

**GRAND JUNCTION  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**June 24, 2002**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met on Monday, June 24, 2002 at 8:25 p.m. in Two Rivers Convention Center to discuss workshop items. Those present were Dennis Kirtland, Jim Spehar, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez. Councilmembers Harry Butler and Bill McCurry were absent.

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

1. **REDLANDS FIRE STATION:** A joint discussion was held with Mesa County Commissioners and the Rural Fire Protection District Board regarding this future fire station. County Commissioner Doralyn Genova led off the discussion with Fire Chief Beaty summarizing the issue.

The City currently has budgeted the construction of a substation in the Redlands area for limited emergency services. The purpose of the discussion is to determine if the voters will be approached for additional funding via property tax to increase the size and scope of the station and to fund operations.

**Action summary:** A couple of options were discussed and ways to deal with the ramifications of each. A formation of a General Improvement District under HB 1159 (Title 31, Article 25, Improvement Districts Under Municipalities), a new Special District ("subdistrict) under Title 32, or an Improvement District via the County (Title 30). Since each option would have a different governing body and that in itself might affect the way the voters vote, the Rural District was directed to work with NAG (the Neighborhood Action Group) to determine very quickly which option would be favored by the voters. Meanwhile City and County Staff were directed to immediately begin drafting the district boundaries since no matter what option is taken, the boundaries would be the same. The Rural District also wanted assurances that the remaining revenues they would be collecting through their property tax would sufficiently fund service for their remaining customers via the City's contract to provide fire protection. The City Manager suggested a September deadline to finalize what form the matter would be taken to the voters.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.