

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

June 18, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, June 18, 2001 at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobald and Janet Terry. President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez was delayed and joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **DISCUSSION ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEW POLICY**

Action Summary: Council was in agreement with the new Policy on Boards and Commissions. A letter signed by the Mayor advising the various boards and commissions of the policy will be prepared. It was suggested a policy be created addressing at what point the cutoff date to file an application will be enforced.

2. **TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:** Public Works Director Mark Relph will update City Council on the construction project. City Manager Kelly Arnold will discuss future operations and management of the Convention Center.

Action summary:

Councilmember Kirtland excused himself from the meeting while discussion of construction took place since his company Shaw Construction is the contractor for the project. Mark Relph reported the project is going well with an aggressive construction schedule. Demolition work has taken place. The old building is a mere shell. Additional work was required for removal of asbestos. An error in the foundation layout required driving additional piles, and has delayed the project two weeks. The foundation work has been completed and masonry work is now starting. A consultant will advise on the acoustical work and Council will be informed.

Council appreciated the detailed Convention Center report discussed by Assistant City Manager David Varley. It answered all the unknowns that have existed for a long time. City Manager Kelly Arnold gave David Varley credit for researching and writing the report. The City Manager will work on various areas, make some administrative decisions and inquiries, and report back to Council. The City Manager is to proceed with considering hiring a

professional manager. The main role for the facility remains a convention center. He will look into setting up policy and procedures before the December opening. The name should remain; if appropriate, the name change will be discussed. Council will plan a celebration or open-house in December, 2001 for the reopening of the facility.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.