

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 16, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, April 16, 2001 at 7:05 in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Cindy Enos-Martinez, Earl Payne, Jack Scott, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobold, Janet Terry, and President of the Council Gene Kinsey.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER UPDATE:** Kelly Arnold and Joe Stevens updated Council on the status of the building expansion /remodel project and the parking lot expansion and improvements, detailing the alternates being recommended. The project will be completed before Christmas, 2001.

Action Summary: City Council was supportive of the recommendations with the addition of acoustics and sound system needing to be included when completed. Councilmember Spehar requested that the award of contract be on individual consideration on Wednesday night with a brief presentation being made for the public's information.

2. **TEN COMMANDMENTS:** Council discussed ideas and proposals for the Cultural Heritage Monument Plaza. Councilmember Theobold displayed one possibility for additional monuments around City Hall. Councilmember Spehar suggested that Council take advantage of the offers of professional services.

Action Summary: Council decided to establish a subcommittee consisting of Councilmembers Theobold, Enos-Martinez and Terry to review the ideas submitted. The first meeting was set for Friday, April 20 at noon.

3. **REVIEW OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Council discussed the various City boards and commissions and administration thereof.

Action Summary: Council decided upon the following policy changes to appointment and administration of volunteer boards, authorities, commissions and committees:

1 - City Council will interview for the three authorities: Airport, Housing and Downtown Development, the two non-profit corporations: Public Finance and Riverview Technology Corporation (joint with County), decision-making boards: Planning Commission/Planning Commission Board of Appeals (actually just Board of Appeals) as well as the other three they currently interview: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Riverfront Commission (jointly with County, Fruita & Palisade) and the Visitor & Convention Bureau Board of Directors.

2 - Terms will be limited for every board to two terms, as it is currently in State Law. A term shall be defined the same as defined by Colorado Law, specifically how it applies to partial terms. (Term limitations will be analogous to State Law).

3 - The Ridges Architectural Control Committee shall now have four-year terms.

4 - The Public Finance Corporation shall now have city residency as a requirement.

5 - All boards, authorities, commissions and committees shall adopt by-laws. City Attorney Wilson will provide stock language for by-laws.

6- In addition to the minutes Council currently receives, they are to receive minutes for the Downtown Development Authority, the Housing Authority, the Airport Authority, the Riverview Technology Corporation and the Public Finance Corporation. These and all others shall be provided to the City Clerk to be kept on file and be available for Council's review.

7- No currently seated member will automatically be reappointed. When their term is coming up for expiration, the letter advising them such from the City Clerk will ask that they reapply if interested, *if they still qualify to serve, i.e, they have not already served two terms*. Council will interview incumbents as well as new applicants selected for interview.

8 - Once applicants have been chosen for interview, those not chosen will be notified immediately.

9- All upcoming vacancies will be advertised regardless of the desire of incumbents for reappointment.

10 - The RTC, VCB and DDA Boards will be asked to provide the Council with a recommendation as to the expertise needed for upcoming appointments.

11 - An annual meeting will be held with Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Downtown Development Authority, Airport Authority and Riverview Technology Corporation. Annual meetings with the VCB and the Riverfront Commission will continue.

12 - A handbook will be drafted by staff.

13 - A thank you/recognition luncheon will be held annually in January.

14 - A standard application form will be developed.

Staff was directed to draft a new policy to include the changes discussed and submit it to City Council for confirmation.