

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
May 15, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 p.m.

City Council Members present: All Councilmembers present except Barbara Traylor Smith

Staff present: Caton, LeBlanc, Lanning, Romero, Longenecker, Portner, Allen, Finlayson, Schoeber, Hockins, Zen, Beard, Valentine, Watkins, McInnis, and Tuin

Also: Don Pettygrew, Tim Pollard, Allison Blevins, Richard Swingle, Josh Hudrall, and Maria Rainsdon (Pinnacle Venue Services)

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

Broadband Project Discussion

City Manager Caton reviewed with City Council what has taken place since the March 13, 2017 Workshop where Council directed the City Manager to meet with incumbent broadband providers in order to understand how they may foster the growth of high-speed broadband. The City Manager and staff met with each of the incumbents (CenturyLink, Fujitsu, Emery Telecom, Charter Communications and Utopia Fiber) where open frank discussions took place. City Manager Caton suggested smaller group meetings with each of the providers with one or two Councilmembers present. After further discussion, Council agreed and determined that the topic will be back on the workshop agenda in four weeks with provider representatives that have the authority to speak for the company in attendance. City Manager Caton will make those arrangements.

Discussion of Fees and Rates Philosophies and Review of Staff Recommendations for 2018

City Manager Caton reviewed that in the 2017 budget process, staff was directed to conduct a comprehensive review of rates and fees across all departments. The rates and fees for services are based on a set of philosophies. Those vary based on considerations such as benefit to the overall community, cost recovery models, comparison to the market and other entities, as well as legal considerations. A memo was created with information by department with historical perspective, the philosophies behind the rates and fees, and examples of proposed changes for 2018. Council reviewed each department's history, changes for 2018, current and new fees, cost recovery pyramids, community and individual benefits, the fees for Las Colonias Amphitheater, the percent of operations covered by fees, open records request fees as allowed by State, charges for Auditorium use, and the contract with Pinnacle Venue Services. There was a general discussion regarding the use of the Avalon. City Manager Caton thanked Council for the discussion noting there are a couple of items for follow-up. The next time Council will see fees, it will be in a Resolution for their consideration.

Board and Commission Assignments for City Council

Council President Taggart inquired about going forward without Councilmember Traylor Smith being present. After discussion, it was decided that it would be best not to delay, and to go forward with this topic.

Council President Taggart said to start off he would like to start by removing his name from the 2017 Assignments (PIAB and GJEP). He also explained that he will step down from the Airport Board next year.

There was discussion regarding specific assignments and it was suggested that appointments be limited to a 2-year assignment. The list was completed and a resolution will be added to the City Council meeting for Wednesday May 17, 2017. City Manager Caton confirmed the assignments by reading the list. All Council present agreed.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

For the June 5, 2017 Workshop - The PLACE Group, the Greater Downtown Plan, and the Riverfront Commission on E-bikes.

Agenda Topic 3. Other Business

Councilmember McArthur said he will not be at the City Council meeting on Wednesday May 17, 2017. He expressed his concerns regarding the Bonsai Design Incentive Agreement since he will not be present. He is against giving them the funding, said their financials should be reviewed, and if they are an anchor tenant and on the Las Colonias Development Corporate board, he sees this as a conflict.

Council President Taggart suggested prior to the legislative session that the subsidy for AMTRAK was proposed being cut 6% from the Federal government. There was a consensus from Council to have City Manager Caton write a letter to our senators. City Manager Caton said before the next legislative session, he will have a legislative agenda and bring that to Council which will outline what he proposes the City should be active on.

Councilmember Kennedy let Council know he sent City Manager Caton an article on net neutrality regarding privacy on the internet connections on franchise renewals, they are proposing making it an "opt in" instead of an "opt out". City Manager Caton said this will be something in the future that will be looked at.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

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

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1. **Discussion Topics**
 - a. Broadband Project Discussion
 - b. Board and Commission Assignments for City Council
 - c. Discussion of Fees and Rates Philosophies and Review of Staff Recommendations for 2018
2. **Next Workshop Topics**
3. **Other Business**