

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP SUMMARY
February 27, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met on Monday, February 27, 2006 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium to discuss workshop items. Those present were Councilmembers Bonnie Beckstein, Teresa Coons, Jim Doody, Gregg Palmer, Jim Spehar, and President of the Council Bruce Hill. Councilmember Doug Thomason entered at 7:05 p.m.

Summaries and action on the following topics:

1. **RIVERSIDE PARKWAY PHASE 2 UPDATE:** Mark Relph, Public Works and Utilities Director, introduced the update. He cautioned the City Council that the price of the construction materials and noted the efforts being made by the Parkway Staff trying to try to keep the project cost as efficient as possible. Jim Shanks, Riverside Parkway Project Manager, presented Phase 2 regarding the scope, schedule, construction sequencing, and reviewed the budget for this phase of the Riverside Parkway. He updated Council on the progress of Phase 1 and Phase 2 and said Phase 2 is located at the west end of the roadway, starting at Redlands Parkway and the River Road intersection. He said the plan is to complete the entire project by 2008 and said Phase 2 bids will be opened April 11, 2006. The cost estimate for Phase 2 is \$24 to \$27 million and said one third of the cost is bridges and walls. Mr. Shanks said the urban design and landscaping features are still intact and the costs are about 4.6% and said the storm sewer is about 10% of the project. He identified the materials where the costs have really gone up. Mr. Shanks then described each section of Phase 2, illustrating the alignments. He said the adjustments to the existing structures will be made to accommodate the new road and pedestrian facilities that will accompany the construction. He then described the bridge structures, the landscaping/urban design techniques, and the bridge rails. He talked about the construction sequencing and said the area around 25 Road will be closed while that bridge and accompanying structures are being built. Mr. Shanks said while the Broadway piece is under construction traffic will be restricted to two lanes going out and one lane going into town and said that area will be under construction 9 to 10 months.

Councilmember Doody inquired about what has been done to save money. Mr. Shanks responded that changes have been made to the bridges regarding profile, height, and length. He said timing on traffic control and giving the contractor more flexibility are two other cost-saving measures.

Council President Pro Tem Palmer asked if there are any areas where the cost is going to be a concern. Mr. Shanks said the issues will be known when Staff opens the bids, but certainly the asphalt costs and fuel costs are the major concerns. He said commodities are also in a state of flux, but once the bids are opened for Phase 2, they will have a good idea as to the cost of Phase 3.

Action summary: The City Council thanked Mr. Shanks for the update.

Council President Hill called a recess at 8:42 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

2. **SPRING CLEANUP UPDATE:** Tim Moore, Public Works Manager, introduced this item. He detailed the changes to the 2006 program and said the collection of tires is very costly. He said it has been limited to car and truck tires with a maximum of eight tires per household. He suggested that tire collection be a separate program taking place after the clean-up program. He felt there would be more control and said the number could be controlled as well as customers would be verified as City residents.

Councilmember Thomason suggested a tire drop off program for the City residents.

Councilmember Beckstein agreed.

Councilmember Coons liked the separate program idea, but wanted to make sure the program continues because old tires that collect water breed mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus.

Councilmember Spehar agreed and said he does not want to see tires being disposed of in the desert.

Council President Pro Tem Palmer and Councilmember Doody agreed.

Mr. Moore said hazardous materials are also a problem and the Department would like to raise awareness to the City residents. Mr. Moore said the last issue is the maximum load per household. He said the current policy is asking residents to call ahead and then the disposer is later billed for the extra service. He said the recommendation is to take a little more liberal approach and not limit the quantity but document any overages.

Action summary: It was City Council's direction to separate the tire program and make it a drop off program, increase education and raise

awareness on hazardous materials and regarding quantities, the maximum amounts will be viewed more liberally, i.e. the overages will be picked up, yet Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

