

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 14, 2002

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 7:05 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **MESA COUNTY TOBACCO EDUCATION COUNCIL:** Representatives (Dr. Patrick Moran, Dr. Mike Parmenko and John Redifer) updated City Council regarding their education efforts and the youth tobacco ordinance. Dr. Parmenko reviewed the benefits of the ordinance and praised the committee organization that was in place in order for this community to receive some of the funds that were disbursed through the Attorney General's office from the tobacco companies. Mr. Redifer discussed with Council the various ways the Tobacco Education Council is trying to quantify the effect of the ordinance.

Action Summary: Councilmembers inquired if prior survey data could then be broken down into specifics or to at least keep that separate in future surveys to produce quantifiable results.

The Council moved into the Community Development Conference Room for the remainder of the meeting.

2. **JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** City Council and Planning Commission met to review roles and responsibilities and discuss significant 2002 projects. All Council was present for the discussion except for Councilmember Janet Terry and all Planning Commission members were there except for first alternate Bill Pitts.

Action Summary: Councilmembers emphasized the importance of the Growth Plan and the sets of rules constructed to go by, i.e., the Zoning and Development Code, and that both were developed with lots of public input. Planning Commissioners were praised and thanked for their willingness to serve. Newly appointed and reappointed members were presented their certificates: Terri Binder, William Putnam, John Redifer, and Roland Cole. Update of the Growth Plan and development of an Infill/Redevelopment Policy were the main priorities for 2002.

3. **COUNCIL TABOR SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE:** The subcommittee updated the rest of City Council on their work on this project thus far.

Councilmember Kirtland and Spehar summarized their Committee discussions. One main point was that there would be no plan to go back to the voters but rather the City would make plans to live within the TABOR limitations. If funds were not available for projects then the need would become evident by itself. The Committee presented a Public Statement they had crafted and asked for input. Some minor changes were suggested by Council and staff. The Committee had identified certain groups they would like to target to present the issues and the public statement to.

The distribution of the current refund, \$245,084 collected in 2000, was discussed. 55% of the refund will go to commercial property owners with the rest going to residential. That equates to property owners with a \$75,000 house receiving \$3.82, those with \$300,000 homes receiving \$15. With the property tax bills going out that week, it was decided that an ad would be placed in the Daily Sentinel breaking out the refund distribution.

Lastly, other refund options were discussed briefly. The rest of Council supported the efforts of the Committee so far and authorized the initial meetings with the target groups.

ADJOURNED at 9:55 p.m.