

GRAND JUNCTION  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**March 18, 2002**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, March 18, 2002 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobold and President of the Council Pro Tem Janet Terry. President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez was absent.

**Summaries and action on the following topics:**

1. **DECISION MAKING MODEL:** The City Council will use this model to review the meeting request from the Mesa County Coalition for Economic Justice. President of the Council Pro Tem Terry explained the method Council will use to decide their role in this issue.
  - 1 – Identify problem or opportunity – the Council identified the problem as being the wage scale
  - 2 – History of problem - stated the ways they have supported ways to help workers – GJEP, Existing Business Incentives, GVT,
  - 3 – who addresses this problem – RCT – needs to be statewide or county-wide not just in the City, not the city far broader, Spehar thought otherwise Spehar thought an additional step regarding city contracts makes it the city's issue, Kirtland said it is wrong for the Council to take a symbolic stance, Butler – small businesses can't afford and city can't force, Terry – agree with Reford, Dennis & Harry – inappropriate – majority says it is not appropriate for Council to address.

**Action summary:** Using the Decision-making model, the Council decided that the issue is not the City Council's to solve and thanked those present for coming.

2. **DTA VENDORS FEE:** The City Council will discuss the vendor's fee proposal from the Downtown Association. Administrative Services Director Ron Lappi outlined the various options to respond to the request from the DTA. Ron Maupin expressed the desire to use TIF money to market downtown.

**Action summary:** Council asked Mr. Maupin to take back the options back to the DTA board and decide on how they want to proceed. Then target the best options and then bring it back to Council. DDA does have staff and administrative services to offer the DTA.

3. **CITY COUNCIL WORK PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT:** Staff will present the quarterly report for the 2002 Work Plan. City Manager Arnold reviewed the quarterly report for the 2002 Work Plan.

**Action summary:** A detailed discussion took place on possible options for the Fire/EMS/Redlands issue. Discussions are taking place with the various players for fire protection in the Redlands. The rest of the report

was left for Council to review. Councilmember Kirtland asked for a refresher of the Downtown Parking issue. In July there will be an update on revenue and parking availability.

**ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.**

