

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

October 1, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, October 1, 2001 at 7:07 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobald, Janet Terry and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez. Councilmember Bill McCurry was absent.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **THE CIVIC FORUM:** Nancy Terrell, Director of the Civic Forum, asked Council to purchase an annual City membership for \$7,500. Mesa County has committed to \$10,000 for the next two years. She gave examples of issues the Forum deals with noting the Forum brings a wide array of people together to collaborate.

Action summary: Council had concerns that the Council would be funding a group that may ultimately be lobbying the Council. It was determined that the request would be reviewed further during the budget process.

2. **HILLTOP COMMUNITY RESOURCES:** Sally Schaefer and Janell Bauer-Morris presented to Council the plans for the Senior Enrichment Center. They believe it should be a public-private partnership. If they raise \$5.6 million, then Hilltop will fund the rest and commit to the operation and maintenance long-term. Ms. Schaefer asked Council for a 10 year, \$2.5 million City contribution to their Senior Enrichment Center.

Action summary: Council had concerns on what the economy will do and the affect of the TABOR limitations. They determined they would review the request further in the budget review process.

3. **MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Terry Pickens, Director, Anita Cox, foundation member, and Bill Loring, library board member, briefed Council on the Library's expansion plans, their progress to date, and the need for future City support.

Action summary: Council voiced concerns over the perception to the public that a letter of support would cloud their judicial standing in any public hearing process on the development of the library plans. Ms. Cox expressed that the letter can be very general in its support – simply supporting a library expansion in the downtown area. Council felt that if the right-of-way vacations were accomplished before any letter is written, that issue would be clearer to the public. They agreed to consider a letter of support after that vacation of right-of-way process is completed.