

**GRAND JUNCTION  
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP  
SUMMARY**

**June 30, 2003**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, June 30, 2003 at 11:36 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall to discuss additional workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Bruce Hill, Dennis Kirtland, Gregg Palmer and President of the Council Jim Spehar. Absent was Councilmember Bill McCurry.

Staff members present were City Manager Kelly Arnold, Assistant City Manager David Varley, City Attorney Dan Wilson, Intern Seth Hoffman, Public Works Director Mark Relph, Utilities Manager Greg Trainor and City Clerk Stephanie Tuin.

Others present were Larry Beckner, Frank Hyde and Mari Vader.

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

1. **UPCOMING PERSIGO MEETING ISSUES FOR JULY 10, MEETING:**  
City Council discussed issues to be discussed at the upcoming annual Persigo meeting. The potential change to the 201 boundary in the 21 ½ and 22 Roads and H Road area is on the agenda. Council wanted assurance that this is the only area that will come before them for such a request from the Commissioners. City Attorney Wilson said some work has been done in that regard but the complete answer will not be ready by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Other topics include the request from Clifton Sanitation District #2 to begin discussions on the possibility of attaching to the Persigo facility and revenue sharing with the Special Districts.

Frank Hyde, Clifton Sanitation District #2 manager, said that time is running out for them. The current plant will not pass the "wet test" and the permit applied for in 1999 still has not been issued. There are a lot of political issues involved in hooking up to the Persigo system but the Clifton District wants to look at the best course of action.

Regarding the revenue sharing, Council felt strongly about the eventual dissolution of the Districts but the attorney for the Special District, Larry Beckner, argued that the condition of dissolution was not part of the original deal to gain the Districts' support of the loans for the combined sewer elimination project. He felt it was unfair for the Council to hold the funding that was previously agreed to out as a carrot to persuade the Districts to begin dissolution. Even so, the matter still has to go to the voters.

**Action summary:** Council agreed to discuss the additions to the 201 boundary at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was the consensus of the City

Council to proceed into discussions on the Clifton Sanitation District #2 to see if there are any financial or regulatory issues that would prevent positive negotiations. The matter of the future of the District will also be looked at. The District was asked to contact the State Health Department to see what their position is on the two options.

On the revenue sharing topic, City Attorney Wilson suggested using the decision-making model while Councilmember Enos-Martinez thought it appropriate to have the discussion with the County on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

2. **SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE:** City Attorney Dan Wilson reviewed the current changes and referred the Council to a questionnaire he drafted that might help formulate the direction for the version to be considered on July 2. Council discussed the public testimony taken previously and felt that it was directed toward the general issue not the specific versions of the ordinance. The definition of a restaurant under this ordinance was discussed. Annual certification through the City Clerk was discussed. Other proposed provisions were workplaces that can allow smoking under the new ordinance could not be forced to go non-smoking and an employer would not be forced to spend money to satisfy an employee on smoke-free environment. Council then debated physically separated areas in non-liquor restaurants, bingo hall separations and bowling alley provisions. The time frame for amortization was clarified. Council agreed there should be ongoing education but did not want that included in the ordinance.

**Action summary:** City Council decided no additional public testimony will be taken on July 2, that the current version will be amended prior to Wednesday night to include a 55%-45% distinction between restaurants and bars, that physically separated will mean completely closed off with doors, that bingo halls will be non-smoking except that an area physically separated may allow smoking, that bowling alleys can allow smoking in a physically separated bar area, that the amortization date will stay at January 1, 2006, and that the education piece will not be included in the proposed ordinance. The alternative will be the focus of the consideration on Wednesday, and various Councilmembers can propose changes at the meeting if they so desire. The City Attorney will have wording for some of the other options discussed including a non-bar physically separated area of a bowling alley allowing smoking available at the meeting.

**ADJOURNED** at 1:35 p.m.