

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000, 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**7:00 MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

**7:05 COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**

**7:15 REVIEW WEDNESDAY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**7:25 REVIEW OF FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS**

Request by Mark Relph to make a presentation to City Council regarding storm water and flood hazard mitigation issues. **Attach W-1**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**7:30 REDISTRICTING:** Discussion of Council's preferred option for redistricting the City Council election districts.

**Attach W-2**

**7:55 DE-BRUCING:** Council's discussion of de-brucing on the April election ballot.

**Attach W-3**

**8:40 ADJOURN**

**Attach W-1**

See letter in file

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

<i><b>CITY COUNCIL</b></i>		
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>New Boundaries for Council Districts</b>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>December 4, 2000</b>	
<b>Date Prepared:</b>	<b>December 1, 2000</b>	
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Stephanie Nye</b>	<b>City Clerk</b>
<b>Presenter Name:</b>	<b>Stephanie Nye</b>	<b>City Clerk</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Workshop</b>	<b>Formal Agenda</b>

**Subject:** New Boundaries for Council Districts

**Summary:** Along with the initial Option 1, two slight modifications are also being presented that attempt to more appropriately balance the districts in current population (and potential population in the future).

**Background Information:** Options were provided to City Council for new district boundaries. Option 1, which allowed for growth in each district, maintained seated mid-term Councilmembers within their district and attempted to keep neighborhoods and communities of interest together, was selected for further development.

Population numbers were applied to the initial Option 1 and the population was extremely out of balance. The federal Voting Rights Act recommends that there be no more than a ten percent differential between any two districts. Although this differential is not a mandate, the Council would need to make certain findings to select an option with a greater variance. Findings may be such things as maintaining communities of interest (as in the Redlands area) and separation by physical/natural boundaries (rivers, highways). Since all of our Council is elected city-wide, population balance may not be as much of a legal consideration as it is a political one.

Other considerations under the Voting Rights Act in addition to those identified previously include avoiding splitting up minority blocks and conversely intentionally concentrating a minority block. Also, contiguity and compactness of district are considerations.

**Budget:** The new boundaries do constitute a change to the Charter so there will be printing of new Charters. Our supply is low at this time and a new printing would be needed regardless.

**Action Requested/Recommendation:** Select the final option and direct staff to draft a resolution for the December 20, 2000 Council meeting.

Placement on Agenda:		Consent		Indiv. Consideration	x	Workshop
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**Attach W-3**  
**See file**