

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
September 18, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:42 p.m.

City Council Members present: All Councilmembers except Councilmember Boeschstein

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, LeBlanc, Allen, and Winkelmann

Mayor Taggart called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

a. 2017 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocate Additional Funding

Kristen Ashbeck, Senior Planner, CDBG Administrator, explained that in May, City Council approved CDBG funding for specific projects totaling \$381,538 (from an estimate of funds to be received in 2017 and unspent funds from 2015). The City received \$25,521 over the 2017 CDBG estimate for a total allocation received of \$400,521. The purpose of tonight's discussion is for Council to reconsider eligible allocation applications and direct staff to provide an amendment to the 2017 Action Plan approved on July 5, 2017 if further 2017 allocations are approved.

Ms. Ashbeck said of the \$25,521 remaining to be allocated, \$5,104 more may be allocated to Administration (20% cap) and \$3,828 more may be allocated to Services Projects (15% cap). From the March 15, 2017 applications, three projects were partially funded: HomewardBound of the Grand Valley Food Purchase; Grand Valley Catholic Outreach Day Center Renovation; and Riverside Park Improvements. Additionally, two eligible projects were not funded: Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs, which are both Services Projects. These funds may also be carried over to 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding possible allocation amounts and the various program's needs. A decision was made to contribute an additional \$1,835 to HomewardBound of the Grand Valley and have the remainder, \$23,686, go to leverage funds for the Riverside Park Improvements. City Manager Caton reported Riverside Park will have a GOCO site tour next week.

b. Protocol for Public Comment on Agenda Items at Workshops

Mayor Taggart opened the topic of public input at Workshops noting it can be confusing to citizens to know if they can speak at Workshops and it would be helpful to have a protocol in place.

There was discussion regarding ensuring the process is open, if and when public input at Workshops is appropriate, how best to communicate when public comment can be made, educate the public that the purpose of Workshops is for Council education (not lobbying), invite groups that would provide educational materials pertinent to the subject, provide education on the public input process, add time during regular Council meetings for public comment on Workshop topics, allow staff to address concerns brought forward by citizens' during presentations, encourage public to submit information (via email, voice mail, etc.), add information to agendas regarding the purpose of the specific meeting, and announce information regarding public input at regular meeting.

City Manager Caton said if information is received early enough it could be included in Workshop packets. Workshops are generally dedicated to staff and specific group educational presentations to Council and public comment is given at regular meetings.

City Attorney Shaver said in the past Workshops were used as briefings and discussion time for Council and if a Workshop topic was thought to require further discussion it was added to a regular meeting agenda.

City Manager Caton suggested having "Discussion/Possible Action" noted on regular meeting agendas for resolutions and/or controversial items which would allow Council public input and/or the opportunity to send items back to a Workshop for further discussion.

There was support expressed for discussion at City Council regular meetings for possible controversial topics and to consider adding an explanation paragraph to agendas.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

Budget Overview/Presentation - October 2nd and 16th

Other Business

Persigo Agreement

Councilmember Norris asked if the Persigo Agreement is still needed and questioned the productivity of the meetings.

Mayor Taggart suggested procedural items be outlined in advance of the meeting.

Councilmember McArthur suggested using the same process as a Conference Committee in the Senate to determine Persigo agenda items.

City Attorney Shaver explained the Persigo Agreement is the result of a lawsuit settlement 20 years ago, but that some contexts of the Agreement are no longer relevant. However, the Agreement still promotes and provides for City growth opportunities through annexation and the extension of sewer service (other services are provided through other regional/valley wide agreements). City Attorney Shaver said Council could look into decoupling the annexation and sewer services and noted the current procedure is costly to the City.

Discussion ensued regarding: decoupling sewer infrastructure and annexation; development standards; City services.

Mayor Taggart suggested meeting with the County to discuss the effectiveness of these meetings and received support from Council to explore this further.

City Attorney Shaver noted paragraph 9 of the Agreement calls for joint incentives for annexation.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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. 2017 Program Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Allocate Additional Funding
- b. Protocol for Public Comment on Agenda Items at Workshops

2. Next Workshop Topics

3. Other Business