

## GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 3, 2003

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, February 3, 2003 at 7:08 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Janet Terry, Reford Theobald and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez. Absent was Councilmember Dennis Kirtland.

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

1. **STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW & UPDATE:** City Manager Kelly Arnold introduced the first progress report on the Strategic Plan. The organization of the updates was discussed. Color-coding for each Solution was proposed. Councilmember Terry suggested a table of contents with the items for discussion being denoted with an asterisk.
  - Economic Development Fund – A contribution and expenditure history of the fund was provided. A report developed by Lockwood Greene that compared Grand Junction's economic development history with three other communities was included for Council's review. The Council was interested in listening to the discussions being held with the three entities for which the report was conducted.
  - Fire Department update regarding the delivery of emergency services – City Manager Arnold suggested Council review the report as it is a good overview of the services in the valley.
  - Review of codes and enforcement practices – Mayor Enos-Martinez and Councilmember Theobald volunteered to serve on this committee.
  - Drought management plan – City Manager Arnold suggested that the plan be presented to Council at the March 31<sup>st</sup> workshop.
  - Transportation – Councilmember Kirtland had provided a memo requesting a Council discussion on additional funding for GVT.
  - Gateways and entrances – Public Works Director Mark Relph suggested a team consisting of Mike McDill, Terry Franklin and Shawn Cooper. Councilmember Terry volunteered for the team.
  - Youth involvement – The City Manager and Assistant City Manager have met with School District representatives and students. A coordinator has been assigned, an Americorp

volunteer Karen Franklin. Councilmembers were invited to participate.

- Neighborhood programs – Councilmembers Butler and McCurry were assigned to this work group.
- CDBG Program – The application process for CDBG starts in March so if additional guidelines are to be developed they need to be done soon. Councilmember Terry urged the Council to have a public hearing for the adoption of any new policies. A special luncheon meeting was scheduled for February 19 in the Administration Conference Room at 11:30 am.

A Strategic Plan update will be scheduled for the first workshop of each month.

2. **RIGHT-OF-WAY/UTILITIES ORDINANCE:** Public Works Manager Tim Moore will review the proposal to regulate the use of public rights-of-way by utility providers. He reviewed the comments that were solicited from the utility providers. Councilmember Theobald inquired about his potential of conflict of interest. The attorney advised that tonight's discussion is information only. Mr. Moore reviewed five specific areas that would be a change in the code. 1) Boring is encouraged, 2) Advanced planning (overall plan), 3) Timely relocation and removal, 4) Location of utilities in regards to depth as well as horizontally, and also have locates during the design phase for capital projects, and 5) GIS as-built data.

Councilmember Terry expressed that she would consider the City splitting the cost of those advance locates and depth locations. Councilmember Spehar added that all providers should be treated equally, if the City is sharing the cost for one for relocations, it should be for all. Councilmember Terry added it may be only in the case when advanced notice could not be provided.

City Attorney Wilson further advised the federal ruling that protects telecommunication providers from "discrimination" which is another reason for developing rules to apply to all providers. Congress has authorized the City to charge for the cost of administering the right-of-ways. The locate requirement leads to the fifth item and that is the requirement for GIS as-built data be provided. The ordinance would also require that the future plans be posted in advance. Councilmember Terry stated that the providers should be mailed the plan.

Public Works Manager Moore asked that he be allowed to schedule this ordinance next month. Council agreed.

Wade Haerle, XCel Energy, asked that the ordinance be explained to them further at a presentation. Councilmember Terry asked for the inclusion of a financial analysis of the impacts.

Bill Byers, Grand Valley Rural Power, agreed with Mr. Haerle and voiced his concerns on the impacts and the relationship with the City.

**CONVENED INTO SPECIAL SESSION AT 9:05 P.M.**

**ADJOURN**