

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY**  
**July 30, 2018 – Noticed Agenda Attached**

**Meeting Convened:** 5:36 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:21 p.m.

**City Councilmembers present:** Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Chris Kennedy, Duncan McArthur, Duke Wortmann, and Mayor Barbara Traylor Smith.

**Staff present:** City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Deputy City Attorney Jamie Beard, Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, Finance Director Jodi Romero, Human Resources Director Claudia Hazelhurst, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

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Mayor Traylor Smith called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics**

a. Municipal Court Ordinance

Mr. Shaver introduced the item. As a home rule municipality and in accordance with the City Charter and the Colorado Constitution, the City of Grand Junction may adopt an ordinance(s) setting forth the roles, responsibilities and duties of staff associated with the operation and administration of the Municipal Court. In the interest of good governance and fully utilizing the authority of local control, an ordinance has been drafted that describes the functions of the Municipal Court and defines the relationship between the other branches of the City government and the Court.

Additionally, the ordinance defines the structure and operation of the Court, a process for the appointment and evaluation of the Municipal Judges and the reporting relationships of Court staff. With those relationships clearly and well defined the City can set the future and long-term operation of the Court as determined by the City Council, the Charter, and the Constitution

Discussion ensued regarding jurisdiction, court of record, filling vacancies, makeup of nominating committee, term length, performance, duties, structure, temporary closures, court-appointed counsel, diversion agreements, deferred sentencing, costs, fees, and fines.

Support was expressed for the ordinance to be brought back for Council's formal consideration.

Discussion ensued about rescinding Resolution 43-16 at the August 1 Council meeting which would rescind the delegation of authority for supervision of the Court staff.

**Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics**

August 13 - Matchett Park Master Plan, Community Center, Overall Needs (Transportation and Public Safety).

September 3 Workshop is canceled due to the Labor Day holiday.

**3. Other Business**

Council expressed appreciation for the Lincoln Park Historic District signs.

**Adjournment**

The Workshop adjourned at 7:21 p.m.