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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

**FROM:** SHANNON VASSEN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** OCTOBER 24, 2023

**AGENDA TEXT:** Discussion on the 2024 Proposed Budget

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the City Council to ask any questions of staff regarding the draft 2024 Budget, and to provide staff with directions on two of the items below. Direction from this discussion will be used for the next draft of the budget, which will be presented for a first public hearing at the second regular meeting in November.

### BACKGROUND

An updated copy of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for the upcoming year has been uploaded to the City of Fruita's website here: [City of Fruita Municipal Budgets](#). This agenda item will cover three discussions with the City Council, as outlined below:

**1. General Discussion (7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)**

- a. This is an opportunity for the City Council to ask any questions or discuss any points of the budget or budget process that has been covered to this point. Staff does not have anything specific planned for this portion of the agenda item.

**2. Outside Agency Funding Requests (7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)**

- a. Each year, the City of Fruita provides outside agency funding to organizations that benefit Fruita and its residents. Last year, the City of Fruita provided funding to both local and regional nonprofit organizations. An application for outside agency funding was posted on the City's website over the past month, and the City Council has received the following requests:
  - i. Colorado Riverfront Foundation – \$4,600, no change from the prior year.
  - ii. Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce - \$30,000, no change from prior year
  - iii. Grand Valley Pets Alive - \$6,000, an increase of \$2,500 from the previous year.
- b. In addition to this, the City of Fruita is a member of other organizations. Those organizations have presented to the City Council over the past couple of months, and Council needs to provide direction on funding for these specific agencies:
  - i. Grand Junction Economic Partnership – Requesting \$20,000, an increase of \$10,000.
  - ii. Mesa County Land Trust - \$9,000, no change.

**3. Council Pay and Comparison Review (8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)**

- a. Staff has reviewed and created a regional comparison of the pay of City Council and Mayor positions to be reviewed. Staff has included in the draft 2024 Budget, as a placeholder, an increase of \$50 per month for the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Council. The comparison includes 10 local governments from Western Colorado, and the information was provided by a salary survey from the Colorado Municipal League. It is important to note that although this is a discussion on the budget, City Council pay is set by **ordinance and not through the budget process**. Although, correct pay numbers need to be included in the budget to avoid any potential budget overages.