

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP
SUMMARY**

JANUARY 19, 2004

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, January 19, 2004 at 11:41 a.m. at Chez Lena Banquet Room, 2520 Blichmann Ave., Bldg B to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers 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. **UPDATE FROM UTEC DIRECTOR KERRY YOUNGBLOOD ON UTEC ACTIVITIES:** Mr. Kerry Youngblood chronicled the development of UTEC, including the City's participation in its efforts. He updated the Council on the growth and the different programs that have been developed as well as those that have been phased out. Mr. Youngblood responded to questions on how UTEC can react to specific industry training when requested, possibilities for campus expansion, the current reasons for limiting enrollment and the planned additional community involvement, i.e. two new community members, on the Board of Trustees.

Action summary: The City Council appreciated the update.

2. **UPDATE FROM COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REGARDING RESOLUTION NO. 75-02:** Councilmembers Hill, Palmer and Kirtland (via phone) met with Acting City Attorney John Shaver to discuss options for replacing the regulations set forth in Resolution No. 75-02, limiting activities on City Hall grounds. The subcommittee reviewed the guidelines for use of the auditorium and the parks facilities and recommended that Resolution No. 75-02 be repealed and a new guidelines document be put in its place to allow the use of the grounds with existing rules and some site specific rules. The area to be utilized would be the concrete area (hardscaped areas) around City Hall.

Action summary: Council President Spehar directed that the matter be placed on a Wednesday agenda, either the first or third Wednesday in February.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. The meeting requested by the Rural Fire District Board will be scheduled with only two Councilmembers present. It was noted that there are no grounds to schedule it in a closed session as requested by the Rural Fire District Board.

- b. The issue of public-private competition in the trash service business is once again being taken to the legislature by Senator Ron Teck who has expanded the bill to include some issues on billing procedures. CML will again oppose the bill based on the matter being a local concern. Councilmember Hill advised that in his conversation with Mr. Teck, it came out that it was thought the unfair edge was because the City subsidized the solid waste fund with general fund dollars which is not the case; it is a completely separate fund, an enterprise fund. It was suggested that Solid Waste Manager Darren Starr be at the committee meeting at the State House on Wednesday to listen to the debate.
- c. Several Councilmembers asked that a discussion on the logo situation be placed the agenda that night and Council President Spehar inquired if those Councilmembers will want to have any public comments from the audience. Those Councilmembers wanting the discussion said they would not want to take public input but rather have a discussion amongst themselves and Staff.
- d. City Manager Kelly Arnold asked Council about having a monthly press conference on Wednesday afternoons regarding progress on the Riverside Parkway noting there may be items that are coming up on the Council agenda that would be talked about. The Council had no problem with the press conference as long as upcoming items are identified as items that Council *will be considering*.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.