

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
April 13, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the remote meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via the City's Zoom platform.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. Roll Call

Cheryl Aragon, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates

Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Brett Payton

Council Member Dale Hall

Council Member Michael Fitzsimmons

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Kristin Zasada

4. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

There were no reports offered from Council Members.

5. COVID-19 Update

Assistant Emergency Manager Charlie McCartin referenced the real-time COVID-19 Dashboard and confirmed that there has been an increase to the Weld County 7-day average and in the Greeley/Evans area.

City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead confirmed that the Greeley/Evans 7-day average is climbing adding that it is below the Weld County level but is still a rise.

6. Update from Area Electric Providers on Inclement Weather Electric Outages

Deputy City Manager Raymond Lee reported that this item is in direct response to Council's request to hear directly from electric providers about the response during the March 2021 snow event.

He introduced John Bowerfind, Vice President Chief Operating Officer, and Amy Rosier,

Vice President Member and Government Relations, from Poudre Valley Rural Electric and Lucas McConnell, Area Manager Community and Government Affairs, for Xcel Energy.

Mr. Bowerbind provided some background about Poudre Valley Rural Electric and reviewed a timeline and statistics related to Poudre Valley's response the March snow event. He noted that even lines buried underground will not entirely eliminate outages. He also shared that they do proactively change and upgrade lines and equipment as needed to help prevent major outages and impacts, and he emphasized that ice and wind build up certainly contributed to this recent outage.

Mr. McConnell also provided a bit of background and details regarding Xcel's response to the March snow event. He shared storm facts and area totals, and also emphasized that significant winds impacted service during this snow event. He also reviewed future improvements, as well as ongoing improvements, and noted that he could provide specific locations of outages and the longest outages for this recent storm to Council.

Council Members expressed appreciation for this information and updates and encouraged ongoing collaboration and communication with City staff.

7. Development Code Update – Chapters 1 & 2

Chief Planner Carol Kuhn reported that this discussion will cover the proposed revisions to Chapters 1 and 2 of the Development Code, which are the foundation for the other chapters of the Code. She proceeded to review and highlight Chapter 1 revisions which relate to general provisions, interpretations, enforcement, and administration of the Code and Chapter 2 which related to procedures and processes for the various application types and shared a Table which outlined those proposed changes.

Chief Planner Kuhn noted that members of the Technical Committee are working with the consulting team to draft Code language that will come back to Council in September for final adoption.

Council Members offered general support for the work done and proposed changes to Chapters 1 and 2 of the Development Code.

8. Development Code Update – Placemaking

Chief Planner Kuhn reported that this is the final topic in the Track III discussion with the Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and the City Council and noted that this discussion will create the foundation to drafting numerous Code sections and focuses mainly on commercial and industrial design standards as well as street design standards.

She introduced Chris Brewster, Consultant, who reviewed placemaking and its usefulness in creating vibrant, walkable, people-oriented destinations within a

community and shared some issues in the existing Code related to this topic and some best practices for creating these spaces within the community.

Council Members offered general support for staff to proceed with these changes as outlined by staff.

9. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

No additional meetings or events were scheduled.

10. Consideration of an Executive Session to determine positions, develop strategy and instruct negotiators regarding collective bargaining with the Greeley Fire Fighters Union Local 888

City Manager Roy Otto noted that there was no longer a need for this Executive Session on this topic at this time.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

John Gates, Mayor

Cheryl Aragon, Deputy City Clerk