





LEAGUE



Collaborative Mayor (City Council) / City Manager Relationships Creating Strong Partnerships Leads to Strong Organizations

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City of Grand Junction

Building Relationships

Developing Strong Partnerships

The Right Tool for the Job

- Creating Mutual Support
- Tailoring Communications
- Managing Challenges
- Use of Humor
- Authenticity/Vulnerability



Developing Strong Partnerships

- Define roles
- Agree on channels of communication
- Identify opportunities for success
- Utilize best practices of similar cities
- Hold weekly strategy sessions
- Participate in Council onboarding



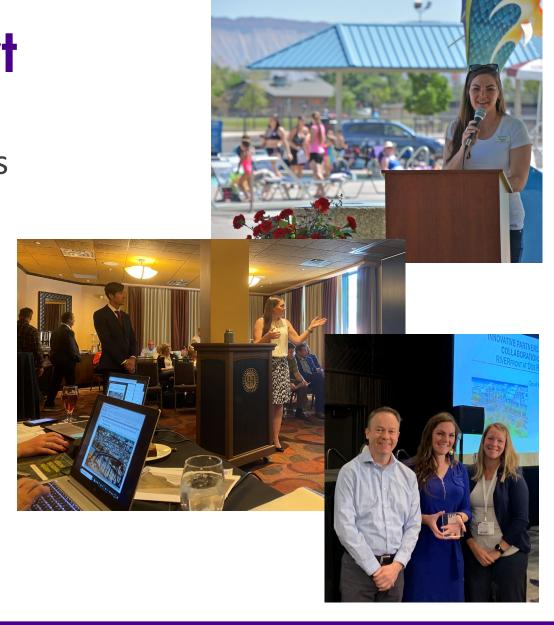
The Right Tool for the Job



- Based on roles, which can achieve the goal?
- Shared challenges and goals
- Achieve goals but use different approaches

Creating Mutual Support

- Show support at City Council meetings
- Identify opportunities for community/civic presentations
- Prepare talking points for community events, newsletter articles, presentations
- Conference attendance
- Award presentations



Tailoring Communications

- Regular weekly meetings
- Media Today
- Council Briefings
- Memos
- Access via cell phone
 - o Text
 - Hands free
 - o Email





Managing Challenges

- Richmark Project
 - Incentives for developer
- Orchard Mesa Pool
 - Expired agreement between County, City School District to maintain and operate outdated pool

Richmark Project Legacy downtown development



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COMMENTARY

EDITORIAL

Calming waters around OM Pool

One City Couloid seems and transchole of asher. The Grand Journels on Ely Council has been with Mess County and School District 3.1, to close Orchard Mess Pool. Some of the stories we have published on this issue have not been particularly fathering. The enemptyper serves as a mirror to the community and its governments, but perhaps we can be part of the obolitics as well. Keep resulting. We understand the Coty Council lies he that should with the pool set of the There is a lot of basen to go with the good iset fair. There is a lot of basen to go

City Connect is basically a volunteer board, and the members pair in no bone whyring to the what 's right. Some biams, however, falls squarely on their specific policy of the pair of the



LETTERS TO THE EDITO

Prchard Messa is the most ignored part of the city foars ago the City Council was led by Gethard Mesa residents sen they could expect to get cet lights and sidewalks. The swer was after 20 years when

trees are used for paper, thus causing the plantic pollution the now rail against. Personally, I' not against the large reusable bags, but the ideology that led this is laughable. Keep voting Democrat folks.

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Last year, the American people rejected extreme election deniers up and down the ballot. But we were unable to win every fight, and a remendous threat to our democracy remains the MAGA Republican majority in the House

Republican majority in the House of Representatives. Association of Representatives. According to the Washington Post, more than 70% of all House Republicans are themselves election demiser. — 136 incumbents voted against certifying. Treabmans members are on the Hi-Lia. They majab hold the title of representative, but they have re intention of legislating on behalf of their constituents. They only of their constituents. They only

who has attempted to hold them accountable for attacking our democracy. It's up to us to call out their lies and conspiracy theories and fight

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Trump lost speaker race and there was no recount On Thursday, Donald Trump was nominated to be Spoaker of the House of Representatives. At the end of the vote, he had placed hird with only one vote. As no

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EDITORIAL What happens

What happens after pool closes?

an estudio occasioni stayor Atina saturi, in estudio occasioni sand School Board Prevaldent Andreas shalt coming to light, it is now clear that the Or-hand Meas Pool will shut it shoors for good. The parties have left themselves some wiggle com. Maybe an unidentified third party will swoop in and save it or maybe a tax measure cam go passed. We arrel' going to bold our breath on

The way this decision has been handled, even gabe also give his decision has been handled, even gabe kis 0019 when closure of the pool was at floated, has been swrift. It appears to us like even capitalisation splying hot potato with an about to deal with rather than one located of them want to deal with rather than the control of the process has not been transversed. Last we checked, rolling email meetings are comply with the Open Meetings, and to, the Comply with the Open Meetings, that It that said, what people need now is clarify the open laters and the proof users again give result is Fruit as expected.

All that state, what people need now is currily. When will the pool close and what are the options for pool users going for ward? Is Fruits expected to bandle the users of the Orchard Mess Pool? They should be included in discussions going forward to see what their needs and concerns will be when this pool close the when this pool close. We do have sympathy for the residents of Orchard Mess sympathy for the residents of Orchard Mess sympathy for the residents of Orchard Message and Concerns will be supported to the control of the control of

of breas are to offeli filed lines a neglected part of the harve expend in the past that this poof, given relatively small number of users, is not worth investment or fillinson of dollars to fund the needed repairs and upgrades. It has also upgrade about the needed repairs and upgrades. It has the needed repairs and upgrades are of the needed and or own, as that to do the Sectional this week, the needed repairs and the needed repairs and the repairs and the needed repairs and the tensor of the needed repairs and the needed repa

This is a fair point. None of them had funded be pool alone before, so it's reasonable for them say they don't want to do that in the future. infortunately that hasn't been the door message scept from the country, which to its credit clear lated it wanted out of the pool business through ut this process.

and the pool has been harafied and the timing makes us very worried about the prospects he city passing a new tax to fund a recreation er on the other side of the city: is true that if that measure passes, we will be acting an old, broken-down facility with a secner one, but voters are funny. Sometimes they be keening superhing they've always had only

they will oppose the rec center because of the are of Orchard Mess Pool. That's a problem, think it is past time that the largest city to Western Stope gets a modern recreation er. We would hate to see that effort fall belee of the ham-handed way it handled this pool action. Ceriter ontities unders to pool? While these redde, pool as queen chlorina queen checks to onsure to queen chlorina checks to de to the city. On the city. In well multiple times when you

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is why we work so hard our communities better f itse. is why I will not be silen MATTHEW BREN

Losing hope for betts Broncos play next ye After Sunday's trashing by tauss, a total entharmanment from of ann and the entire NI distancial Hackett is gone, who my opinion was a scapegoa nasesurer. GM George Patton to be fired immediately. He so arm for Flass Wilson, so how hat work out? Plus, there will alter up insues for years to:

saddry day insists for yours no count and no high draft choices. It is a superstar? Good players yee, but superstar? Good players yee, but comery to Tree agents, so how it of money to Tree agents, so how it that worked out? Most of them ar that our great move time on the "Two been a fine since 1907 and some very bad years and beams, but there a laveray secreted to be hope for next year. I don't believe there is much hope for weeken!

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Use of Humor

- Diffuses challenging situations
- Shared frustration lightens the load
- Illustrates humans behind decisions



A Place for Authenticity/Vulnerability

- Connection to Community
- Invested in Council/Manager Form of Government
- Exhibit Servant Leadership
- Presence in Community
 - Events
 - Civic organization membership













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