

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

Meeting Convened: 5:42 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.

City Council Members present: All Councilmembers

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, LeBlanc, Camper, Watkins, Portner, Romero, Lanning, and Kemp

Others present: Richard Swingle, Kevin Bray, Poppy Woody, John Williams, Diane Schwenke, Alex Chaffetz, and many others

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Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

Council President Taggart advised the order of discussion for this workshop will be School District 51, the Ballot questions from Mesa County and the City, and then the Street name change.

**Discussion on November Ballot Questions including School District 51**

John Williams, School District 51 Board member, introduced the people with him which were Kelli Fleniken, Doug Levinston, and Phil Onofrio with the District. He described the “Citizens for District 51” group and what has taken place so far. The citizens’ committee decided what to cut within the budget and what is essentially needed. A survey was conducted of the community. John Williams reviewed what will be included in the 2017 Bond and Mill Levy Over-Ride:

- \$40 Million to Replace Orchard Mesa Middle School
- \$44 Million for Priority One Maintenance/Repairs
- \$11 Million for Technology in Classroom
- \$2.5 Million for Security in Schools
- \$5 Million for Gym at Dual Immersion Academy
- \$5 Million for Auxiliary Gym at Palisade High School
- \$3.2 Million for Five Additional School Contact Days
- \$2 Million for Curriculum (Book & Digital)
- \$300 Thousand to Support Technology
- \$1 Million for Ongoing School Repairs

He then discussed the tax increase per value, support from the Poll (on the Bond 57%, on the Mill 53%), and how marijuana money is distributed.

They asked for endorsement and contributions. Ms. Fleniken explained how the committee wants to be transparent and encouraged Council to look at the website to view all priorities.

The official launching of the campaign will be July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. She then explained the committee will be presenting to all the Towns, Boards, and Chambers in the area.

Council directed staff to develop a resolution in support of the ballot questions.

### **County Ballot Issue in Relationship to Public Safety Issues in the Community**

Council President Taggart said about a month ago in a workshop, it was discussed to put a question on the ballot. After several conversations with the County, it was not successful in changing the language on the ballot issue. Council President Taggart sees three options which are 1) go forward with ballot issues dealing with the City's specific needs and Grand Valley Regional Communication Center (GVRCC); 2) decline being involved in the ballot at all - assess the City's needs and come back at a later date; 3) after a meeting with Commissioner McInnis, he agreed the GVRCC is underfunded and he will work to get \$1 to \$1.2 million for the GVRCC. Details will need to be worked out. City Manager Caton said 3-4 years ago there was a discussion with the County, and that the sales tax breakout was used for discussion points. Council discussed developing an Authority, a fee schedule, having the City collaborate with the County, and what steps should be done going forward. The consensus was to get the fee structure in place first.

### **Changing North Avenue to University Blvd. and 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Maverick Way**

Alex Chaffetz, CMU 20,000 Steering Committee, Kevin Bray with the North Avenue Owners Association, and Diane Schwenke, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, were present to request the name change of North Avenue to University Blvd., and to ask City staff to put a timeline of infrastructure of improvements together. Topics also discussed were:

- Developing a plan for the implementation of the Complete Streets Plan and whether or not it should be part of the 10-year capital plan, and developing what it might look like
- Change the name of North Avenue to University Blvd. and investigate changing 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Maverick Way, phased in over the next 6-9 months
- Timeline for implementation, phase it in, people want change
- Grant opportunities, CMU increasing enrollment to 20,000 students
- What the University would contribute financially for this project

City Manager Caton suggested separating the road improvements from the name change and include it in the 10-year capital plan and bring the resolution forward to Council right now renaming University Blvd. The cost of the fabrication of street signs in-house is about \$22,000 for materials and the timing for the City would be November through March due to staffing levels for installation. The drawings provided were for illustration purpose; the national uniform standards will not allow the use of these colors displayed since North Avenue is a State Highway.

## Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

City Manager Caton said the July 31<sup>st</sup> workshop was slated to be cancelled but it could be left open in case a topic comes up. The August 14<sup>th</sup> workshop is scheduled to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) excess funds and a couple other items will also be added.

Interim City Clerk Kemp asked the Council about volunteers for doing the interviews for the Urban Trails Committee. Councilmembers Traylor Smith, Boeschenstein, and Mayor Taggart volunteered. She will look at their schedules and get back to them.

There being no future business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

WORKSHOP, APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM  
250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

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1. **Discussion Topics**
  - a. Discussion on November Ballot Questions including School District 51
  - b. Changing North Avenue to University Blvd. and 12th Street to Maverick Way
2. **Next Workshop Topics**
3. **Other Business**