

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
READINESS SESSION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012, 5:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
250 N. 5TH STREET**

To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025

- 1. Update on Greater Downtown Plan:** An update on the planning process for a Greater Downtown Plan including the development of the Plan, the technical committee meetings, meetings with individual property owners and two public open houses. [Attach W-1](#)
- 2. Fire Department :** A department overview and update on the Fire Facilities Development Plan to discuss future fire station locations, response time standards, and the need for an Emergency Response Training Center. In addition, policy issues related to City residents who receive fire and emergency medical services from the Clifton Fire Protection District and Regional Fire and Emergency Medical Services will be discussed. [Attach W-2](#)



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Proposed Meeting Date:
March 5, 2012

**Attach W-1
Greater Downtown Plan**

**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT
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Topic: Greater Downtown Plan Update

Staff (Name & Title): Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director
Kathy Portner, Neighborhood Services Manager
Kristen Ashbeck, Senior Planner
John Shaver, City Attorney

Summary:

City Council gave staff direction at its September 19, 2011 workshop to move forward with a planning process for a Greater Downtown Plan. Since then, staff has been working on development of the Plan, including technical committee meetings, meetings with individual property owners and two public open houses.

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Staff will review the actions and progress to date on the Greater Downtown Plan including meetings with key property owners and the technical committee and a summary of the public open houses, materials presented and input received.
- 2) Mixed Use Commercial in the Rail and River Districts
- 3) Proposed standards for corridors
- 4) Building standards and incentives in the Central Business District
- 5) Las Colonias Park Development
- 6) Next Steps

Previously presented or discussed:

City Council discussed the Greater Downtown Plan at its September 19, 2011 workshop.

Attachments:

N/A



Date: 2-29-12
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 Proposed Meeting Date:
3-5-12

**Attach W-2
 Fire Department Presentation**

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Topic: Fire Department Capital/Policy Presentation
Staff (Name & Title): Ken Watkins, Fire Chief Jim Bright, Deputy Fire Chief

Summary:

The Fire Department will be presenting a department overview and update on the Fire Facilities Development Plan to discuss future fire station locations, response time standards, and the need for an Emergency Response Training Center. In addition, policy issues related to City residents who receive fire and emergency medical services from the Clifton Fire Protection District and Regional Fire and Emergency Medical Services will be discussed.

Background, Analysis and Options:

Fire Facilities Development Plan

In 2008, Emergency Services Consulting inc. (ESCi) conducted a fire station location study for the City. Their recommendations were to construct three new neighborhood stations in the short term and four additional stations in the long term. The Public Safety Initiative in 2008 included the three neighborhood stations. In 2010, the City GIS Division purchased the same software used by ESCi, giving staff the ability to further evaluate station locations and the number of additional stations needed. Internal analysis led to the conclusion that the same results recommended by ESCi could be achieved by relocating two stations, constructing two new stations in the short term and two additional stations in the long term. This would reduce the total number of stations recommended by ESCi from 12 to 9. These findings were presented to Council at their retreat in June 2011. Since then, staff has evaluated the service impacts of each proposed station to determine the preferred order of development. These findings will be presented along with discussion on response time standards and development of a dedicated emergency response training facility.

Regional Fire and Emergency Medical Services

For over 20 years, regional or cooperative fire and emergency medical service has been discussed or studied locally as an option for providing service. More recently, this topic has been discussed as fire departments have been impacted by the recession

with reduced revenues and struggled to meet increasing demands for service. For the past two and a half years the Grand Junction Fire Department and Clifton Fire Protection District has explored increased cooperation in a variety of areas. Other fire districts in the Grand Valley have also began discussing cooperative services with their adjoining districts or with their respective governing boards. Staff will be presenting the basic advantages, obstacles and options for regional fire and emergency medical service for City Council consideration. This discussion will include information related to City residents living east of 30 Road and receiving fire and emergency medical services from the Clifton Fire Protection District. In 2007, the City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Clifton Fire Protection District to provide these services.

Board or Committee Recommendation:

No board of committee recommendation.

Financial Impact/Budget:

No financial impact at this time.

Legal issues:

The City is a partner to intergovernmental agreements for mutual and automatic aid with other Mesa County Fire Departments. Regional Fire and Emergency Medical Services could affect these agreements.

Other issues:

No other issues.

Previously presented or discussed:

The Fire Department Fire Facilities Development Plan was presented at the City Council Retreat in June 2011.

Attachments:

To be distributed at the Readiness Meeting.