

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
November 13, 2017 – Noticed Agenda Attached

Meeting Convened: 5:34 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 6:32 p.m.

City Council Members present: Councilmembers Boeschstein, Kennedy, McArthur, Norris, Traylor Smith, Wortmann, and President of the Council Taggart.

Staff present: Caton, Shaver, LeBlanc, Romero, Valentine, Longenecker, Caskey, Prall, Schoeber, Watkins, Camper, and Winkelmann.

President of the Council Taggart called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

Budget Reconciliation: The 2018 recommended budget has a surplus of budgeted revenues over budgeted expenses.

City Manager Caton noted:

- As of 10/02/2017, the recommended budget was \$158,336,372. Due to expense reductions and additional revenue, the General Fund surplus increased by \$942,678 to \$160,603,538.
- Funds for the replacement of Fire Truck #1 have been moved from 2017 to 2018. Transfers out to DDA have been reclassified to expenditures in the amount of \$1,301,743.
- Staff projected a five percent increase in revenues for the remainder of the year. September and October sales tax revenues came in higher than budgeted.
- The amount for Mesa County's portion of administrative overhead for Persigo was budgeted at 7.5% and staff is still working with the County to finalize the amount. The County has tentatively agreed to contribute 5%; this contribution reduction amounts to \$337,000. An expenditure for a consultant to review this overhead will be budgeted.
- With the passage of Mesa County Public Safety Sales Tax Question 1A, additional revenues will be available for \$418,000.

Discussion ensued about the following funding requests: Horizon Drive Improvements \$250,000; North Avenue median improvements \$100,000; CMU scholarship fund \$100,000; Avalon Foundation \$50,000.

Trent Prall, Director of Public Works, reviewed the improvements for Horizon Drive that would increase safety along that corridor, which includes medians, right-in/right-out turns, and roundabouts.

City Manager Caton discussed the importance of the City's Ten Year Capital Plan and how additional revenues can fund items in the Plan.

Council noted the value of having additional funds in reserves, especially in years when revenues come in lower than budgeted expenditures.

Councilmember Kennedy inquired into retiree health premiums. The adjusted amount that the General Fund will pay is \$168,108. City Manager Caton quickly reviewed the future of the retiree health insurance plan and how the benefit will no longer be offered to new employees.

City Manager Caton stated that staff will move forward with the modifications discussed this evening.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topic

December 4 – Invocation Discussion. The purpose of this item is to review the current process regarding the offering of invocations prior to City Council meetings and discuss changes, if any, City Council would like to make.

Other Business

Councilmembers reviewed upcoming events for the week:

Councilmember Kennedy reported a meeting of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) will be held on Wednesday.

Mayor Pro Tem Boeschstein noted a “Wild & Scenic Film Festival” is being held at the Avalon Theatre on Saturday.

Councilmember Traylor Smith stated a firm has been chosen for the recreation center feasibility study. City Manager Caton reported additional details will be provided shortly.

Councilmember McArthur invited everyone to attend a fundraiser at Glacier Ice Arena to assist with medical bills for a police officer’s infant son.

Mayor Taggart announced the new Airport Director will be named on Thursday.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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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 - a. Budget Reconciliation
- 2. Next Workshop Topics**
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- 3. Other Business**