

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

January 15, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, January 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Hearing Room to discuss workshop items. Those present were Cindy Enos-Martinez, Earl Payne, Jack Scott, Jim Spehar, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald, and President of the Council Gene Kinsey.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **EXISTING INDUSTRY INCENTIVE COMMITTEE:** Diane Schwenke will represent this group and ask Council for an Existing Industry Incentive Proposal for CoorsTek.

The proposal from the Existing Industry Incentive Committee was an incentive for \$120,000 for CoorsTek for their plant expansion to begin manufacturing ceramic ferrules, a connection device used on fiber optic cable.

Action Summary - Council directed staff to place this item on the Wednesday agenda for a formal decision.

2. **PROPOSAL TO CLOSE INTERSECTION OF 2ND AND COLORADO:** Staff will discuss the potential closure of 2nd Street between Colorado Ave. and Main Street and Colorado Ave. between 1st and 2nd Streets in coordination with the remodel of Two Rivers Convention Center.

Staff presented a concept for the Two Rivers area which included two-phased parking and a pedestrian mall, requiring the closure of 2nd Street and Colorado Ave. in that locale.

Action Summary - Council praised the concept but voiced concerns on downtown access from the east and south. Staff was directed to contact all property owners/ retailers along Colorado Avenue downtown and get their input on the impact of closing Colorado Avenue. City Manager Arnold said Council will likely see more on March 17th.

3. **24 ROAD CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS:** Discussion of the process and the City's role.

Public Works Staff and the hired consultant Kimley-Horn reviewed public comments gathered at the open house, possible conceptual alternatives on the street system for the area and a list of possible financing options.

Action Summary – Council expressed disapproval of any use of a sales tax/property tax credit funding option but gave the go ahead for negotiation using any of the other funding options including 1) developer pays 100%, 2) developer pays but then there is a reimbursement mechanism, 3) the City pays and each developer pays his proportionate share, 5) a special improvement district using City resources to front the cost and 6) a special improvement district using bonding to front the cost.