

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

March 5, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, March 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium 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. Janet Terry left early at 7:55 p.m. after item #1.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Staff presented options for the City's annual Spring Clean-up program.

Tim Moore, Public Works Manager, stated that the plan is to split the City in half and complete the program in two weeks. However, due to the increase in volume, the City's resources are overtaxed. In recent years, the City has had to contract out some of the work. The department is also looking at dealing with the green waste differently and providing free passes to the dump.

Action Summary: The Council wanted to continue the program as run previously, contracting out as necessary, with a possible expansion of organic waste being collected in the fall. Councilmember Terry cautioned staff to make sure to use quality contractors. Council felt this to be an important program that can be addressed more closely during the budget process.

2. **STORM WATER REGULATIONS AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT:** An update on storm water management issues including floodplain, pending federal and state water quality regulations and infrastructure needs.

Trent Prall, Utilities Engineer, reviewed storm water management, including maintenance and regulations, with Council. He proposed three ways of getting organized: a new service provider, expand existing operations and develop intergovernmental agreements. He then suggested some funding opportunities.

Action Summary: Council appreciated seeing the presentation and complimented the staff.

3. **SEPTIC SYSTEM ELIMINATION PROGRAM:** The SSEP has generated a lot of interest. Staff will present funding alternatives for the possible expansion of the program.

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, introduced the presentation. Trent Prall, Utilities Engineer then reviewed the popularity of the program and suggested

ways to fund an expansion of the program. Mr. Prall asked for Council's approval to begin neighborhood meetings with a funding option of bonded indebtedness. The County has already given its go-ahead.

Action Summary: Council favored investigating bonding alternatives for this program and authorized Staff to begin neighborhood meetings.