creek as a key link in making I-70 a truly cross-country highway.

We desire to support the Colorado Department of Highways and do everything possible to facilitate the early construction of I-70 under Red Buffalo Mountain.

Mesa County Board of County Commissioners
Clyde Lowe, Chairman

City of Grand Junction
Ray A. Meacham, Mayor

Western Colorado Regional Planning Commission
Richard Stranger, Chairman

Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce
Louis Walker, President

It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. President Pro Tem McCormick declared the motion carried, and Resolution duly passed and adopted.

SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES - AUTHORIZE H.D.R. TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II (DESIGN, PLANS, SPEC)

City Manager Gray stated that he would like authority to give Henningson, Durham & Richardson a green light to proceed with Part 2 of the City's agreement with them dated October, 1966. This is Phase II and calls for the design of the sewage treatment facilities. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the City Manager be authorized to advise H.D.R. to go ahead with Part 2 in designing sewage treatment facilities and other improvements to the City sewage system as outlined in the October, 1966 agreement. Motion carried.

Councilman Wright asked when the bonds for the improvement to the water and sewer systems would be sold and City Manager Gray stated that it could be after the first of the year.

SEWER & WATER IMPROVEMENT - GRAND JUNCTION BOARD OF REALTORS TO ASSIST WITH ACQUISITION OF LAND AND RIGHT OF WAY

City Manager Gray suggested that the Grand Junction Board of Realtors be requested to suggest someone who might help the City in securing right-of-way and easements for both sewer and water projects. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the City Manager contact the Board of Realtors for their help in this project. Motion carried.

STREETS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE

City Manager Gray stated that at a meeting which he and President Pro Tem McCormick attended concerning streets and bridges, it was suggested that a committee be appointed to work out a five-year plan for Capital Improvements for the greater Grand Junction area and asked that one person from the City be on this committee. President Pro Tem McCormick stated that he would like to have this matter deferred until President Meacham returns. He suggested that a subcommittee of the Council be appointed to review this matter and make a recommendation as to who would be on the committee. It

