

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
July 18, 2016 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 5:10 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

City Council Members present: All except Councilmember McArthur

Staff present: Caton, Moore, Shaver, Valentine, Hockins, Finlayson, Thornton, Portner, and Tuin

Also: Consultant Diane Kruse, Diane Schwenke, Les Miller, John Maraschin, Richard Swingle, Dennis Simpson, Bruce Lohmiller, and Amy Hamilton

Council President Norris called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Broadband Update

Deputy City Manager Tim Moore opened up the discussion by saying the landscape may have changed since the last discussion. At the March 14th workshop the direction was to pursue a public/private partnership where the City owns the network, the City will hire a programmer, and it is anticipated that build out will take three years. He noted that the committee has done some community outreach but perhaps a statistically valid survey should be the next step.

Councilmember Kennedy noted that there has been some information in the press that the two existing providers will have more offerings. He asked how that impacts what the committee is currently working on as he has not seen any commitment from those providers for increased residential service.

Deputy City Manager Moore advised that the City has asked for a formal quote on providing service to the City in order to gauge that commitment.

Council President Norris posed the question as what is it the citizens want. She asked for an overview of the project status.

City Manager Caton suggested a survey will connect the “wants” with the price, help determine if residential or business service is important, and whether this is an Economic Development Project.

Although there was not agreement in who needed to be served, the approach, and the scope of the project, all Councilmembers agreed more information is needed through a survey.

Agenda Topic 2. Committee and Board Reports

The reports were postponed to a later date.

Agenda Topic 3. Other Business

There was none.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

WORKSHOP, 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET

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- 1. Broadband Update:** Staff will update the City Council on the broadband project and ask for further input regarding the preferred Public Private Partnership structure and whether to contract to have a statistically valid broadband interest survey completed. **Attachment**
- 2. Committee and Board Reports**
- 3. Other Business**