

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP
SUMMARY**

November 17, 2003

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, November 17, 2003 at 11:40 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers Cindy Enos-Martinez, Bruce Hill, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer and President of the Council Pro Tem Harry Butler. President of the Council Jim Spehar was absent.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **BROWNFIELDS GRANTS:** This grant program is specifically for survey and cleanup of properties that are considered difficult to redevelop due to environmental contamination. City Manager Kelly Arnold advised that several projects have been considered for these grants but with a December 4 deadline they are not ready to go forward at this time. He suggested that Council authorize Assistant City Manager David Varley and Public Works and Utilities Director Mark Relph put together a plan for next year's application.

Action summary: Council approved of the City Manager's recommendation and encouraged consideration of projects relative to the Riverside Parkway.

2. **CDOT ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROJECTS:** Staff had prepared a list of potential projects for the local government enhancement funds for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008 and asked Council to designate what projects should be contained in the application. The list of projects included a bicycle lane/shoulder widening on Monument Road which was supported by several letters, the continuation of streetscaping south along 7th Street and along Colorado Avenue, a trail along Duck Pond Park in Orchard Mesa, Riverfront Trail Parking and an expansion of Riverside Park. Once the City Council and the County decide what projects to apply for, CDOT will evaluate whether the projects qualify. Then those that qualify will be submitted to the RTPO to prioritize and program in. There is only so much funding and Fruita and Palisade can also submit projects.

Action summary: The City Council recommended that the City apply for the 7th Street improvements and that the County apply for funding for the Monument Road bike lane and shoulder widening. City Manager Arnold offered to present this idea to the County and the formal resolution will be brought back to Council on December 3.

3. **WALKER FIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY IGA:** The proposed intergovernmental agreement provides a basis of understanding for the placement of three detention basins on the airport property. Public Works and Utilities Director Mark Relph explained that the intergovernmental agreement has been in negotiations but there are still two unresolved issues with the Airport Board. The first issue is the methodology and authority in dealing with wildlife on the runway. A detention pond may attract more wildlife and the Airport Board wants to determine the necessity for mitigation and make the City responsible for dealing with it. The second issue is the permanency of the agreement. It is the City's intent to make the detention area oversized so that the Airport can use the extra capacity to fulfill requirements needed for future development. However, the Airport Board desires a shorter term (25 years) and the option of having the City remove the basins and reclaim them so the Airport can have the areas for future development. Public Works and Utilities Director Mark Relph stated that the design of the detention basins is complete and he is ready to award the bid contingent on the agreement being finalized.

Action summary: The Council supported the Staff position on wildlife and the term of the agreement. It was suggested that a "Wildlife Board" be created consisting of a Councilmember, an Airport board member and a technical expert to resolve wildlife issues. City Manager Arnold stated he would communicate that to the Airport Board and staff. The Public Works and Utilities Director was authorized to go forward with the award contingent on the agreement being finalized.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.