

A Message from the Mayor



Grand Junction City Council

I am happy to present to you the **City of Grand Junction 2019 Calendar and Annual Report** on behalf of your City Council. As has been the case for as long as we have been distributing a calendar, we take the opportunity to present the City's year-end report inside a document that we hope you find not only full of valuable information but also beautiful to keep around all year. Photography of the Grand Junction area is second to none as a result of the breathtaking, diverse landscape that surrounds us.

The photos in the calendar this year focus partially on the theme of getting out and recreating in the beautiful outdoors that surrounds us – and I think that matches up with the unbelievable “can do” attitude of Grand Junction residents. I am reminded every single day how fortunate we all are to call this community our home, and I hope you join me in that sentiment. The outdoor adventures we have available to us here are unparalleled, and the people here are unmatched!

As we enter 2019, we are hearing more and more that Grand Junction is starting to become a place that many recognize for being a desirable location to live and visit. I am so excited to be serving as Mayor right now as our community really starts to be noticed for what we have

always known. However, we still have plenty of work to do to make sure it remains a great place for those who already live here.

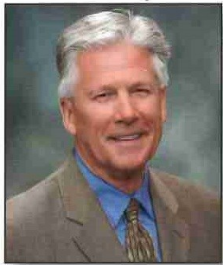
In 2019, as we continue to work for all of you alongside our very committed City staff to implement the directives of our strategic plan, we have several important things before us. In April 2019 voters will elect citizens to City Council representing Districts B and C and one District at Large. You will also vote to let us know if a new tax for a community center is something with which you agree. We will be moving forward with one of our many partnerships to greatly expand the potential for our local convention center and spur even more vibrancy downtown. We will be opening a temporary ambulance station on 27 Road in anticipation of a permanent fire station. And we will be reaching out to all of you as we begin the review of our Comprehensive Plan which will continue to help guide us as we manage and direct the growth and livability of Grand Junction.

On behalf of your City Council, we wish each of you a tremendous 2019 and thank you immensely for making Grand Junction the wonderful place it is!


Mayor Barbara Traylor Smith

This is Just Some of What Kept Us Busy in 2018:

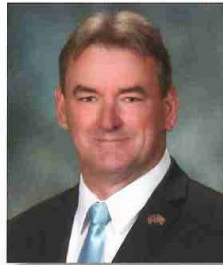
- The City and Mesa County partnered on a future proposed 29 Road/I-70 interchange by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a preliminary environmental study.
- Under a contract with a private management company, Two Rivers Convention Center and the Avalon Theatre had one of the best years ever resulting in a \$195,000 decrease in City subsidy.
- Robust development activity related to a strengthening economy kept our Community Development Department extremely busy.
- Partnering with Colorado Mesa University, the City allocated \$250,000 to the “Grand Junction Opportunity Scholarship Program” which funded college scholarships for 2018 graduates of District 51 schools.
- We broke ground on Las Colonias Business Park, which along with Las Colonias Park, will restore and revitalize over 147 acres of City-owned land along the Colorado River into a vibrant recreational and business environment.
- We congratulated new Mayor Barbara Traylor Smith and returning Mayor Pro Tem Bennett Boeschstein.
- Results of a Community Center feasibility study were presented to City Council demonstrating the community's support. Council responded by forwarding a ballot question to the April election on the matter.
- Reconstruction of 7th Street between North Avenue and Orchard Avenue was completed and the second phase from Orchard Avenue to Patterson will roll out in 2019. These projects, along with many others around town, are being paid for with funds approved by voters in the April 2017 election.
- A \$7.3 million renovation of Two Rivers Convention Center was awarded in preparation for construction of a hotel to be constructed by local business owners. Once complete, the hotel will be connected to the convention center and provide a significant increase in available conference space and spur additional commercial activity downtown.
- A house on 27 Road just north of G Road was purchased to construct a temporary ambulance station. The property will become the home of permanent Fire Station #6.
- Due to prolonged drought and high temperatures, mandatory water restrictions were implemented for all City of Grand Junction water customers who use City water for outdoor use. City facilities, including parks and golf courses, followed suit.
- Improvements to pedestrian safety along Horizon Drive were advanced with the installation of three crosswalks and new lighting between G Road and I-70.



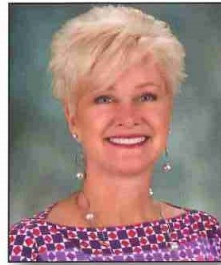
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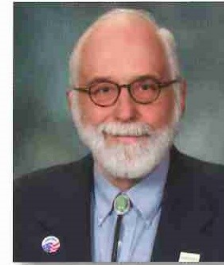
Phyllis Norris



Chris Kennedy



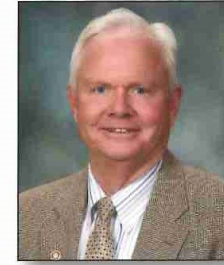
Mayor
Barbara Traylor Smith



Mayor Pro Tem
Bennett Boeschstein



Duncan McArthur



Duke Wortmann

- Volunteer Boards & Commissions -

The City of Grand Junction currently has 19 standing boards, commissions and authorities consisting of approximately 125 volunteer members. All board members are appointed by the Grand Junction City Council and serve without compensation. Boards and commissions are established for the purpose of acquiring and studying information in specific areas and to make recommendations to City Council on issues within the board's area of expertise.

Recruitment efforts are made throughout the year, with vacancies advertised on the City's website. City Council reviews the applications and determines whether an interview session is appropriate. The City Clerk's Office coordinates the recruitment and appointment process for all boards and commissions. Each board and commission is supported by a staff liaison and a Council liaison.

Interested in serving on a board or commission? Visit the City's website at www.gjcity.org to complete your application.

The information listed here is current as of September 2018. Not every City board and commission is listed.

Airport Authority – Grand Junction Regional Airport

The Airport Authority sets policy and oversees the operations of the airport, ensuring compliance with its by-laws, the State Public Airport Authority Law and FAA regulations. The Board meets at 5:15 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month with additional committee meetings as needed.

Rick Taggart
Tom Benton
Erling Brabaek
Charles McDaniel
Robin Brown
Thaddeus Shrader

Commission on Arts & Culture

The mission of the Commission on Arts and Culture is to enhance local arts and cultural opportunities and development, encourage cooperation and collaboration among arts organizations, provide information to area artists and arts agencies, and establish community arts priorities. The Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Gary Ambrosier
Kristian Hartter
Roseann Lyle
Honora Thompson
Mark Marino
Donna Fullerton
Nora Hughes
Sarah Meredith-Dishong
Dean Harris

Downtown Development Authority(DDA)/Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District(DGJBID)

The DDA's primary purpose is to facilitate the development and reinvestment in downtown Grand Junction. The Board of Directors establishes policy and directs the Authority in its efforts. The meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. DDA Board members also serve as the board for the DGJBID. The DGJBID Board provides a continuity of effort in the promotion and revitalization of the business activities in the District by improving the economic vitality and overall commercial appeal of the Downtown area. The DGJBID board meets monthly, the second Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Duncan Rowley
Thomas LaCroix
Josh Niernberg
Maria Rainsdon
Vance Wagner
Jason Farrington
Dan Meyer
Phyllis Norris
Doug Simons, Jr.

Grand Junction Forestry Board

The Board acts as a reviewing body for the purpose of determining professional qualifications and competence to engage in the business of cutting, trimming, pruning, spraying or removing trees by giving written, oral and practical license examinations. The Board also makes recommendations to the City Council for the adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to the tree service business in the City, and may hear complaints from citizens relating to the tree service business. The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Kamie Long
Justin Drissel
Susan Carter
Vince Urbina
Teddy Hildebrandt
Charles Thompson
Mollie Higginbotham

Historic Preservation Board

The Historic Preservation Board is responsible for recommending designation of historic resources to City Council for listing on the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The Board also reviews proposed alterations to designated sites as necessary and generally promotes historic preservation in the Grand Junction community. The Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Chris Endreson
Greg Gnesios
Troy Reynolds
Brandon Stam
David Bailey
Jody Motz
Ron Parron

Horizon Drive Business Improvement District

The function of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District Board of Directors is to take such actions and perform such duties as are required of the operations of the District. The District is allowed to make and contemplate a broad range of public improvements. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Chuck Keller
Bill Milius
Cameron Reece
Linda Romer Todd
Fonda Delcamp
Jay Moss
Darshann Ruckman

Housing Authority

The Housing Authority provides safe and sanitary dwellings and apartments for persons of low and moderate income. The Housing Authority meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Tami Beard
John Howe
Chris Launer
Phyllis Norris
Ivan Geer
Timothy Hudner
Scott Proper

One Riverfront (formerly Riverfront Commission)

One Riverfront is charged with planning, advocating and implementing a multifaceted program to redevelop and reclaim the Colorado riverfront within the Grand Valley. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

J. Fred Barbero
Larry Copeland
Laney Heath
Orilee Witte
Duke Wortmann
David Varner
Rondo Buecheler
Laura Tyre Hannam
Karen Jefferson
Catherine Ventling
JoAnna Woodruff
Thomas Moore

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Board assists in the planning of recreation activities and helps promote a long-range program for the development of the City's park system. The Board meets the first Thursday of each month at noon.

Marc Litzen
Abby Landmeier
Sam Susuras
Bob Wiig
William Findlay
Gary Schroen
Byron Wiehe
Duke Wortmann

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission hears and decides many planning and zoning related issues and makes recommendations to the City Council on similar matters. The Commission holds public hearings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and holds workshops as needed.

Christian Reece
Kathy Deppe-Spomer
Steve Tolle
Dr. George Gatscos
Keith Ehlers
Andrew Teske
William Wade

Urban Trails Committee

The purpose of the Urban Trails Committee is to plan and promote the City Council's goals for an interconnected network of sidewalks, paths and routes for active transportation and recreation throughout the Grand Junction urbanized area. The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Kristin Heumann
Sarah Johnson
Gary Stubler
Orin Zyvan
Elizabeth Collins
David Lehmann
Shana Wade
Devon Balet

Visit Grand Junction (GJ) Board of Directors

The mission of Visit Grand Junction is to market Grand Junction, resulting in a positive economic impact of visitor dollars to the City. The Board advises the Visit GJ staff on policies and marketing directions. The Visit GJ Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

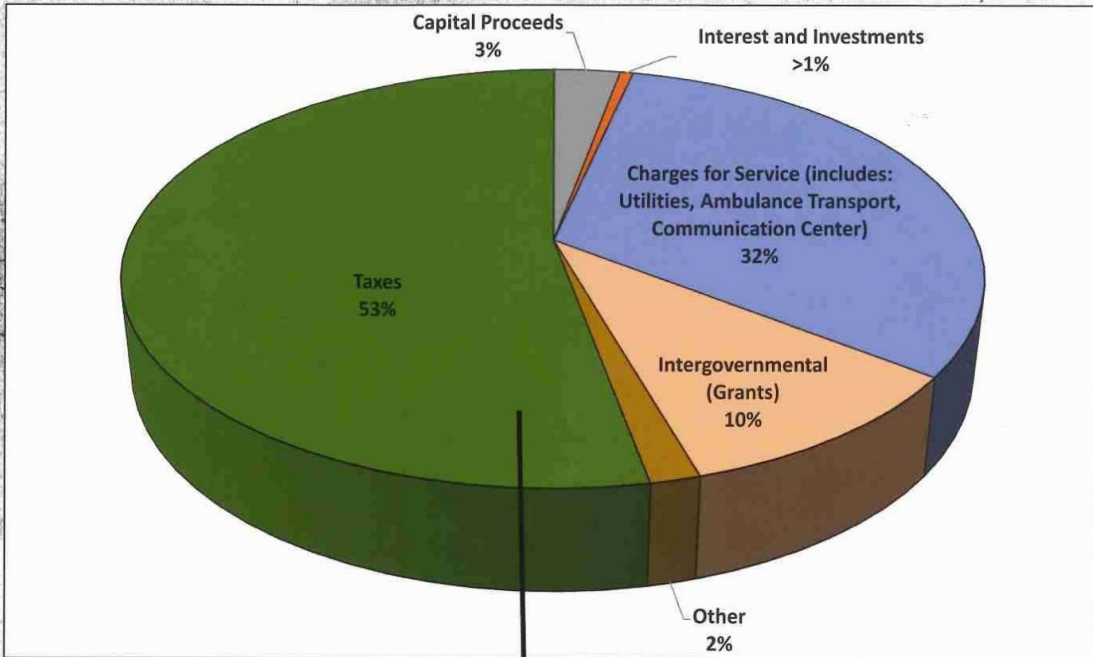
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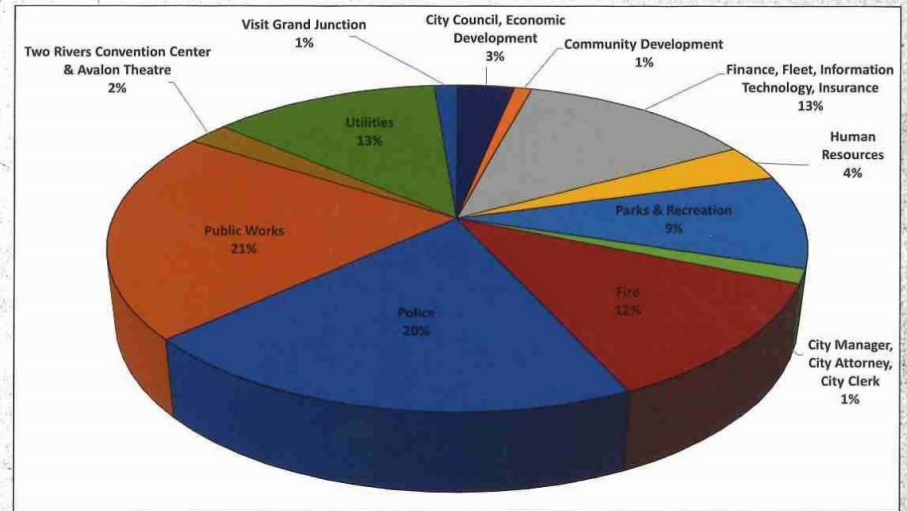
City of Grand Junction Financial Information

The following charts, unless otherwise stated, are based on the 2018 City of Grand Junction budget as adopted by City Council in December 2017.

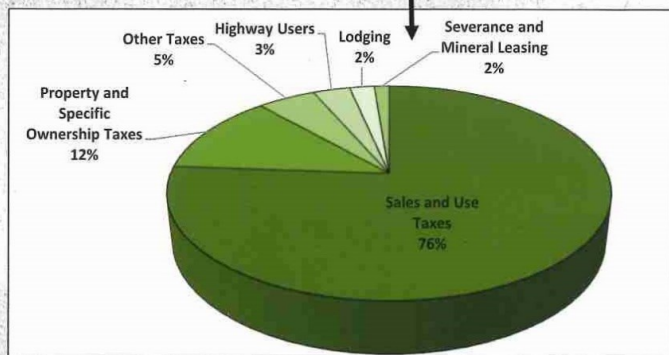
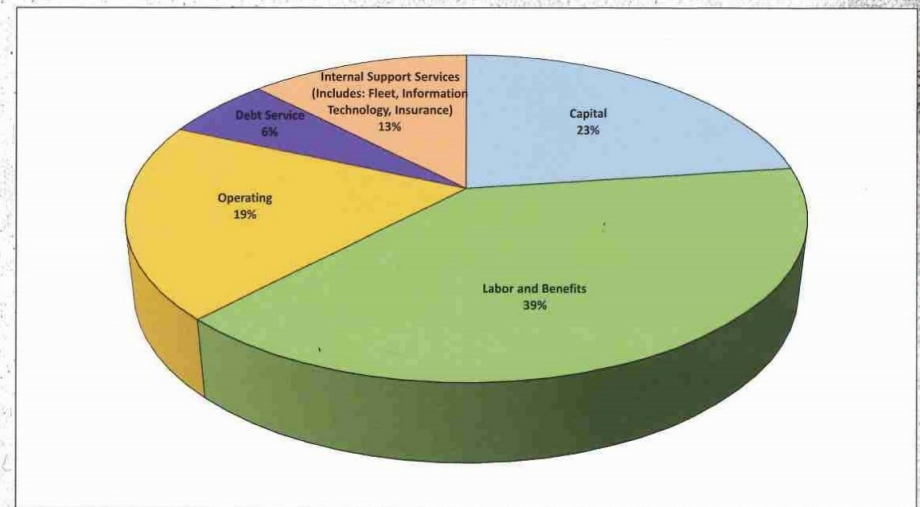
City Revenue Sources



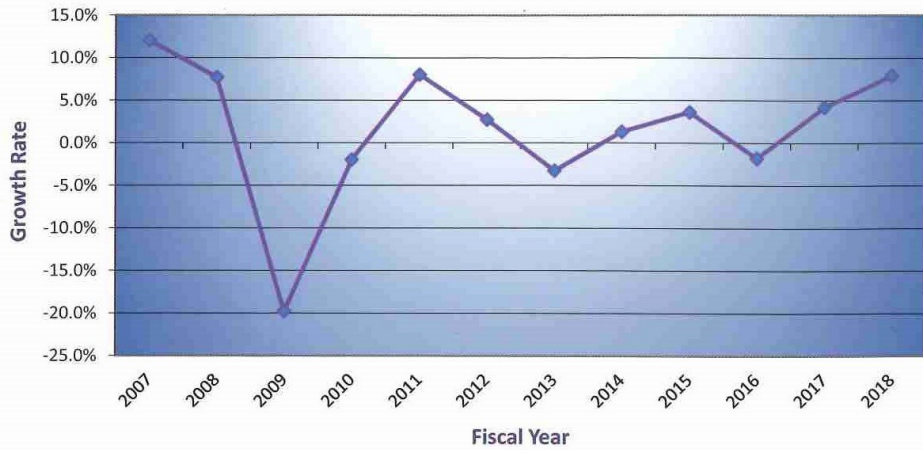
How the Revenues are Spent by Department



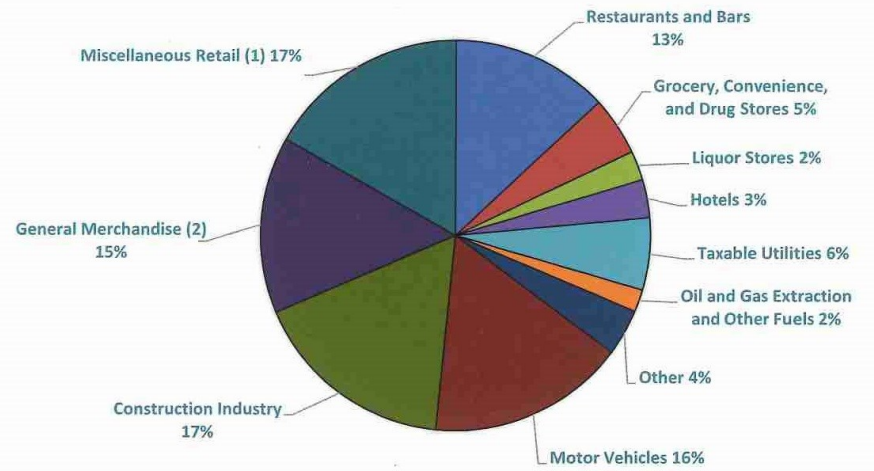
How the Revenues are Spent by Category



Historical Sales Tax Collection Growth Rate



2018 Sales Tax Revenue by Industry



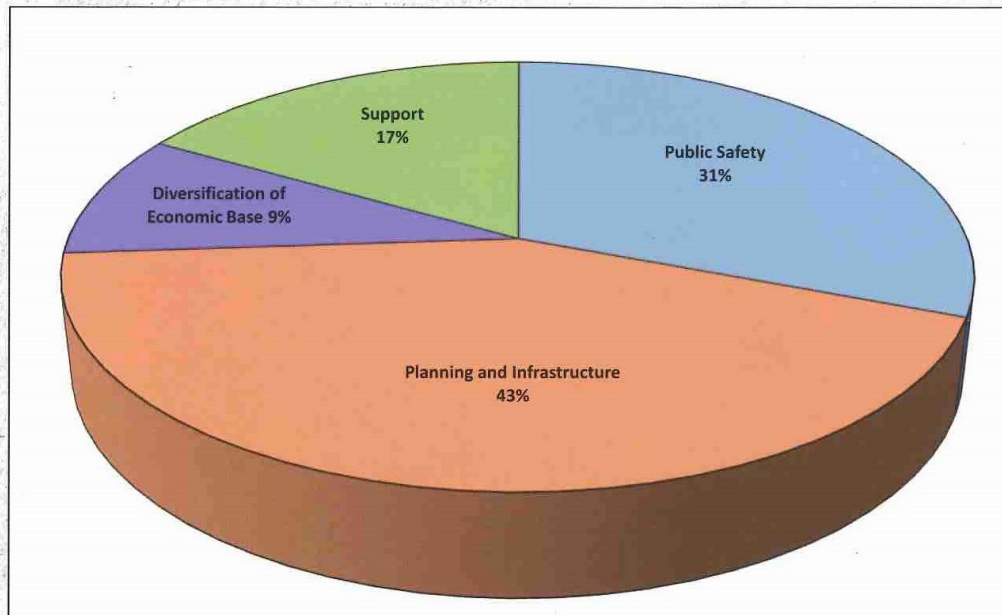
NOTE: Gasoline, groceries, and prescription medicine are exempt from sales tax.

Five-year trends for revenues by industry are consistent with 2018 revenues.

(1) Miscellaneous Retail - furniture, electronics & appliances, sporting goods, clothing & accessories, and other specialty retail stores.

(2) General Merchandise - department stores, warehouse clubs, and superstores.

2018 Budget by Strategic Directive



THE STRATEGIC PLAN

One of the Guiding Principles of the City of Grand Junction's Strategic Plan is Fiscal Responsibility and as such the budget is developed by allocating resources according to priorities set by the plan through strategic directives. Support represents all the other operations of the City organization that directly support the Public Safety, Planning and Infrastructure, and Diversification of Economic Base efforts. The Strategic Plan can be found on the City's website at www.gjcity.org.