

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

**December 15, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened into regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004, at 7:31 p.m. in the City Auditorium. Those present were Councilmember's Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer, Jim Spehar and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Absent was Councilmember Cindy Enos-Martinez. Also present were City Manager Kelly Arnold, City Attorney John Shaver, and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Council President Hill called the meeting to order. Councilmember Palmer led in the pledge of allegiance. The audience remained standing for the invocation by Jim Hale, Spirit of Life Christian Fellowship.

**PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2005 AS "VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember McCurry, seconded by Councilmember Palmer and carried by roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Items #1 through #9.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*Action: Approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2004 Regular Meeting*

2. **Vacation of Easement in Summit Meadows West Subdivision at 3134 D ½ Road** [File #VE-2004-228]

The applicant proposes to vacate two-20' temporary public access easements, located in Summit Meadows West Subdivision. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this easement vacation request on November 23, 2004, making the Findings of Fact/Conclusion identified in the staff report.

Resolution No. 134-04 - A Resolution Vacating Two-20' Temporary Public Access Easements Located in Summit Meadows West Subdivision Between Ute Canyon Lane and Cross Canyon Lane and Between Summit Meadows Court and Open Meadows Court

*Action: Adopt Resolution No.134-04*

3. **Setting a Hearing on Zoning the Griffith Annexation Located at 2969 B 1/2 Road** [File #ANX-2004-254]

The Griffith Annexation is comprised of one parcel of land of 4.141 acres and a section of B 1/2 Road right-of-way. The petitioner is requesting a zone of Residential Single Family with a density not to exceed four units per acre (RSF-4), which conforms to the Growth Plan Future Land Use Map. Planning Commission recommended approval at its December 14, 2004 meeting.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Griffith Annexation to Residential Single Family with a Density of not to Exceed Four Units Per Acre (RSF-4) Located at 2969 B 1/2 Road

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 5, 2005*

4. **Setting a Hearing on Zoning the Summit View Meadows Filing #2 Annexation Located at 3140 D 1/2 Road** [File #ANX-2004-256]

The Summit View Meadows Filing #2 Annexation is comprised of one parcel of land of 4.9409 acres. The petitioner is requesting a zone of Residential Single Family with a density not to exceed eight units per acre (RMF-8), which conforms to the Growth Plan Future Land Use Map. Planning Commission recommended approval at its December 14, 2004 meeting.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Summit View Meadows Annexation Filing #2 to Residential Single Family with a Density not to Exceed Eight Units Per Acre (RMF-8) Located at 3140 D 1/2 Road

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 5, 2005*

5. **Revocable Permit for Paradise Valley Park Located at 585 25 ½ Road** [File #RVP-2004-266]

The petitioner is requesting approval and issuance of a revocable permit for construction of a 6' wood fence in the City right-of-way adjacent to 25 ½ Road and the existing subdivision's front property line.

Resolution No. 135-04 – A Resolution Concerning the Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Paradise Valley Park, LLC

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 135-04*

6. **Setting a Hearing on Zoning the Campbell/Hyde Annexation Located at 351 & 353 30 Road** [File #ANX-2004-225]

Introduction of a proposed zoning ordinance to zone the Campbell/Hyde Annexation RSF-4 (Residential Single Family du/ac), located at 351 & 353 30 Road.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Campbell/Hyde Annexation to RSF-4 (Residential Single Family 4 du/ac), Located at 351 & 353 30 Road

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 5, 2005*

7. **Setting a Hearing on Zoning the Summit Annexation Located at 280 29 Road** [File #ANX-2004-242]

Introduction of a proposed zoning ordinance to zone the Summit Annexation RSF-4 (Residential Single Family 4 du/ac), located at 280 29 Road.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Summit Annexation to RSF-4 (Residential Single Family 4 du/ac), Located at 280 29 Road

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 5, 2005*

8. **Setting a Hearing Zoning the Water's Edge Annexation Located at 2935 D Road** [File #ANX-2004-221]

Introduction of a proposed zoning ordinance to zone the Water's Edge Annexation RMF-8 (Residential Multi-Family 8 du/ac), located at 2935 D Road.

Proposed Ordinance Zoning the Water's Edge Annexation to RMF-8 (Residential Multi-Family 8 du/ac), Located at 2935 D Road

*Action: Introduction of Proposed Ordinance and Set a Hearing for January 5, 2005*

9. **Setting a Hearing to Create Alley Improvement District for 2005, Phase B**

A successful petition has been submitted requesting a Local Improvement District be created to reconstruct the following alley as Alley Improvement District 2005, Phase B:

The South ½ of the North/South Alley, 6th St to 7th St, between Grand Avenue and Ouray Avenue

Resolution No. 136-04 – A Resolution Declaring the Intention of the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, to Create Within Said City Alley Improvement District No. ST-05, Phase B and Authorizing the City Engineer to Prepare Details and Specifications for the Same

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 136-04*

**ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**Subrecipient Contract with Hilltop Community Resources Inc., for the City's 2004 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** [File #CDBG-2004-09]

The Subrecipient Contract formalizes the City's award of \$50,000 to Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. for energy conservation measures including window replacement and installation of thermostats for the Resource Center building located at 1129 Colorado Avenue. These funds were allocated from the City's 2004 CDBG Program.

David Varley, Assistant City Manager, reviewed this item on behalf of Kristen Ashbeck, Senior Planner. The City Council previously approved all the awards but before any group can receive the funds, a contract with the City must be approved and, secondly, an environmental assessment must be completed. This property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Sites although it is on the City's register. These improvements will help make the building more energy efficient and cut down on their energy bills.

Councilmember Kirtland moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the subrecipient contract with Hilltop Community Resources, Inc. Councilmember Spehar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **2005 Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) Grant**

The Colorado Department of Transportation has awarded \$35,000 to the Grand Junction Police Department to fund DUI enforcement. The GJPD applied for \$145,133 with Council approval in August of this year.

Resolution No. 137-04 – A Resolution Approving the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) Contract L-27-05

Greg Morrison, Chief of Police, reviewed this item. He asked that the City Manager be authorized to enter into the contract with CDOT for the funds that will be awarded. \$145,133 was applied for in order to replace the sobriety van. That amount was not granted but instead an amount to pay for overtime for DUI enforcement in the amount of \$35,000 was granted.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution No. 137-04. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

### **Contract for the Two Rivers Convention Center Food Distributor**

The Two Rivers Convention Center (TRCC) General Manager requested the Purchasing Division solicit competitive proposals to provide food requirements for TRCC.

Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed this item. He stated that there are representatives from the company, US Foods, that can address any questions. Also present is the Purchasing Manager Ron Watkins. Mr. Stevens recognized Julie Hendricks, Buyer, and Brian Ralph, TRCC General Manager, for their work on the contract. He then asked Mr. Ralph to address the Council.

Mr. Ralph said the only way to reduce the cost in his experience is to have one major food purveyor. Every food item was compared and reviewed. TRCC will still use local purveyors. The difference in the past is the contract for the bulk of the food.

Councilmember Palmer asked for assurance that any discounts or promotions are not being used as was previously. Mr. Ralph said those types of discounts go toward the purchase of food, whereas in the private sector that might go to corporate offices. That is not the case with the City.

Mr. Ralph introduced Dan Geherin, Mark Carliel, and Mark White from US Foods. Mark White addressed the Council and gave a brief overview of the company. They have 50 employees on the western slope.

City Manager Kelly Arnold added that this will give Mr. Ralph the ability to produce a good product at about a 20% cost reduction.

Ron Watkins, Purchasing Manager, explained the process was a competitive proposal which will give the City the ability to negotiate with one or all of the companies. It started with solicitations. Mr. Ralph worked with Senior Buyer Julie Hendricks to go through the process and develop the spreadsheet shown.

Council President Hill recognized the successes at Two Rivers Convention Center and the efforts of the staff to enhance the activities and make them more efficient and effective.

Councilmember Palmer added that whenever costs at Two Rivers go up, the service clubs are heard from and these service clubs are made up of folks that do good things in the community.

Councilmember Spehar moved to authorize the City Manager to contract with U.S. Food Service, Denver, Colorado for the purchase and delivery of TRCC food requirements with an estimated annual expenditure of \$220,000. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Purchase of Properties at 1007, 1025 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. and 926, 950 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. for the Riverside Parkway**

The City has entered a contract to purchase the six properties from the William Robert Jarvis Testamentary Trust and Betty Lou, W.R. and Judith Jarvis for the Riverside Parkway Project. The City's obligation to purchase this property is contingent upon Council's ratification of the purchase contract.

Mark Relph, Public Works and Utilities Director, reviewed this item. He pointed out each of the properties on a map. Besides the property purchase, some relocation fees will be paid, as well as reestablishment costs if the owner finds a new location in the City. The City will be paying the closing costs and the owner will be allowed to take the buildings as long as that removal occurs in a timely manner. The City will then have some clean-up cost. The total cost is estimated at \$373,650.

Councilmember Palmer asked about the property identified as E-4, as it is outside the footprint. Mr. Relph responded that there are some properties that will be needed for

ancillary uses such as drainage. Another property that this will occur at is the Van Gundy property.

Councilmember Spehar said it is his understanding that there will be others and the City will reevaluate the need or possible uses of these remnant properties once the Parkway is complete. Mr. Relph concurred.

Resolution No. 138-04 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property from William Robert Jarvis Testamentary Trust, Betty Lou Jarvis, W.R. Jarvis and Judith Jarvis

Councilmember Kirtland moved to adopt Resolution No. 138-04. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Public Hearing – Facilities and Construction in City Rights-of-Way Ordinance (TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 19, 2005)**

The proposed ordinance is to aid the City in the long term management of public Rights-of-Way that are used by utility providers. Proper planning of the location and depth of underground utilities will ensure conflicts between utility providers are minimized. Area utility providers including Xcel Energy, Grand Valley Power, Ute Water, local sanitation districts, Clifton Water, Qwest, Bresnan, Grand Valley Drainage District, Grand Valley Water Users, Orchard Mesa Irrigation District, Associated Builders and Contractors and Western Colorado Contractors Association have all received copies of the draft ordinance.

Mark Relph, Public Works and Utilities Director, reviewed the reasons for the request to once again continue this item. Some additional comments were received from Qwest. Since cooperation has been ongoing with Qwest, he asked the hearing be continued.

Proposed Ordinance Adopting Regulations Concerning Facilities and Construction in City Rights-of-Way

Councilmember Palmer moved to continue the public hearing until January 19, 2005. Councilmember Kirtland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing – Regulating Newsboxes in the Downtown (TO BE CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 19, 2005)**

The number of newsboxes that have been placed downtown has proliferated in recent months. The legitimate newsboxes have been augmented by commercial advertising pieces resulting in as many as 15 boxes in several locations. This ordinance has been

developed to address the issue in a manner common to other communities in Colorado by developing a bank of racks that will be made available for lease to legitimate newspapers. The goal is to clean up the visual pollution resulting from this rapid spread of boxes and tidying up the appearance of downtown.

City Manager Kelly Arnold reviewed the reason for the request to continue this item. The Daily Sentinel still wants time to review this item further.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Part of Chapter 32 of the City of Grand Junction Code of Ordinances Relating to Commercial Activities in the Downtown and Authorizing Publication in Pamphlet Form

Councilmember Kirtland moved to continue the public hearing until January 19, 2005. Councilmember Palmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Land Use Applications Along the Proposed Riverside Parkway Alignment**

The City Council will soon begin consideration of the “urban design” elements of the Riverside Parkway project. Part of that consideration is how certain land uses along the Parkway will integrate into the design of the Parkway and whether the current Zoning Code adequately reflects the desires of the community pertaining to the construction, development or placement of off premise signs at, near or along the proposed alignment of the Riverside Parkway.

City Attorney John Shaver reviewed this item. He explained that the resolution concerns a policy for applications for off premise signage along the Riverside Parkway. The purpose is to allow time for study and development of policy and have staff make recommendations for changes to the Code. The construction of the Riverside Parkway will create new sites for new signs. In order to be fair to the community, time is needed to study placement and specifications for signage allowed in the new Parkway vicinity. While this is being evaluated, no applications will be processed.

Councilmember Palmer asked if this affects any current applications. Mr. Shaver said there are no existing sites or current applications. It will only affect any future inquiries and applications.

Councilmember Kirtland asked if the applications will not even be accepted until this has been studied. Mr. Shaver replied affirmatively. It makes the study period fair as much of the placement will be speculative at this time.

Mr. Shaver continued that the exhibit being proposed has a 600 foot corridor where the prohibition will take place. There are certainly other options the City Council could consider.



Councilmember Kirtland asked if an application came in right outside the line, could they review it. Mr. Shaver said those exceptions may come up but the plan is to complete the evaluation very quickly so those can be addressed.

Council President Hill asked about any challenge if the hiatus goes on too long. Mr. Shaver said anything less than year would be recognized by the courts as appropriate but staff thinks it will be much quicker than that.

Councilmember Spehar expressed that the Exhibit shown should be amended to include the whole Parkway that is all the way to 24 Road along River Road.

Councilmember Spehar moved to adopt Resolution No. 141-04 amending the Exhibit to include the entire Riverside Parkway including River Road west to 24 Road. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion.

Council President Hill stated that this action is fair to the community.

Councilmember Spehar said this is appropriate with a new corridor of this magnitude.

Councilmember Palmer said it is also appropriate as there are currently no applications in process.

Councilmember Spehar clarified his motion, it was to amend the Exhibit as presented to extend the corridor west on River Road to 24 Road. Councilmember McCurry seconded the amendment. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Schedule a Date to Consider an Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision Regarding the Denial of a Variance Request Located at 2488 Industrial Blvd – Nextel West [File #CUP-2004-097]**

The applicant, Nextel West Communications, wishes to set a hearing date to appeal the Planning Commission's decision regarding denial of their variance request of the Zoning and Development Code's requirement of the 2:1 ratio setback for a cell tower from non-residentially zoned property. Per Section 2.18.E.4.g of the Zoning and Development Code, the appeal shall be scheduled within forty-five calendar days of receipt of the appeal, which was received November 17, 2004. The City Council shall hold a hearing and render a decision within thirty calendar days.

Bob Blanchard, Community Development Director, reviewed this item. He explained that an appeal has been filed in a timely manner. The date must be set within thirty days.

Council President Hill asked if Council will be provided the record since it is an appeal on the record.

Councilmember Palmer wanted confirmation that no additional testimony will be taken.

City Attorney Shaver said yes, and advised Council that they will not be substituting their own judgment on this item but, as in previous appeals, be determining that the Planning Commission reviewed the evidence and considered it appropriately.

Councilmember Kirtland moved to set a date for the appeal for January 5, 2005. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Hill asked when that information will be available. City Attorney Shaver responded in one week.

**Public Hearing – Reece/Ice Skating Inc. Annexation and Zoning Located Along the Colorado River, 2499 River Road [File # ANX-2004-240]**

Resolution for acceptance of petition to annex and to hold a public hearing and consider final passage of the annexation ordinance for the Reece/Ice Skating Inc. Annexation, located at 2499 River Road. The 75.3 acre annexation consists of three (3) parcels of unplanted land located along the Colorado River. The applicant's intent is to annex the properties and then donate 26.6 acres of the overall 75.3 acres to Ice Skating Inc.

The Reece/Ice Skating Inc. Annexation consists of 75.3 acres and three (3) parcels of unplanted land located along the Colorado River at 2499 River Road. The applicant's intent is to annex the properties and then donate 26.6 acres of the overall 75.3 acres to Ice Skating Inc. with a proposed zoning of CSR, Community Services & Recreation. The Planning Commission recommended approval at its November 9, 2004 meeting.

The public hearing was opened at 8:30 p.m.

Scott D. Peterson, Associate Planner, reviewed this item. He described the location and surrounding uses. The annexation will create two enclaves to the north. The Persigo Agreement requires enclaves to be annexed in three to five years. Mr. Peterson described the proposal for the property. The property owner will be donating 26.6 acres to Ice Skating Inc; but only about one acre is usable. The current zoning is RSF-R, the proposal is to zone it CSR. The Ice Skating Inc. site was recently rezoned to CSR, so the zoning will match. Staff and Planning Commission found that the proposal is consistent with the Growth Plan and the zoning criteria. The Planning

Commission recommended approval of the zoning. The Staff recommends the annexation and zoning.

Councilmember Palmer asked who owns the enclaves. Mr. Peterson stated that one is owned by Mesa County and the other is a private owner and is vacant. Both have been notified and neither of them has objected.

Dale Reece, property owner, 2065 Bluewater Drive, said there are three parcels that used to be a water ski lake but got washed into the river in 1983. Mr. Reece held onto it to preserve the river property. The middle piece has a conservation easement with the Audubon Society. The Ice Skating Inc. property will only be using 1 to 1 1/2 acres. The conservation easement has a snag with the State that is being resolved. He is not sure the donation will occur, but he may need to subdivide the donation from the other part that is in the river. It still needs to be worked out.

There were no other public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:39 p.m.

**a. Accepting Petition**

Resolution No. 139-04 – A Resolution Accepting a Petition for Annexation, Making Certain Findings, Determining that Property Known as Reece/Ice Skating Inc. Annexation, Located along the Colorado River at 2499 River Road is Eligible for Annexation

**b. Annexation Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 3698 - An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado Reece/Ice Skating Inc., Annexation, Approximately 75.3 Acres, Located Along the Colorado River at 2499 River Road

**c. Zoning Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 3699 – An Ordinance Zoning the Reece/Ice Skating Inc. Annexation to Community Services & Recreation (CSR) Located at 2499 River Road

Councilmember Spehar moved to adopt Resolution No. 139-04, Ordinance No. 3698 and Ordinance No. 3699 on Second Reading and ordered them published. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Public Hearing – Arbors Annexation and Zoning Located at 2910 Orchard Avenue**  
[File #ANX-2004-217]

The applicants for the Arbors Annexation, located at 2910 Orchard Avenue, have presented a petition for annexation as part of a preliminary plan. The applicants request approval of the Resolution accepting the annexation petition, and request a Public Hearing to consider final passage of the Annexation Ordinance. The annexation area consists of 22.84 acres of land and right-of-way along Orchard Avenue.

The public hearing was opened at 8:40 p.m.

Lori V. Bowers, Senior Planner, reviewed this item. She described the site and the future land use for the area. She described the surrounding zoning. The site is 22.84 acres. The request meets the requirements of the Growth Plan, the annexation and zoning criteria and is recommended for approval.

The applicant was not present.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:44 p.m.

**a. Accepting Petition**

Resolution No. 140-04 – A Resolution Accepting a Petition for Annexation, Making Certain Findings, Determining that Property Known as the Arbors Annexation, Located at 2910 Orchard Avenue is Eligible for Annexation

**b. Annexation Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 3700 – An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado the Arbors Annexation, Approximately 22.84 Acres, Located at 2910 Orchard Avenue

**c. Zoning Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 3701 – An Ordinance Zoning the Arbors Annexation to Residential Multi-Family, Not to Exceed 8 Dwelling Units per Acre (RMF-8) Located at 2910 Orchard Avenue

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution No. 140-04, Ordinance No. 3700 and Ordinance No. 3701 on Second Reading and ordered them published. Councilmember Kirtland seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**Contract Agreements for Conveyance Relative to Action Campus LLC and GJ Tech Center LLC**

The City owns a parcel of land located at the end of Blue Heron Road. This land is held for economic development purposes. GJ Tech Center, LLC (Innovative Textiles) owns a parcel immediately to the west known as Lot 2 of the City Market Subdivision. The City's property and Innovative Textiles' property is being platted together as Blue Heron Lake Industrial Park ("Park"). Action Campus, LLC (Action Bindery) will be relocating its business to the Park. For economic development, property will be conveyed to Action Bindery and Innovative Textiles within the Park. In order to transfer the land pursuant to Resolution 1-88, contract agreements for conveyance and the documents referenced in those agreements must be executed. Authorizing the City Manager to sign these contract agreements for conveyance and any additional documents to complete the terms of the agreements will allow the simultaneous recording of the plat for the Park and conveyance of the real property.

Kelly Arnold, City Manager, introduced this item. It was noted that Mr. Grady Bussey was not present.

Council President Hill called for a recess at 8:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

The applicant, Grady Bussey, was now present.

City Manager Arnold explained the genesis of this request. Mr. Bussey asked for acquisition of some City property in order to construct a new facility. The property in question had been donated to the City by the Prinster family for the purposes of economic development. Adjacent is the new location of Innovative Textiles and that owner is now collaborating with Mr. Bussey to gain access to their sites. They are planning Blue Heron Lake Industrial Park. The request is to finalize the transfer of this tract of land to IDI who will then in turn convey the property to Action Bindery and Grand Junction Tech. Center, LLC. If the development does not occur, the land reverts back to IDI.

City Attorney John Shaver said there are two agreements. The first conveys to IDI who will then convey the property and will retain an easement for access to Tract L. The

second conveys to Action Campus and contains a reversion clause in the case of non-performance.

Council President Hill asked what the purpose is of Tract L. Mr. Shaver explained that it is for protection of the property which may at some point be developed. No City street will be constructed.

City Manager Arnold said it will also retain access to the City trail.

City Attorney Shaver said the contract has dates that are flexible so the dates are not being approved specifically. The approval authorizes the City Manager to sign the finalized document.

Councilmember Palmer recalled that the original request was for a cash incentive and Councilmember Kirtland had suggested the land donation instead. He praised the idea. It is a great incentive without taking money from the City coffers. Councilmember Spehar concurred, noting that it was a complicated negotiation.

Council President Hill echoed and recognized the teamwork. He mentioned other aspects within the community that will allow things like this to come together.

Mr. Grady Bussey, President of Action Campus, LLC., expressed his intent to exceed the City's expectations in this endeavor.

Councilmember Kirtland moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract agreements for conveyance and any other documents required by the terms of the contract agreements for conveyance of property to Innovative Textiles and Action Bindery. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Public Hearing - 2005 Budget Appropriation Ordinance**

The total appropriation for all thirty-seven accounting funds budgeted by the City of Grand Junction (including the Ridges Metropolitan District, Grand Junction West Water and Sanitation District, and the Downtown Development Authority) is \$149,839,880. Although not a planned expenditure, an additional \$3,500,000 is appropriated as a emergency reserve in the General Fund pursuant to Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

The public hearing was opened at 9:11 p.m.

Ron Lappi, Administrative Services and Finance Director, reviewed this item. He stated the total amount of the budget appropriation. He noted that the day after the last presentation, Council had met on funding some items from the Strategic Plan and those

items have been incorporated into this appropriation ordinance. Also the City increased contribution to the GVRTC was included. Nearly \$50 million of the budget is for capital improvements, \$35 million of which is for the Riverside Parkway. The transfers will make the total number larger than actual operations. \$122 million is the actual number for municipal services.

Council President Hill noted that Council has no questions since the review has been so thorough. He also noted that this is really a “tweaking” of the biennial budget.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 9:17 p.m.

Councilmember Spehar noted that the next two year budget cycle will be a lot of work and the City has a lot of projects coming up that will need to be considered. He encouraged citizens to get involved. Councilmember Palmer echoed those comments, noting there is no limit to the number of requests.

Ordinance 3697 – The Annual Appropriation Ordinance Appropriating Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Necessary Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, the Ridges Metropolitan District, and the Grand Junction West Water and Sanitation District, for the Year Beginning January 1, 2005, and Ending December 31, 2005

Councilmember Spehar moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3697 on Second Reading and ordered it published. Councilmember McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **NON-SCHEDULED CITIZENS & VISITORS**

There were none.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Stephanie Tuin, MMC  
City Clerk