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CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2025 BUDGET

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. Dec. 5, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction City Council has approved the 2025 budget of \$359.1 million. Each year, an important part of the budget process is hearing from the community regarding priorities, programs, and services. The City's annual budget is adopted by City Council for a one-year period beginning January 1 through December 31 of each year.

City Council provides direction to staff for the annual budget through the development of the two year Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is based on the long-term vision provided by the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan, which was created with significant public input. The Strategic Outcomes outlined in the plan by City Council include: 1) Placemaking, 2) Thriving and Vibrant, 3) Welcoming, Livable, and Engaging, 4) Safe and Healthy, and 5) Resource Stewardship. With strategic outcomes as the blueprint, city staff prepare the annual budget while gathering input from the community. Budget meetings are open to the public and held both virtually and in-person. Additionally, public input can be shared with the city manager. The budget process is an 8-month process that begins in May of each year.

The 2025 budget adopted and approved by the Grand Junction City Council includes \$185 million in operations costs (e.g. labor, operating, internal support) and \$15.3 million in debt service. The majority of the operations costs are within the five largest departments of the city including Police, Fire, General Services, Utilities, and Parks and Recreation. The city's 2025 capital budget is \$158.4 million and is focused on several significant projects including Housing and Unhoused projects and services, Community Recreation Center Construction, expansion of the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant, and several transportation expansion projects. The 2025 Adopted Budget and related documents are available online at GJCity.org

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