

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**  
**April 17, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached**

Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

City Council Members present: All Councilmembers except Kennedy

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, LeBlanc, Bowman, Watkins, McInnis, Beard, Hazelhurst, and Tuin

Also: Richard Swingle, Mike Price (TCA Architecture & Planning), Duke Wortmann (Councilmember Elect), Amy Hamilton (Daily Sentinel).

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Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

**Presentation on the City of Grand Junction Fire Department/Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Fire Station Partnership Feasibility Study**

City Manager Caton introduced Mike Price of TCA Architecture + Planning + Design and Fire Chief Ken Watkins who will give the presentation.

Chief Watkins provided a brief history of the fire station feasibility study that was previously done. The north area was identified as an area needing a station and the idea of a shared facility with the airport is frequently mentioned. Therefore, this feasibility study was commissioned.

Mike Price introduced himself and listed his credentials. He walked through the modeling and the benefits of combining the Fire Station with an Airport Rescue and Firefighting Station (ARFF) at the SW perimeter of the airport:

- There are standards for both municipal and airport fire stations.
- Modeling was based on 2016 calls for service.
- Reviewed space needs for each operation.
- Explained the work load distribution at surrounding stations and the impact on workload of the various location options.
- Airport may need to increase staffing, with the possibility of longer planes at the airport.
- Space needs compared with Fire Station 4, looked at shared and separated facilities.
- Described security with a combined facility which is different than a municipal station, different locations on airport property (6D & 6E), and explained incident types and average travel times.
- Over 15,000 calls in jurisdiction; “bullseye” areas at St. Mary’s, Community Hospital, and the Airport.
- Modeled optimized travel areas for all five existing stations with 4-minute distribution travel.
- Growth is west and north, looked at growth at Station 3, possible growth near Community Hospital.
- Findings: 6A & 6B, pretty similar; Station 3 supports St. Mary’s and west of town (big response area); FAA requirements, ARFF staff on site when commercial aircraft are on site, more need with growth, and what happens now if a call is between midnight and 6:00 a.m.

- Recommendations: co-locate on or near 6A location; benefits will be call load due to growth, cost sharing, cross training, collaborative partnership, and no neighborhoods would be impacted.

Chief Watkins gave a wrap up: 6B & 6C are the best location options for the City (off-site of Airport), best option for the community is a partnership with the airport; funding, timing, and cost is critical.

### **Municipal Court Operations**

Councilmember Chazen presented an overview of the process he and Councilmember McArthur have worked through with the Municipal Judge regarding these three items: 1) Associate Judge Appointment, 2) Performance Review process for the Municipal Judge, and 3) New Fees. Councilmember Chazen presented the committee's recommendations. With 1) there is not a lot of dollars in the budget to currently hire an associate judge(s) but to use a substitute judge(s) when necessary for remainder of the year. 2) performance evaluation is consisting of with three pieces – Job Description, Performance evaluation criteria similar to the City Manager and City Attorney, and possible use of a 360 review with the Judge since Council does not work directly with her. 3) Fees recommended being brought forward to add to the Court system of \$25 payment plan fee and \$10 proof of insurance fee. These will be addressed along with the presentation of the other City fees being considered by Council in the near future.

After a general discussion regarding these issues several ideas came forward that the committee will need to continue to work through regarding the Court: a new member to replace Councilmember Chazen, implementation of HB-1613-09, neighborhood court, and the benefits and compensation for Judge McInnis which is not in place currently. Councilmember Chazen said an executive session will need to be scheduled. It was decided the first 15 minutes of the pre-meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 will be dedicated to an executive session.

### **Agenda Topic 2. Update**

City Manager Caton introduced Reggie Bicha, Director of the Colorado Department of Human Services, to give an update on Grand Junction Regional Center Campus.

- Department of Human Services (DHS) by law is required to operate 3 regional centers for adults with developmental disorders in Pueblo, Wheatridge, and Grand Junction. Currently two licenses types – campus and group homes along with day programing.
- DHS is a large employer in the valley with 250 State employees.
- Grand Junction Regional Center is not closing only the current location due to cost and sustainable cost of care, but will still be located on the western slope.
- Reassembling an advisory group to look at other options and locations.
- Focus on a Person Centered Choice (part of legislation), 22 clients locally want to stay in Grand Junction; also need to think about serving the next generation.
- State currently doesn't have any plans for the property, the State Architect will take care of that, not DHS.
- Council asked about the Fort Lyon facility, he explained Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is the lead agency for that project.

There was a discussion regarding concerns of the property, active role of Councilmembers, multiple options, the homeless coalition, campus property, current residents, and how to talk to the State Architect. Council wants to have an active role in this planning process.

Agenda Topic 3. Next Workshop Topics

City Manager Caton talked about the upcoming workshops; May 1<sup>st</sup> CDBG; May 15<sup>th</sup> Broadband, City fees; and other upcoming things (vendor fees, parking, PIF's), Council assignments, CML policy committee appointment, court committee, and the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**

**PRE-MEETING (DINNER) 5:00 P.M. ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
WORKSHOP, 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM  
250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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- 1. Discussion Topics**
  - a. Presentation of the City of Grand Junction Fire Department/Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority Fire Station Partnership Feasibility Study
  - b. Municipal Court Operations
- 2. Update**
  - a. Update on the Grand Junction Regional Center Campus
- 3. Next Workshop Topics**
- 4. Other Business**