

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

December 3, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, December 3, 2001 at 7:09 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobald, Janet Terry and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **EVENTS CENTER:** The Chamber of Commerce Regional Hub Committee presented the concept to City Council. Mike Anton introduced the rest of the Committee members present. Dan Roberts then made a presentation to Council. Mr. Roberts stated the idea is only a concept at this time, actual construction would be 3 to 5 years out to ensure that everything is made known and presented. The Committee requested that a staff person be identified for the Committee to occasionally ask for input and assistance. The Committee also asked Council for a representative on the Committee.

Action summary: Council identified City Manager Arnold as the contact person for the City. Council declined having a elected official participating on the Committee since it might be awkward if and when the Committee ever approaches Council for funding. Mr. Arnold agreed saying that Staff could participate as long as it is just a concept. Once it gets further, Staff would also have to decline. Councilmember Kirtland suggested that the same presentation be given at a regular Council meeting to give the Committee an opportunity for broadcasting the idea.

2. **GRAND JUNCTION COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE:** The Commission presented the updated and revised Strategic Cultural Plan. Arts Commission Chair LeRoy Donegan introduced the rest of the Commission members present and gave an overview of the plan and the reason for the update.

Action summary: Councilmember Terry was concerned about the wording and the position it puts the Council in as far as facilities needs. If the Council adopts it, then the perception is that it becomes the Council's plans. Councilmember Spehar agreed, paralleling this with other plans that were adopted and the corresponding budget constraints. It was suggested that the plan be discussed further at the Council retreat on December 13th. Then the decision as to whether an approval request should go on the next agenda can be made.

3. **GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP:** This group briefed Council on a company they are working with to locate to Grand Junction. (Councilmember Spehar excused himself due to a conflict. He left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.) Denny Granum, GJEP President reviewed the request.

Action summary: Councilmember Theobald expressed concern that this is a start-up company and the capital investment in the community is not significant.. Mr. Granum responded that the trade-off is that Grand Junction will be their corporate headquarters, the incentive is less than others per job and no money will be given until they perform. The vesting period also does not begin until full employment is achieved and then it is a five-year period. If the company does not perform, then the incentive must be repaid. Council directed that the request be placed on the December 5th Agenda.

ADJOURNED at 8:40 p.m.