

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

December 17, 2001

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, December 17, 2001 at 7:06 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Janet Terry and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez. Councilmembers Jim Spehar and Reford Theobold were absent when the meeting convened. Councilmember Theobold entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE:** Committee Co-Chairs Jamie Lummis and Robert Traylor updated Council on their work and trails issues. Jim Grisier, member of the Grand Valley Irrigation Board, said the Board has specific opinions such as their desire to become a significant and authoritative review agency on development of trail plans. Otherwise, the canal company will be hampered from performing their function.

Action Summary: Councilmembers expressed support for all the work that the Urban Trails Committee has done. Council also thanked Mr. Grisier for his time.

2. **DTA VENDORS FEE:** Ron Maupin representing the Downtown Association presented a proposal for the vendors fee to be collected by the City and then returned to the DTA to be spent on advertising.

Action Summary: Councilmembers suggested various options that would not create a TABOR affect. The creation of a special district and supporting the creation and any required vote was one option. Council directed Staff to conduct research and bring back various options to Council.

Mayor Enos Martinez left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Terry presided over the rest of the meeting.

3. **WATER LINE REPLACEMENT DEBT FINANCING PROPOSAL:** Public Works staff, Mark Relph and Greg Trainor, discussed the possibility of incorporating water line improvements in the downtown area with the combined sewer separation project. This will lend itself to cost savings and less inconvenience to residents to only tear up the streets once.

Action summary: Council supported the proposal and gave Staff the direction to move forward. The formal action will be the acceptance of the loan documents.

WRITTEN REPORT

STORM WATER UTILITY ISSUE: Public Works staff has included a written report in the packet dealing with the storm water utility issue.

Action Summary: City Manager Arnold said he is trying to schedule a meeting with all four entities before any proposals are put before Council.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..