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Weekly Info Update

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER
Date: OCTOBER 16, 2015
Re: WEEKLY INFO UPDATE

Tuesday's City Council Meeting

Tuesday night's meeting has a robust consent agenda, including a resolution appropriating funds (including large amounts to cover the higher than anticipated bids to complete LSW Trail), a resolution for the state's 16 in 16 Trail Designations, a renewal contract for trash service with Waste Management, an agreement to get fiber and faster service with Charter, first reading regarding adding to our April ballot the question of overriding SB05-152 to enable the city to explore broadband discussions with the rest of the valley, and the monthly financial report. In addition, we will have two administrative reports: (1) on the proposed 2016 CIP Budget and (2) a budget presentation on the proposed 2016 Enterprise (Utility) funds.

5-2-1 Board Agenda and Staff Recommendations

Staff participated in a TAC meeting this week for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority in preparation for their Board Meeting Tuesday, October 20 at 2 pm. Two items of significance are to be discussed at this meeting. First, the Board will discuss whether or not to implement fees. Our staff recommendation is that we would only support fees if (1) fees are implemented uniformly for the entire 5-2-1- boundary once a public education and adequate notice is given (ideally January 2017) and (2) if GVDD was to not charge fees. This would hopefully allow 5-2-1 time to make sure implementing the fee is as successful as possible and provide GVDD assurances they would need. The second significant item on the agenda is the budget for 2016. This will be the first year Fruita will be under permit coverage. Fruita has been contributing \$5,000 per year as a partner agency although we were not yet under permit, but anticipating we would be. The proposed 5-2-1 Board budget increases Fruita's contribution from \$5,000 to \$16,000 due to us being under permit without considering our past contributions. We feel this is an excessive increase considering our years of contribution while not being under permit.

Follow-up to Question from Councilor Mulder at last Council Meeting

At the October 6 City Council meeting Councilor Mulder raised the question of what we learned when a state representative visited Fruita regarding the old Fruita Bridge. According to Dahna Rough, she had a planned meeting with Jennifer Orrigo Charles who is the new Endangered Places Program Manager with Colorado Preservation Inc. (CPI-a donor –supported non-profit and not the same as the State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation). CPI offers a variety of preservation-related services including grant writing, grant management, and National Register nomination writing. The meeting was planned for CPI to visit Fruita and see sites on the Endangered Places list as they are collecting information on all sites. The Fruita

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Bridge is one of the sites in Fruita on the list. Representatives of the Rotary Club happened to show up at the same time and joined the tour.

Community Engagement---Residents as the Designers of our Gateway

Our “napkin sketch” design process continues to be underway seeking the most feedback we can receive from residents who would like to help shape what our gateway should look, feel and function like. Packets are found at the following link: <http://www.fruita.org/community/project/fruita-gateway-enhancement-project> and also at the Civic Center, Community Center, Chamber, The Hot Tomato, No Coast Sushi, Aspen Street Coffee, Pablo’s Pizza, Copper Club Brewing Co., Munchies, Suds Brothers, Camilla’s and Rib City. Packets are due by October 31st. Please spread the word and encourage people to participate—it’s easy and a lot of fun.

TID BITS:

- Hate to see the Free Press issue its last edition. Thanks you for the great coverage!
- Councilor Kincaid and I enjoyed meeting with three MODs of WCCC students this week to see their initial Fruita logo proposals. Lots of talent and we provided feedback that will lead to a presentation of top picks at the next council workshop. They are doing this a class project and seem to be having a lot of fun at the same time.
- I had a blast talking with Kristina Kittelson and Chris Brown Tuesday on KAFM (88.1) Bicycle Radio promoting Fruita and all our efforts.
- Mesa County has mailed out Vote-by-mail ballots this week for the 2015 Coordinated Election.
- Be sure to browse the many upcoming events and meetings below—many require an RSVP and if you let Deb know she can make sure we post in time and also RSVP for you.
- Staff participated in a conference call with representatives of Garfield and Mesa County regarding the preparation of a grant request with DOLA for a Broadband study. The County will be covering the match and we are staying involved in the planning.
- We will have an Adult Co-Ed Kickball Tournament October 31st @ LSW Park. Registration deadline is the 18th and cost is \$250 per team.
- Attached below is a copy of the City Council Professional Development Budget.
- Last week, our detectives worked with the FBI, ICE, GJPD, MCSO on Operation Cross Country IX, a statewide joint effort to address child prostitution and human trafficking. They made 5 arrests in GJ and the entire operation was a successful outcome for horrible crimes. See Sentinel articles in the News section below.
- PD has had some reoccurring problems with a homeless/transient person with mental health issues and working with Adult Protective Services to help the individual out.
- Carrie Benham (Animal Control) is working on a feral cat problem in Holly Park. Along with *Grand Valley Pets Alive* (a local non-profit), she will be trapping a colony of cats, getting them spayed and neutered and re-homed.
- City Irrigation will be shut off October 26th.
- Canals should be drained by the District November 1st.
- Crack sealing, winterizing is beginning with Public Work’s crews.

- The Fruita Community Center will be a course implementation site for a new Diabetes Prevention Program which is a grant funded program through Mesa County Health Department. The grant will cover the program costs. Participants will be referred by local physicians but is also open to anyone who is interested in attending. Participants will cover healthy eating and lifestyles changes.
- This Saturday, October 17th, Colorado Backcountry Bicycles will be hosting an event at their store which includes a raffle for either a men's or women's cruiser bike. Proceeds are being earmarked for new trail development in the Fruita Area. Thank you CBB.
- We had two initial conversations this week with NOLS (thanks to Councilor Harvey's connection) discussing the potential for a NOLS course occurring in Fruita. NOLS is the highly regarded National Outdoor Leadership School with 18 locations worldwide.
- We had a successful meeting with the CMU Innovation Center Director and others with CMU this week identifying a partnership to develop virtual buildings for Greenway Business Park.
- Staff is working on identifying the best scenarios and costs for added public seating and bicycle parking downtown.

FRUITA IN THE NEWS:

- Fruita face-lift expands opportunity for businesses in downtown core:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/fruita-facelift-expands-opportunity-for-businesses>
- Nice nod to Fruita Community Center in Sentinel Opinion Sunday:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/opinion/articles/a-sound-investment>
- Community Shares their fond memories of the Free Press:
<http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/18548446-113/community-shares-their-fond-memories-of-the-free>
- Thanks for the Rewarding Experience by Brittany Markert:
<http://www.gjfreepress.com/news/18534495-113/thanks-for-the-rewarding-experience>
- Fruita filmmaker talks about film made in Alaska:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/all-unnatural-fruita-filmmaker-talks-about-bloodth>
- Dinosaur Museum seeks carved pumpkins:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/entertainment/articles/entertainment-briefs-oct-16ndash22>
- Coordinated national sting of child sex trafficking hits home:
<http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/records-suspects-texted-phoned-for-sex-with-14year>
AND <http://www.gjsentinel.com/news/articles/three-men-arrested-in-ongoing-probe-of-child-prost>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 16 and 17** is Colorado Backcountry Biker's "[Flat Tire Blowout](#)" sale and events including fundraising for local trail building and local events in town.
- **October 20** from 11:30 am – 1 pm is the EPA Overreach panel in Grand Junction at the Mesa County Workforce Development Center Training Room (512 29 ½ Rd.). This panel is sponsored by Independence Institute, NFIB, AFP, US Chambers and other local supporters. The panel will be made up of Tony Gagliardi, Colorado State Director, National Federation of Independent Business; Ray Gifford, Former Chairman, Colorado Public Utilities Commission; Senator Ray

Scott, Colorado State Senate; and Moderator: Michael Sandoval – Independence Institute.
Please use this link to register for the luncheon: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-coming-storm-of-epa-regulations-grand-junction-tickets-18512725059?aff=es2> (Please let Deb know if you plan to attend).

- **October 21** is the next AGNC Board meeting in Parachute (agenda copied below).
- **October 24** is Truck-n-Treat at 10 am.
- **October 26** 3-5 pm in the Hospitality Suite in Stocker Stadium at Lincoln Park's Suplizio Field, will be a Transportation Roundtable discussion hosted by the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce. RSVP is required to Kathy.young@mesacounty.us by Oct. 19 (Please let Deb know if you plan to attend). Agenda below.
- **October 30th** from 3-5 pm in downtown and Kokopelli Square will be the Trick or Treat Street.
- **November 2nd** at 7 pm is our annual Boards and Commission Appreciation Night at the Community Center (invite copied below).
- **November 4** is the Joint Stakeholders Roundtable Discussion with the GJ Chamber, BIC and GJEP from 3-6 pm at Ute Water Conservancy District (2190 H ¼ Rd). Invite below.
- **November 5th** from 9 am – 4:30 pm will be the AGNC Economic Development Summit in Rifle at the Ute Theater, 132 E. 4th St. Rifle, CO 81650 (Agenda copied below). From staff, Ture and I plan to attend. **PLEASE LET DEB KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BY NOVEMBER 2ND AND SHE CAN RSVP AND POST IF NECESSARY.**
- The Fruita Community Calendar is available on the website at: <http://www.fruita.org/calendar>.
- The **2015** Events Information is also available online at: <http://www.fruita.org/parksrec/page/special-events>

CC: Department Directors

CITY COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

DESCRIPTION	DATE	AMOUNT
2015 Professional Development Budget		14,000.00
 <u>Dues and Subscriptions</u>		
Colorado Municipal League	1/12/2015	(3,157.35)
AGNC Dues	1/12/2015	(3,700.00)
		<u>(6,857.35)</u>
 <u>Council and Mayor expenses</u>		
Chamber after hours (food)	1/12/2015	(722.47)
CML Legislative Workshop (Lodging, Registration Fee, Mileage)	1/19/2015	(574.88)
Chamber Annual Banquet	2/17/2015	(600.00)
Gift cards for Pinkbike writers (Aspen Street Coffee and Camillas)	4/14/2015	(100.00)
Lunch for Fat Tire Vendor (Hot Tomato)	5/4/2015	(7.55)
Drinks for Focus Group meeting (City Market)	5/11/2015	(22.80)
Municipalities Dinner Catering (Colorado Canyons)	5/18/2015	(900.00)
Mayors/Manager luncheon (Camillas)	5/18/2015	(110.55)
Club 20 Membership Fees (Mascarenas)	6/8/2015	(100.00)
Leader's Lunch	7/6/2015	(53.98)
Council ice cream social	7/6/2015	(324.12)
AGNC Catering	7/21/2015	(411.25)
Outdoor Retail Trade Show per diem	7/27/2015	(77.00)
Interbike show per diem	9/28/2015	(102.00)
		<u>(4,106.60)</u>
Total Expenditures through 9/30/15		<u><u>(10,963.95)</u></u>
 Unspent balance of budget		 3,036.05



ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS
OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

AGENDA

AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING

October 21, 2015

9:00 am – 1:30 pm

222 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, CO 81526

- 9:00A.M.**
1. **Call to order and introductions** - Jeff Eskelson, Chairman:
 - Pledge of allegiance
 - Approval of minutes
 2. **Financial report for August**—Martin Chazen- Vice Chairman
 3. **Project and Committee Reports:**
 - Dinosaur Welcome Center - Cheryl McDonald
 - Area Agency on Aging – Dave Norman
 - Government Relations - Dianna and Ted Orf
- 10:00-10:45** **Presentation: White River Storage Project** – Brad McCloud, EIS Solutions
- 10:45-11:15** **Speaker:Charter Communications Update on Rural Upgrades** – Wendy Moser, Charter Communications
- 11:15-12:00** **Member Roundtable Discussion – All Members**
- 12:00** **Lunch**

12:30-1:00 Member Roundtable Discussion – All Members' (continued)

1:00 – 1:30 5. Bonnie Petersen

Administrative Update

6. New Business:

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 18TH at Pioneers Medical Center,

100 Pioneers Medical Center Drive, Meeker, CO

7. Adjournment

*Thank
You*



FOR HELPING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

TO: *City of Fruita Boards And Commissions Members and their families*
FROM: *Fruita City Council*
RE: *Appreciation Night at the FCC*
WHEN: *Monday, November 2, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.*
WHERE: *Fruita Community Center (324 N. Coulson)*

*****Dessert, Fruit, Coffee and Tea will be served*****

**PLEASE RSVP by October 26, 2015 to:
Debra Woods, Deputy City Clerk
858-3663 or dwoods@fruita.org**



Mesa County Regional
Transportation Planning Office

Meeting: Grand Valley Regional Transportation Roundtable Discussion
From: Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee
Date: October 12, 2015
Subject: **Transportation Roundtable Agenda**

This Transportation Roundtable Discussion is scheduled for October 26, 2015 from 3:00 to 5:00 in the **Hospitality Suite in Stocker Stadium at Lincoln Park's Suplizio Field**. Enter the gates on the South Side of the Stadium and take the elevator to get to the Hospitality Suite.

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions	5 min.	Stacey Mascarenas, Grand Valley Regional Transportation (GVRTC) Chair
Opening Comments	15 min.	Stacey Mascarenas, GVRTC Chair Diane Schwenke, Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Kathy Hall, Colorado Transportation Commissioner
The State of Transportation in Colorado	20 min.	Mike Lewis, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Deputy Executive Director Dave Eller, CDOT Region 3 Transportation Director
Roundtable	1 hr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is being proposed and/or supported by our state legislators?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ TRANS Bond II?○ Increased Gas Tax?○ Infrastructure Tax Credit?○ Hospital Provider Fee?○ Regional Transportation Authority?○ Other?• What are the impacts of doing nothing?• How do we address these shortfalls in the most effective & collaborative manner possible?
Next Steps	5 min.	Stacey Mascarenas, GVRTC Chair



Joint Stakeholders Roundtable Discussion

The Grand Junction Area Chamber, Business Incubator Center and Grand Junction Economic Partnership Boards of Directors cordially invite you, as a community leader, to attend a facilitated discussion about what is needed to make our businesses, the local economy and the Grand Valley more successful. Your thoughts will help serve as the basis for our three organizations' 2016 planning efforts.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Ute Water Conservancy District
2190 H 1/4 Rd

Please consider staying and inviting a guest to join us for casual networking with beverages and appetizers from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Please RSVP by emailing one of the following diane@gjchamber.org, kristi@gjep.org, jmaraschin@gjincubator.org or by calling the Chamber office at 970-242-3214.

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AGNC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

UTE THEATER – 132 E. 4th St.

RIFLE, CO 81650

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome – Jeff Eskelson

Business Support Opportunities:

9:05 – 9:35 Enterprise Zone – Re-designation and Benefits -Terri Benson for Mesa County EZ
Maria King for NWEZ

9:35 – 10:00 Jump Start Colorado –Kristi Pollard

10:00 – 10:20 Air Service Expansion Effort in Western Colorado – Diane Schwenke

10:20 – 10:30 BREAK

Economic Development Marketing Ideas:

10:30 – 11:00 Colorado Innovation Network COIN – Connecting NW Colorado to the Network
Anna Ewing – (INVITED)

11:00 – 11:30 Expanding Colorado's Aerospace Industry in Western Colorado – Joe Rice from
Lockheed Martin

11:30 – 12:00 Colorado Manufacturer's Edge – What's missing in Colorado manufacturing
Tom Bugnitz, CEO

12:00 -1:15 LUNCH - Outdoor Recreation as the door to Economic Development – Luis Benitez
Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)

1:15 – 1:45 LNG Export Update – David Ludlam

Why do Businesses come to NW Colorado – Panel: (Moderator Julie Moray SBDC)

Businesses located in NW Colorado – why are they here? What works for them in NW Colorado? What makes doing business here difficult? Ideas to make doing business here easier:

- Jeff Eskelson – Bowstring Mfg. – Meeker, CO
- Sarah Shrader – Bonsai Design – Grand Junction, CO
- Page Tucker – ProStar – Grand Junction, CO

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

The Missing Link – Broadband Service:

3:00 – 3:30 What does it take to hold a virtual job in NW Colorado?

- Virtual worker from the region (INVITED)
- BB requirements of businesses that hire virtual employees – Joe Rice, Lockheed Martin

3:30 – 4:30 Who is Doing What?

- CenturyLink – CAF II investments – Tim Kunkelman, Abel Chavez
- Charter Investments – Wendy Moser
- Local Government Efforts - Blake Mobley – Rio Blanco County