

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

June 2, 2003

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 7:03 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Bruce Hill, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer and President of the Council Jim Spehar.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:** City Manager Kelly Arnold referred the Council to the May section of their book. Regarding Sufficient Transportation, the bonding question will be discussed at the retreat. On Open and Beautiful Spaces, the committee has been taking public input and will soon have some sites identified. For the Responsible Young Citizens solution, Mr. Arnold sent the new school district superintendent the notes on this project and Assistant Manager Varley is coordinating with the School District to stay true to getting this done by the end of August. From the Housing Authority, page 15, is a list of the different services that are available. On Vital Neighborhoods, the meetings scheduled, and one item for discussion will be the police department roles with youth.

Action summary: The Council accepted the update on the Strategic Plan.

2. **VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** The City Council requested a change in the policy on appointments to volunteer boards and commissions. There are also several boards needing appointments.

City Clerk Stephanie Tuin asked for feedback from the Council on the proposed changes to the policy.

Action summary: The Council changed some of the wording (changed traits and trades to skills and expertise) and asked that "Staff contact" be deleted.

The Council then scheduled June 24th for interviews of the Airport Authority and Parks and Recreation and June 26th for the Downtown Development Authority.

3. **CITIZEN SURVEY:** Dr. Jerry Moorman, from Mesa State College, presented the results of this recently completed survey. Assistant City Manager David Varley introduced Dr. Moorman and explained how the survey was conducted.

Dr. Moorman explained the methodology, the degree of accuracy and the software used for the compilation of the results. He then went through

each question and how each response was broken down by age, gender and zip code. The City was overwhelmingly above average in almost every category. He then reviewed the demographics of the respondents.

City Manager Arnold stated another perspective is that the questionnaire is real broad based versus the quality of life survey which was very specific.

Councilmember Palmer inquired where the comments received were compiled. Dr. Moorman said they have been provided to Staff but cautioned Council's use of the comments. Such comments only represent the thoughts of one person. Dr. Moorman commended the Council for asking the citizens for their opinions on the City and services.

Councilmember Enos-Martinez inquired about Council's direction to have a question about the City Council. Mr. Arnold said that it was decided that question would be included in a more policy focused questionnaire.

Mr. Arnold said he will use this survey in his deliberations on the various programs for the budget process. He noted particular areas that need attention and those that have improved. He lauded the employees and their customer service and noted that has been the focus of employee training tracks this last year.

Action summary: City Manager Arnold asked Council to review the survey and consider the results over the next few months as the City moves into budget season.

A recess was called at 9:05 p.m. The Council was back in session at 9:13 p.m.

4. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN:** Community Development Director Bob Blanchard presented the proposed work plan for this department. He went through a list of items slated for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005. The City Manager asked that the Pear Park plan be moved up on the calendar. Councilmember Kirtland asked that the Patterson corridor be moved up, perhaps incorporating it with the studies of 1st, 7th and 12th Streets. Councilmember Kirtland asked that Planning Commissioners be included in the discussions on implementation of the infill /redevelopment policy.

Action summary: The following priorities were identified:

- Implementation of the Infill/redevelopment has been started with the consultant.
- The historic survey is in process. The grant has been applied for and the results of the survey will be used for the Code revisions on historic structures in 2003.
- Revisions to the Code regarding telecommunications and landscaping were identified as high priority by Councilmember Enos-Martinez.

Council President Spehar suggested that the sign code revision be given a low priority. Community Development Director Blanchard agreed to let that wait until the next Code update.

City Manager Arnold stated that if the list for 2003 is acceptable, Staff will start bringing items to Council for scheduling. Council agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

