

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

JUNE 14, 2004

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, June 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Absent was Councilmember Jim Spehar.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **SPRING CLEAN UP REVIEW:** Public Works Staff reviewed with the City Council this year's program. A short video was shown on the program. Tim Moore, Public Works Manager, recognized Dave Van Wagoner for his work on the film. He then summarized the differences, in particular the increases, that occurred in the program this year. A book with all the data of the program will be distributed to Council. The program was more efficient this year due to moving the collection spots to the streets and the efficiency of the crews and resources. Councilmember Kirtland noted there were no major incidents or injuries.

Action summary: Council was very complimentary and appreciative of Staff's work.

2. **UPDATE ON THE RIVERSIDE PARKWAY 1601 PROCESS:** This update covered the progress to date, the proposed schedule and proposed alignments. Public Works & Utilities Director Mark Relph introduced this item. He introduced Ed Fink, CDOT, and thanked CDOT for their assistance. Project Engineer Jim Shanks then introduced Larry Gibson and Jay Brasher from Carter Burgess. He then went through the status and reviewed what the project team is currently working on. He reviewed the three alignments through lower downtown that will be analyzed. Each of the alternatives have issues to be dealt with. They will be presented at the June 15th open house and public comments will be taken. Following that there will be an environmental assessment process. Mr. Shanks advised that so far the project is on schedule. RFQ's have been sent out and are due back July 2. They will hopefully have a short list of proposals for the design/build contract. They anticipate a contract will be brought to City Council in March, 2005. Ed Fink from CDOT replaces Owen Leonard, CDOT Regional Director, addressed Council and complimented Staff and the City on their work on this project.

Action summary: Council welcomed Mr. Fink to his post and thanked and complimented Staff on all its work.

3. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:** City Manager Kelly Arnold introduced the update. He directed Council's attention to the GVRTC minutes and then deferred to Councilmember Kirtland for an overview. Governance and financing are two of the issues. Mr. Arnold reminded Council that the current funding agreement goes through 2005. A renewal or new agreement will be brought to the City Council for consideration in the spring of 2005 in order to place it ahead of budget discussions. Councilmember Kirtland added that there will be increasing demands as federal funding is diminishing. Other bus systems are also struggling. There will be a new executive director, Rod Ghearing.

On Housing, the forum has been set for August 26th. A homeownership proclamation has been prepared for Wednesday night.

On July 8th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Two Rivers Convention Center, City Council will be the meeting with Winters and Company on the Jarvis Property Master Plan.

The lunch meeting with Kezziah Watkins to discuss the two year update to the Strategic Plan has been set for June 29th. City Council was advised that they will be able to spend time focusing on the solutions. The meeting is a lunch meeting at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Action summary: Council accepted the update.

4. **Youth Council Update:** Seth Hoffman, Management Intern referred to a memo distributed by Councilmember Butler on some of the issues on membership on the Youth Council. Councilmember Butler advised that there were a few applicants that were not City residents or going to schools in the City limits. He suggested using the 201 Boundary as the boundary instead of the guidelines previously set.

Council discussion included support by Councilmember Enos-Martinez. Councilmember Palmer wanted fair representation of schools. Councilmember McCurry supported using the 201 boundary. Councilmember Kirtland agreed noting that the Pear Park area is a fast-growing area. Council President Hill said it is a positive to have representation from all youth and felt there is no need to have established criteria but rather have some flexibility in their guidelines. For example, to be able to include Central High School which is not within the 201 boundary.

Action summary: City Council supported maintaining the flexibility to involve all interested youth, not to the exclusion of any interested, qualified student.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.