

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
October 2, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

City Council Members present: Councilmembers Boeschstein, McArthur, Norris, and President of the Council Taggart. Councilmembers Kennedy attended the meeting via telephone and “Go to Meeting”. Councilmembers Traylor Smith and Wortmann were absent.

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, LeBlanc, Romero, Valentine, Longenecker, Caskey, Allen, McInnis, Prall, Tonello, Schoeber, Bowman, Watkins, Camper, Nordine, Zen, Creasy, and Kemp.

President of the Council Taggart called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

City Manager Caton reviewed the contents of the budget books handed out to Council which included the Transmittal Letter. City Manager Caton then reviewed the budget timeline, overview, and highlights, noting the Strategic Plan guided the budget development process by helping to align resources with goals. City Manager Caton added fee increases discussed earlier in the year will go into effect January 1, 2018, there will be no increase in wastewater rates, and Transportation Capacity Payments (TCP) will be discussed at the October 16th Workshop under Capital.

Councilmember McArthur asked what the Riverside Parkway Fund balance is currently. City Manager Caton said the balance is \$6 million.

Councilmember Boeschstein asked how TABOR affected the 2018 budget process. Finance Director Jodi Romero explained sales tax would have to significantly increase before it would impact the City’s TABOR excess and it has not.

Presenters listed in budget presentation order: Police Chief John Camper; Fire Chief Ken Watkins; Parks & Recreation Director Rob Schoeber; Interim Public Works Director Trent Prall; and Interim Utility Director Dan Tonello.

City Manager Caton noted many departments have “phase in” steps that will lead to the completion of large projects in future years (such as the north area fire station) which make them more financially feasible and about 50 % of the Spring Clean-up program cost has been captured in the Solid Waste Fund.

There was discussion regarding Regional Communication Center funding alternatives if Mesa County’s safety ballot measure does not pass, how smaller fire districts will cope with reduced City coverage and funding, how an ambulance-only station would coordinate with fire trucks if needed, why the Airport Authority is not able to afford a joint north area fire station (funds for the next few years are dedicated to the runway), how profitable Las Colonias Amphitheater has been (report due after year end), how the Grand Valley Transit service has helped elevate parking at the Las Colonias events, if and when the 5.2.1. Drainage District will have its own staff, rather than utilize City employees, percentage of fleet vehicles that are CNG (compressed natural gas), what measures could be taken to reduce the cost of street lighting, and if drilling wells have been established in the City’s watershed areas.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

October 16th

Budget: Grand Junction Downtown Business Improvement District, Horizon Drive Association Business Improvement District, Economic Development, Capital

October 30th

Budget: Downtown Development Authority

Other Business

There was none.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017**

**WORKSHOP, 4:00 P.M.
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM
250 N. 5TH STREET**

To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025

1. Discussion Topics

- a. Budget Overview and Major Operating Department Presentations:
Police Department, Fire Department, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Utilities

2. Next Workshop Topics

- a. Budget: Downtown Development Authority, Grand Junction Downtown Business Improvement District, Horizon Drive Association Business Improvement District, Economic Development, Capital

3. Other Business