

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

August 21, 2002

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 21st day of August 2002, at 7:35 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmembers Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez. Councilmembers Bill McCurry and Jim Spehar were absent. Also present were City Manager Kelly Arnold, City Attorney Dan Wilson and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin. The meeting was not broadcasted due to equipment failure.

President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez called the meeting to order. Councilmember Terry led in the pledge of allegiance. The audience remained standing for the invocation by Errol Snider, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

TO RIVERFRONT COMMISION MEMBERS

The Mayor presented Certificates of Appointment to Eric Marquez and Dr. Paul Jones.

SCHEDULED CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Kirtland, seconded by Councilmember Butler, and carried by a roll call vote, to approve Consent Items #1 through #4.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Action: Approve the Summary of the August 5, 2002 Workshop and the Minutes of the August 7, 2002 Regular Meeting

2. FY2003 Intergovernmental Agreement/Consolidated Planning Grant

Adoption of this Resolution and resultant contract signatures, the FY2003 Intergovernmental Agreement will allow the Grand Junction/Mesa County MPO to start spending Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds, effective October 1, 2002.

Resolution No. 77-02 - A Joint Resolution of the County of Mesa and the City of Grand Junction Concerning the Signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement Be-

tween CDOT and the Grand Junction/Mesa County Metropolitan Planning Organization Regarding the FY2003 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 77-02

3. F ½ Parkway Feasibility Study Contract

This contract is for a feasibility study for the location and constructability of F ½ Parkway from 24 Road east to a logical connection point with the rest of the major street system.

Action: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Contract for the F ½ Parkway Feasibility Study with Michael Baker Jr., Inc. in the Amount of \$84,900

4. 29 Road Improvements North Ave. – Grand Valley Canal Utilities

This is the third construction phase of a five-phase project to improve 29 Road between I-70B and Patterson Road. This phase of the project includes relocation of existing utilities and installation of a 36-inch storm drain between North Avenue and the Grand Valley Canal. The work will consist of 2,849 feet of 36-inch diameter storm sewer, 2,498 ft of 8-inch diameter water line, 2,393 feet of 15-inch diameter irrigation line, and 2,764 feet of 12-inch diameter sanitary sewer line. The following bids were opened on August 6, 2002:

Bidder	From	Bid Amount
MA Concrete Construction	Grand Junction	\$1,462,969.00
Skyline Contracting	Grand Junction	\$1,152,396.10
Engineer's Estimate		\$1,094,224.30

Action: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Construction Contract for the 29 Road Improvements Project, North Ave. to the Grand Valley Canal with Skyline Contracting, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,152,396.10.

***** ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION *****

Grant Application for Canyon View Park

A request to apply for a \$150,000 grant in order to compete for a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant that will help complete Canyon View Park. The revised Master Plan includes infrastructure, multi-purpose fields, a tennis complex, a splash playground, a play structure, shade/picnic shelters and restrooms.

Joe Stevens, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed this item. He noted that Council had reviewed the Master Plan for the next phase at Monday night's workshop. He then reviewed the grant application process and the available options. Mr. Stevens explained

that this particular application may not include other partners with the City, which might be a problem since this is part of the criteria for the GOCO funding. He did say that possible partners are the football association and the tennis association.

Mr. Stevens explained the City's partnership with the Basque community regarding the handball court and that the representative of the Basque community indicated that they would be a willing partner. Mr. Stevens said landscaping is one portion of the improvements for that part of the park.

Mr. Stevens recommended that much of the grading and infrastructure be done at the same time to cut the costs of mobilizing the heavy equipment.

Councilmember Kirtland questioned if the TABOR rules would apply to this grant. Mr. Stevens stated that GOCO funds are exempt from TABOR.

Resolution No. 78-02 - A Resolution Supporting and Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application Between Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the City of Grand Junction for the Continuation of the Development of Canyon View Park

Upon motion made by Councilmember Terry, seconded by Councilmember Kirtland, and carried by a roll call vote, Resolution No. 78-02 was adopted.

Inducement Resolution for Use of 2002/2003 Private Activity Bonds

TOT, LLC has requested the use of the City's Private Activity Bond allocation. The use will allow TOT, LLC to finance a portion of their construction of a manufacturing facility for Pyramid Printing through adjustable rate revenue bonds.

Ron Lappi, Administrative Services Director, reviewed this item. He stated that the principals in the company and their banker, Tom Benton of Wells Fargo Bank, were also present.

Councilmember Terry asked Mr. Lappi to explain the program for the benefit of the public. Mr. Lappi explained that the Private Activity Bond allocation does not actually represent cash, but that the program allows businesses to obtain low interest tax-exempt bonds for business expansion or that the allocations can be used to finance low-income housing.

Rick Taggart, TOT, LLC principal, addressed Council. He identified the location of the manufacturing facility as being west of Reynolds Polymer on Patterson Road, and said that the property also included a vacant building. He reviewed the history of Pyramid Printing, Inc. and their expansion plans. He explained why more companies do not apply for these allocations.

Mr. Lappi stated that a previous attempt to use the allocation required the combination of the City's and the County's allocations.

Mayor Enos-Martinez said she would not vote on this item since she serves on the State Private Activity Bonds Board.

Resolution No. 79-02 - A Resolution Setting Forth the Intention of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, to Issue Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds Series 2002 to Finance a Portion of the Construction and Equipping Costs for a Manufacturing Facility of TOT, LLC or Its Successors or Assigns, to Designate a Portion of the City's 2003 Private Activity Bond Allocation for the Project and to Issue Adjustable Rate Revenue Bonds Series 2003 to Finance the Remaining Portion of the Construction and Equipping Costs for a Manufacturing Facility of TOT, LLC. or Its Successors or Assigns

Upon motion made by Councilmember Butler, seconded by Councilmember Kirtland, and carried by a roll call vote, with Mayor Enos-Martinez abstaining, Resolution No. 79-02 was adopted.

City Sponsorship of "September 11, 2001" Event

A community-wide event is being planned to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. The event is a result of the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park Committee and members of the September 11, 2001 Planning Committee. The event, "A Time to Remember, A Time to Honor, A Time to Unite" is planned for Suplizio Field on September 11, 2002, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. The event includes a number of activities such as a high school band, songs by locals, speakers on the events of September 11, 2001, and a flag-raising ceremony involving the Grand Junction Fire Department and members of local law enforcement.

Jim Doody, a member of the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Committee, explained the reason for organizing this event. He identified the other committee members and their plans to Council. Mr. Doody asked Council to waive the Suplizio Field fees, to assist with the sound and speaker system, and to help with traffic control.

Councilmember Terry suggested Council waive the fees and offer whatever assistance is needed. Councilmember Kirtland suggested a \$500 donation from Council's Contingency Fund.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Theobald, seconded by Councilmember Kirtland, and carried by a roll call vote, Council approved a \$500 donation and co-sponsoring of the Commemorative Celebration of September 11, 2001 Event.

NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, CMC
City Clerk