

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
AND MESA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORKSHOP SUMMARY
November 10, 2014 – Noticed Agenda Attached**

Meeting Convened: 2:03 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned: 3:50 p.m.

Council Members present: Boeschstein, Chazen, McArthur, Norris, Susuras, Traylor Smith; Doody was absent.

Commissioners present: Acquafresca, Justman, Pugliese.

City Staff present: Englehart, Shaver, Moore, Romero, Lanning, and Peterson.

County Staff present: Pete Baier, Tom Fisher, Dave Frankel, Connie Haun, and Mike Meininger.

Guests present: Katie Goddeyne, Daily Sentinel; Travis Khachatoorian, KREX.

Agenda Topic 1. Tax Classification Issue

Discussion centered around taking an exception on the exempt status of St. Mary's campus, valued at \$145 million. City Attorney John Shaver explained how their 2013 tax exemption is still pending. The timing of the certificate is at issue, along with its impact on TABOR calculations. Per statute, when the County Assessor certified the tax roll, she had to list the property as taxable; only the State can grant retroactive exemption. There is no case law on point. No one really expects St. Mary's to pay taxes, but the City and County do not agree on how this will be addressed in the respective budgets. The City plans to speak with legislators to get the statute modified (exempt until changed instead of annual certification) to prevent this in the future.

Agenda Topic 2. Orchard Mesa Pool Agreement

The agreement between the City, County, and School District resolves issues regarding pool ownership, operation, and responsibilities. A suggestion was made for the Pool Board to meet monthly, perhaps as a sub-group of the Parks Improvement Advisory Board. Everyone agreed this resource is very important to the community.

Select Pool Board Representative: Councilmember McArthur will represent the City and Commissioner Pugliese will represent the County. Mr. Englehart will contact the School Board and have them appoint a representative.

Set a Meeting to Look at 2015 Capital Budget: This will be added to the November 19 City Council agenda.

Agenda Topic 3. Persigo Opportunity to Purchase Fire Station #4

City Manager Rich Englehart reviewed how the City has been looking at a satellite Persigo operation to provide better response times and more efficient, cost-effective service. Public Works Director Greg Lanning provided details for discussion, including alternative locations and costs, equipment and office space needs, estimated labor, fuel, and equipment cost savings, and a projected time line. A cost benefit analysis was reviewed, similar to the one used for the Grand Valley Transit process. Discussion ensued about having a Joint Persigo Board meeting to discuss the budget; County Commissioners want a joint meeting to discuss the general budget, long-range planning, and strategy items in depth, while the City Council prefers to rely on Department Managers for operational decisions and budget recommendations executed under Council/Board direction. Mr. Lanning offered to answer questions and provide any requested information after the November 17 and 18 budget presentations; handouts (slides) were distributed. Further discussion centered around the ideal location of a new satellite operation and the need to look at all possible properties and sharing arrangements.

Agenda Item 4. Off Highway Vehicles

Commission Chair Justman presented this item regarding off road vehicles (ORVs) driven on Mesa County roads; he explained how a minimum level of liability insurance will be required, along with a Parks and Wildlife sticker, valid driver license, working tail lights, and other equipment; maximum speed limit will be 35 miles per hour; the current agriculture exemption remains. Council agreed there is a need for information about the connecting roads to be covered by this legislation. Comments must be submitted before the Commission's second reading scheduled on November 17.

Agenda Item 5. Economic Development Update

City Manager Englehart noted that the internal website is available now; additional functionality will be added prior to making it available to the public. The Industrial Land Analysis is complete. Funding for the North Avenue Catalyst pilot project (within City limits) has been approved for \$50,000 this year; they are looking at \$50,000 next year as well.

Funding for Marketing Plan: \$137,000 has been approved; the County is still talking about budgeting \$30,000 for this.

Funding for Foreign Trade Zone: Discussions continue about funding; next step is to hire someone to do an analysis of this.

Wireless and Broadband: It may be possible to use the 911 Communications Board surcharge for the wireless communication plan; another good joint project would be the Broadband Master Plan.

Brief discussions also ensued regarding the Sports Commission, which will be further discussed later in the month; and a new entry into the fairgrounds along with a new name for that street.

Agenda Item 6. Capital Plan Coordination

Commissioner Acquafresca led this discussion about road safety issues and grant opportunities in the first quarter of 2015. Safety issues involving both the City and County have been identified as 22 Road, 29 Road, and the missing piece of sidewalk on Orchard Avenue. All agreed to keep the projects moving forward as funding becomes available. It was noted that a new safety procedure has been implemented since the last meeting, requiring a City utility sign-off prior to the County issuing a permit inside the 201 boundary.

Agenda Item 7. Other Business

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

AGENDA
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, CITY COUNCIL
MESA COUNTY, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR
250 N. 5TH STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014, 2:00 P.M.

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5. **Economic Development Update**
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6. **Capital Plan Coordination**
7. **Other Business**