

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 11:30 A.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
250 N. 5TH STREET**

CITY MANAGER'S DIALOGUE

RECREATION CENTER DISCUSSION: Sally Schaefer, Recreation Center Committee Chair, will update the City Council on the status of the committee's efforts regarding a Recreation Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY DISCUSSION: City Staff and the Architect, Dennis Humphries, Humphries-Poli, will update the City Council on the project. [*Attach W-1*](#)

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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY DISCUSSION
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA			
Subject	Public Safety Facility Update		
File #			
Meeting Day, Date	Monday Workshop - November 19, 2007		
Placement on the Agenda	Consent		Individual
Date Prepared	November 15, 2007		
Author Name & Title	Ken Watkins, Fire Chief Troy Smith, Deputy Police Chief Scott Hockins, Purchasing Supervisor		
Presenter Name & Title	Ken Watkins, Fire Chief Bill Gardner, Police Chief		

Summary: City Council update on the progress of the Public Safety Facility project and introduction of Humphries Poli as the lead architectural firm for design services. Humphries Poli will present their team along with their vision and scope of this project.

Budget: N/A

Action Requested/Recommendation: N/A

Attachments: N/A

Background Information:

On June 26, 2007, the City of Grand Junction requested proposals for Public Safety Building Design Services. Ten firms submitted proposals by the closing date of August 14, 2007 and during the open period many of these firms visited or contacted Grand Junction staff to obtain information on the project and the community. Staff reduced this list to five firms and September 5-7, a team of City staff members visited the following facilities on the Front Range designed by these firms.

- City of Aurora Police Department Substation District #1
- Adams County Service Center (Sheriff)
- City of Fort Collins Police Services Building
- City of Greeley Police Department
- City of Westminster Public Safety Center

These site visits were valuable in narrowing the list of firms to four and also in obtaining ideas and “best practices” for the Grand Junction Public Safety Facility.

On October 2 and 3, the remaining four firms presented their proposal to the City selection team and Humphries Poli was selected for City Council recommendation. Since City Council approval on October 17, Staff has been coordinating with Humphries

Poli on selection of both a local architect representative, and police and fire programming architect(s).

Humphries Poli will complete the needs assessment and Preliminary Design work, with the partnering firms, which shall result in roughly 30% design completion in compliance with our existing contract. Current scope of the project includes design services for a new public safety center or complex; consisting of all police operations and administration, fire administration, an operational fire station (Station #1) and municipal courts.

Humphries Poli was selected, in part, for their conceptual skills and understanding of our community. An integral part of this project may include further defining the southern edge of the downtown corridor; tying the project to Whitman Park in order to reclaim the park as a vital asset of the community and the downtown area; and correlating the design features and the physical site layout to the surrounding environment to accent our community's infrastructure and vibrancy.

Financial Considerations

The City has recently received notice from Governor Bill Ritter that it has been awarded funds, from the State's Energy Impact Grant Program, to support the design work of this public safety project.

A collaborative team of City staff has been developed to evaluate finance options for the construction phase of this project and for future public safety needs in our community. Many options are being analyzed. This team is evaluating various options which are available to engage the public and gain their perception and opinion related to financing options, prior to making a recommendation to the City Manager.

Introduction of Humphries Poli

The selection panel selected Humphries Poli as the most qualified to perform the scope of services based upon responsiveness, understanding of the project and objectives, necessary resources, required skills, and demonstrated capability.

Humphries Poli Architects is an award winning firm recognized as the AIA Colorado Firm of the Year for 2006. Humphries Poli has participated in the design and construction of several Public Safety and Justice Facilities including the Westminster Public Safety Center and the Fort Collins Police Services Facility.

Dennis Humphries, Principal-in-Charge, will head the project and will actively monitor the project budget, schedule, estimates and communication. Dennis will direct the project's design by working with the City of Grand Junction project management team.

Michelle Lopez-Orsini, Project Manager, will work with Dennis Humphries to coordinate staff and sub-consultant resources. Michelle has extensive experience in design and project management of civic buildings.

Tom Klein, Site Coordinator and Landscape Architect, is an expert in municipal permitting and site development. Tom will be involved in site planning, building orientation, entitlements, zoning, and land use.

Humphries Poli has selected The Blythe Group as the local representative along with additional partnering firms to be introduced for completion of the project.