

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP
SUMMARY**

July 19, 2004

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, July 19, 2004 at 11:46 a.m. at the Grand Junction Police Department Training Room, 625 Ute Avenue to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Dennis Kirtland, Bill McCurry, Gregg Palmer, Jim Spehar and President of the Council Bruce Hill.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **PRESENTATION OF GRAND JUNCTION POLICING, TRANSIENT UPDATE AND BUILDING TOUR BY POLICE CHIEF GREG MORRISON:** Police Chief Greg Morrison first reviewed how he has related the City Council Strategic Plan to his Department's policing. He identified day to day priorities for the Police Department as being auto theft, graffiti, burglaries, theft from autos, traffic enforcement and the transient issue. He related his customer service philosophy and how he explains that to new personnel by the use of the restaurant model and the health care model. The community policing philosophy is now called Policing Grand Junction Style and he recognized Lt. Bob Russell's work on the scheduling and organizational design and Lt. Amy Clymer's work on the neighborhood assignments. This was all part of the presentation he made at the Innovative Governments Conference in Reno a few months ago.

Chief Morrison then updated the City Council on the transient issue. Reports do indicate that the transient population is increasing and incidents relating to transients have gone up from last year. He talked about what other communities are doing and Grand Junction's new campaign to discourage residents from giving panhandlers cash and instead donate to some of the charitable organizations that provide shelter and food to the homeless/needy. He stressed that meals and shelter are available so those that are "flying the sign" asking for money are really professional panhandlers. He discussed how the Police Department efforts relate to the City Council's Strategic Plan, i.e., providing adequate shelter and addressing community concerns. Chief Morrison advised that Grand Junction has a national reputation for being a good place for transients due to the weather, the river and the social programs available. City Manager Arnold directed Chief Morrison to continue to survey newcomers and find out why they continue to come to Grand Junction.

Chief Morrison concluded his presentation and invited anyone interested to tour the Police Department facilities.

Action summary: Councilmember Spehar questioned if the transient issue truly warrants additional efforts as there are other more serious issues where resources should be focused. City Manager Arnold advised that unless Council requests another update or more information, the transient issue will not be brought back to them.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.