

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP SUMMARY  
And  
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 18, 2004**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers Harry Butler, Cindy Enos-Martinez, Dennis Kirtland, Gregg Palmer, Jim Spehar and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Councilmember Bill McCurry was absent.

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

1. **UTILITIES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE:** Tim Moore gave Council a brief overview of where this project was one year ago. The City began with public comments and with everyone that was affected which resulted in a draft ordinance. Mr. Moore explained that the City will be the lead agency and that the goal would be to meet around four times a year with the utility providers. Councilmember Palmer asked what the utility providers thought about this arrangement. Mr. Moore explained that the draft ordinance was a consensus that all the utility providers could live with. Councilmember Kirtland asked what if one of the key providers would not be a part of this? Mr. Moore explained the time frame could be longer but the incentives hopefully would keep them involved with the planning meetings. Most of this is currently being done, but the ordinance will outline the demands and requirements. Mr. Moore summarized the content of the draft ordinance. Council President Hill asked about some language and received clarification from City Attorney John Shaver. Councilmember Kirtland asked about the demands from the contractors with the Riverside Parkway Project going on and all the other projects. Public Works and Utilities Director Mark Relph discussed a visit with Qwest in Denver in the near future.

**Action summary:** The City Council was supportive of the draft ordinance and asked for staff to bring it back for first reading at the November 3, 2004 Council Meeting.

2. **CITY OWNED PROPERTY:** Council has directed staff in the past to concentrate on two properties. Assistant City Manager David Varley began the presentation with the Horizon Park property. This area has been designated as a future park site. City Council asked about the restriction of changing it from a park site. City Attorney John Shaver explained there are only three options presented by the City Charter; that it would take a vote of the people to change it from a park site or to use or dispose of the property for other purposes. Councilmember Spehar asked what Council is being asked to do here tonight. Council President Hill explained that they were not being asked to take action; this was a continuation of a review of City owned property.

The Ridges School Site title was explained that it was designated for a future park, but was an exchange with the School District. No monies are budgeted at this time for development.

Mark Relph, Public Works and Utilities Director, started the update on the remaining properties. No. 130 – This is 120 acres north of the Clifton Water Tanks. This could be a possible swap with the BLM. No. 8 – This is 40 acres on Little Park Road. Look into how this parcel fits into the trail network along with recreation in the area. Blue Heron Properties – City Council gave this a lower priority but asked staff to outline the options. No. 113 – Hutto Subdivision – Very heavy wetlands, possible exchange with the Jarvis property or “bank” for wetland habitat. No. 115 – This is 4.466 acres North of I-70 at G Road. This is in the Walker Field Airport Authority’s critical zone, basically this property is land locked. Ask about a possible trade for property along H Road with Walker Field Airport Authority. No. 96 – Monument Village Open Space – Staff is working with Panorama to get this resolved – Council directed staff to take this off the list. No. 34 – Steamplant. Staff has verbal approval with the State Health Department to remove the asbestos; they are just waiting for the written approval. They can sell as is or remove the steam plant. Staff will visit with Xcel regarding a screen from their property. No. 48 – 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main Parking Lot – Should this property and the Steam Plant be part of the DDA Master Plan? Nothing immediately should be done until the parking issue is addressed. No. 1 – Webster Road – Possible site for Habitat for Humanity house or similar organization. No. 124 – Saccamanno Park, 37.734 acres. This parcel has been discussed as a possible park or open space.

**Action summary:** The City Council directed Staff to bring an updated report back to a Workshop after the first of the year.

Council convened into Special Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Palmer to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel Matters under Section 402 (4)(f)(I) of the Open Meetings Law Relative to City Council Employees and said they will not be returning to open session. Councilmember Enos-Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 9:24 p.m.

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