**RESOLUTION NO. 19-13**

**A RESOLUTION** **AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER EMERGENCY DRIVING TRACK AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE** **CAMPUS**

Recitals.

Colorado Mesa University (CMU) by and through its Western Colorado Peace Officer Training Academy owns a parcel of land located near 32 Road. CMU received the land as a donation from the United States, by and through the Bureau of Land Management.

CMU with the cooperation and assistance from the City, the Grand Junction Police Department, Mesa County and the Mesa County Sheriff’s office has been planning for the development of the property as a public safety training facility.

The first phase of the development is creating access to the site and then the construction of an emergency driving track.

In order to utilize various grant opportunities that have heretofore been awarded for the project the construction needs to begin as soon as possible; however, a budget shortfall exists.

The City, CMU and the County have negotiated an agreement whereby each will contribute and additional $80,000.00 to satisfy the shortfall. With those contributions the project can begin.

The Council having duly considered the benefits of the project it does hereby authorize the City Manager to expend the sum of $80,000.00 to complete the terms of the construction agreement(s) for the public safety driving/training facility and to take action as necessary or required to ensure that the site is fully utilized for all needs of emergency responders including fire fighters by the future planning for a live fire training building on the site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That the City Council finds and determines that the expenditure of $80,000 for the purposes described herein are in the public interest and further the interests of the City and therefore the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to act accordingly.

Furthermore, ratifies all actions of the City Manager and Deputy City Manager taken in furtherance of these purposes.

 PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2013.

 /s/: Bill Pitts

 President of the Council

Attest:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin

City Clerk