

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
October 15, 2018

Meeting Convened: 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

City Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Bennett Boeschstein, Chris Kennedy, Duncan McArthur, Phyllis Norris, Rick Taggart, Duke Wortmann, and Mayor Barbara Traylor Smith.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Finance Director Jodi Romero, Budget Coordinator Linda Longenecker, Director of General Services Jay Valentine, Public Works Director Trent Prall, Human Resources Director Claudia Hazelhurst, Visit Grand Junction Director Elizabeth Fogarty, Visit Grand Junction Administrative Specialist Kim Machado, Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, Fire Chief Ken Watkins, Police Chief Doug Shoemaker, Utilities Director Randi Kim, Parks & Recreation Director Rob Schoeber, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director Traci Wieland, Communications Manager Sam Rainguet, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

Mayor Traylor Smith called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

- a. Budget
 - i. Colorado Mesa University Scholarship Funding Request
 - ii. Grand Junction Economic Development Partners-Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Incubator Center, and Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission Funding Request
 - iii. Review for Economic Development and Capital

President Tim Foster presented on the scholarship program for Colorado Mesa University and the request for \$150,000 for the upcoming year. CMU will fund years three and four of tuition for the current scholarship recipients. Personal stories were shared by the recipients as students of CMU.

Presenters for the Economic Development Partners included Robin Brown for the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, Diane Schwenke for the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, Jon Maraschin for the Business Incubator Center, and Jennifer Stoll for the Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission.

Ms. Brown reviewed the Northstar Report and changing economic development trends. She highlighted the move of the business Rocky Mounts from Boulder to Grand Junction.

Ms. Schwenke reviewed the Chamber's budget and discussed the foreign trade zone.

Mr. Maraschin reviewed the mission of the Business Incubator Center (BIC) and noted they help entrepreneurs with financing and business plans.

Ms. Stoll reviewed the Commission's strategic plan, which included increasing the board membership. City Manager Caton is serving on the Sports Commission board.

Mr. Caton reviewed the proposed Capital Budget, activity at Dos Rios, Tour the Moon, and street infrastructure needs.

Discussion ensued about the City's contribution to CMU and non-profit requests, broadband, funding economic development efforts, and public safety needs.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

The November 5 Workshop will be a budget overview for the Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District, and Horizon Drive Business Improvement District.

3. Other Business

None.

Adjournment

The Workshop adjourned at 8:55 p.m.