

**GRAND JUNCTION
CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP
SUMMARY**

NOVEMBER 1, 2004

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, November 1, 2004 at 11:35 a.m. at Two Rivers Convention Center, 159 Main Street, 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. **FACILITIES REPORT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:** The Facilities Committee has conducted its research, discussed and evaluated different options and has developed its recommendations. City Manager Kelly Arnold referred the City Council to the Facilities Report provided and stated that Staff members, including most of the Facilities Committee members, are present to answer any questions. The Committee identifies four priorities in the City's facility needs: Parks Operations, Shop Operations, the Crime Lab/Evidence Storage and the Police/Fire Administration Offices. There are other considerations that may change how they move forward on these items, in particular the National Guard's release of their building on the City Shops property (National Guard Maintenance Facility).

Public Works and Utilities Director Mark Relph explained that the construction of the Riverside Parkway will change the access to the Guard's Maintenance Facility and that may persuade the National Guard to find another location. If that occurs, the building could be used for City functions, especially for the Crime Lab and Evidence Storage on a temporary basis and eventually for Shops (Public Works) Operations. The Police Department will be touring the building to see if it will meet their needs for a temporary relocation. If the building is suitable, it may solve the Police Department's immediate need and Public Works' long term need.

Other considerations/ideas are:

- 1 - Construction of Public Works facilities on the Oda property, adjacent to the current shops property.
- 2 - After the Riverside Parkway project, the building and property being used for the Riverside Parkway office will be available for either other City operations or for sale.
- 3 - There will also be a number of remnant properties leftover from the Parkway project that may ultimately be useful for City operation facilities.

It was noted that Police and Fire Administration facilities will need to be replaced in the near future. It should be considered whether to keep Police and Fire Administration at the current location and move Fire Station No. 1 to another location or find a new location near the Mesa County Justice Center/Sheriff's Department, where sharing labs and evidence storage would be possible. Models will need to be run on possible new locations for Fire Station No. 1.

Regarding Parks Operations, the need is serious but whatever is done must be in conjunction with the recently drafted Lincoln Parks Master Plan. Whether Parks Operations are decentralized or kept centralized is another consideration. The irrigation system reconstruction at Lincoln Park Golf Course is needed soon and the design will depend on this outcome.

Although \$2.5 million has been set aside for facilities, and additional funds will be set aside annually, it will take a bond issue or some other funding mechanism to meet all these needs in the future.

Action summary: City Manager Arnold summarized the discussion: Staff will: 1 – pursue the opportunity to obtain the National Guard Maintenance Facility, 2 – meet with Mesa County on possibilities for consolidating Police and Sheriff operations, 3 – determine the value of the property that the Police and Fire Station No. 1 currently sits on (one block), 4 – verify that the use of the Oda property for staging the Parkway construction will be flexible, 5 – map the remnants from the Parkway project, 6 – coordinate the Lincoln Park Master Plan with the location of a Park Maintenance Facility. A report on these items will be brought back to City Council in 2-3 months.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.