

**JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING
2016 PERSIGO SEWER SYSTEM POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET**

City of Grand Junction Resolution No. 45-14 Mesa County Resolution No. MCM 2014-__

RECITALS:

On October 13, 1998 the City of Grand Junction ("City") and Mesa County ("County") entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement relating to City Growth and Joint Policy Making for the Persigo Sewer System ("Agreement.") Among other things the Agreement provides for:

The City Council and the Board of County Commissioners jointly establishing and providing policy direction relating to the sewer system; and, that no policy, as defined in the Agreement and shown below, shall be effective until formally adopted by both the Council and the Board of County Commissioners.

The Agreement also establishes that policy guidance and decisions shall be provided by the Commission and the Council at joint meetings, which shall occur at least annually. At least one meeting is to be held before July of each year so that any policy decisions may be implemented by the City in the proposed budget for the subsequent year and in any event before September 1 so that the City can inform Orchard Mesa Sanitation District of the proposed rates by that date.

Based on the direction provided in the Agreement and the 2015 budget process (and similar budget processes for the prior years' - that being separate review and approval by the City Council and the Board of Commissioners after an initial presentation at the annual meeting and detailed presentations to each body prior to approval) the Council and the Commission have determined to set a schedule and a process for the 2016 Policy discussion meetings.

According to the Agreement Policy means:

- (a) Setting goals and objectives;*
- (b) Reviewing and adopting capital improvement plans and annual operating budgets;*
- (c) Reviewing and setting System rates and fees;*
- (d) Entering into bond issues and other financing arrangements, adopting or amending Sewer Rules and Regulations;*
- (e) Adopting policies and philosophies which govern rate and capital reviews and studies;*
- (f) Acting jointly regarding any changes to the 201. The parties recognize that their joint decision and recommendation regarding the 201 boundary may be subject to the approval of others pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act and implementing regulations; and*

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(g) Approving and entering into new sewer service contracts or amending existing sewer service contracts with special districts, municipalities, or other sewer service providers.

In order for the Council and the Commission to most efficiently and effectively consider and decide Policy matters and adopt a joint annual operating budget, the following shall be the expectations for 2015 meetings/2016 budget development:

(1) the City Council shall convene duly noticed joint Persigo Policy discussion meetings on or before June 19 and on or before August 14, 2015. The time, location and dates of the meetings shall be determined by the County and City Managers and set as mutually acceptable with a majority of the members of both Boards. Public notice of the meeting(s) shall be provided by each Board in a manner customary to the City Council and the County Commission and as provided by law; and,

(2) any other meeting may be called by a majority of the Council and a majority of the Commission communicating through the City and County Managers, who shall find a mutually acceptable date and time to secure the attendance of a majority of both bodies; and,

3) the City as manager of the sewer system shall provide the meeting materials to the County as soon as possible prior to the meeting(s) and in any event at least 7 business days before; and,

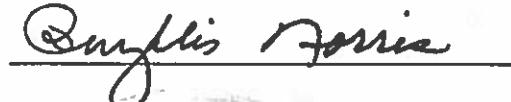
4) if scheduling problems arise and/or a majority of both Boards are unable to attend a meeting(s), then the Mayor and the Chair of the Commission shall propose an amendment to this resolution. Any amendment(s) hereto shall be considered and adopted in a manner customary to the City Council and the County Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MESA, COLORADO AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

The City and County recognize as provided above and in the Agreement that they have joint Policy direction and decision making and concerning the Persigo sewer system and that for the 2015 meetings and 2016 budget that they shall discuss and decide Policy matters in accordance with this Resolution.

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Passed and adopted this 3rd day of December 2014, by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction.



Phyllis Norris
Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest:


Stephanie Tuin
City Clerk

Passed and adopted this ___ day of December 2014

Mesa County Board of Commissioners

John Justman

Chair of the Board

Attest:

Mesa County Clerk