

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

March 3, 2003

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Bill McCurry, Jim Spehar, Reford Theobald and President Pro Tem Dennis Kirtland. Councilmember Janet Terry and President of the Council Cindy Enos-Martinez entered at 7:04 and 7:05 p.m. respectively.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

- 1. SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES:** There were a number of students from Bookcliff Middle School who were present to request the City Council adopt an ordinance that will prohibit smoking in public places. They presented petitions and a draft ordinance. Council discussed the options and possible timelines.

Action summary: The City Council directed Staff to research what other cities have done, schedule meetings with the students and the Tobacco Council to get their input, and to meet with downtown restaurant owners. Councilmember Spehar asked that this item be on the next workshop for Council to determine a plan for this item.
- 2. HANSON PROPERTY CLEANUP:** Presentation of Award by APWA President Brian Pettet, Colorado Chapter. Public Works & Utilities Director Mark Relph and Street Superintendent Doug Cline introduced this item. Dave Van Wagoner, Streets Division, had videoed the job and it won an award with APWA. An award was presented to the City Council as well as individuals involved.
- 3. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE:** City Manager Kelly Arnold referred to the brief report for this month on air quality (one action step) and efficient transportation (two action steps). Public Works & Utilities Director Mark Relph reported that the City's air quality is good. Next, for the Grand Valley Transit funding long term, a number of alternatives are being considered. Thirdly, in regard to swapping maintenance responsibilities with CDOT, the conclusion is it is not a good idea to make any trades at this time. Lastly, an update not in the packet is a confirmation that the youth group would like Council to attend a meeting upstairs this Friday at 3:10 p.m.
- 4. GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP:** GJEP updated the City Council on the status of an approved project and addressed Council on a new effort. Denny Granum, GJEP Board member, discussed a project for an aircraft manufacturing company in the final stages of negotiations. The average wage will be \$22,000 annually based on 34 hours per week with an excellent benefit package. Approximately 400

jobs are planned. The incentive request is for \$600,000. The vesting period for this company is five years but that does not even start until they get to full employment which they have four years to do. If this company falls below the agreed level, they have to repay the incentive amount in full.

Regarding the update on the previous request from CMGT, it has taken some time to get their financial partners in place. The GJEP has given the company a deadline of March 28th. It is looking optimistic. Mr. Wade Haerle, GJEP board member, affirmed that the incentive is not disbursed until the jobs are created.

Action summary: Council directed the consideration of the incentive be put on the Wednesday agenda (March 5th) with GJEP making a full presentation of all the issues that have been brought out this evening for the public's benefit.

5. **GROWTH PLAN UPDATE REVIEW PROCESS:** Community Development Director Bob Blanchard presented the City Council different options for reviewing Growth Plan updates. City Manager Arnold asked the Council for direction on how they want to proceed on this item. He suggested Council review the housekeeping items and accept them. City Council can identify the policy items that they want to discuss in detail. The discussion items and the policy items may be discussed separately.

Action summary: Council decided on the presented Option 1 which is to review the housekeeping items as a group and review the discussion and policy items at a public meeting with testimony being taken. City Council scheduled two Special Meetings, March 26th, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., limiting presentations to 5 minutes and April 9th, 6:30 p.m. immediately following the canvassing of the election results.

6. **GRAND JUNCTION PRIORITIES:** Discussion of City Council's priorities to be presented to the County Commissioners at the March 13th meeting. City Manager Kelly Arnold referred to his memo of possible topics and asked City Council for feedback.

Action summary: City Council determined that Mayor Enos-Martinez will lead the discussion on the 13th, starting with the Strategic Plan, and the City Manager and the Mayor will assign topics to the other Councilmembers. Councilmembers Terry and Theobold will not be present. Council did express their desire to have the Annual Persigo meeting scheduled and a separate meeting to address the Regional Transportation impact fee with the County Commissioners.

ADJOURNED at 9:58 p.m.