

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
 April 27, 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

Emergency Manager Dan Frazen referenced the City's Dash Board, which is updated daily, and suggested a once-monthly, in-person COVID-19 update to Council. Council Members generally agreed that this would be a good shift knowing that the frequency of updates could increase if warranted, and requested that the link to the Dash Board continue to be shared with the Council.

In response to a question from Council Member Clark, City Manager Roy Otto noted that effective May 3rd, all City administrative offices will be open and staffed, utilizing a cohort setup rotating every week until everyone has the opportunity to cycle through their vaccines.

5. Discussion on Sustainability Program Research

Deputy City Manager Raymond Lee reported that Council Member Butler has posed an Initiative for City staff to research and bring back to Council options for establishing a new sustainability commission with the goal of long-term sustainability in Greeley as well as promoting economic development and environmental health for future generations.

He added that a commission could address issues such as recycling, sustainable job growth development, and open spaces.

Deputy Manager Lee went on to provide a presentation sharing what was gleaned from staff research into current practices by the City of Greeley, as well as best management practices of other cities. He also reported that staff would recommend a Sustainability Task Force with members appointed by the City Manager rather than a long-term Commission appointed by the City Council.

Discussion ensued about the information shared in the presentation, and generally, Council Members expressed that many sustainability efforts are already happening across the City organization and that a Task Force or a Commission is not needed at this time.

Mayor Gates agreed that many things are happening, but agreed that more could potentially be done in this regard in an effort at being more forward thinking. Council Member Butler agreed and noted he would still support this Initiative.

There was no consensus reached from the Council for moving forward with a Sustainability Program at this time, and City staff was thanked for their time and research efforts.

7. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

Manager Otto noted that there were no additional meetings or events scheduled.

8. Consideration of an Executive Session to instruct negotiators and to confer with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to the City's pending litigation against the manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers of opioid medications, as authorized by C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) and 24-6-402 (e)(I) and Greeley Municipal Code 2-151 §§ (a)(2) and 2-151(a)(5)

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Fitzsimmons, to move into an Executive Session for the purposes of instructing negotiators and to confer with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to the City's pending litigation against the manufacturers, distributors, and wholesalers of opioid medications, as authorized by C.R.S. §§24-6-402(4)(b) and 24-6-402 (3)(I) and Greeley Municipal Code 2-151 §§(a)(2) and 2-151(a)(5).

The motion carried: 7-0

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

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Zasada, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions, developing strategy, and instructing negotiators regarding collective bargaining with the Greeley Fire Fighters Union Local 888 as authorized by C.R.S. §24-(4)(e)(1) and Greeley Municipal Code

§2.04.020(a)(5).

The motion carried: 7-0

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Worksession was adjourned at 6:24 p.m., and Council moved into their first Executive Session. The first Executive Session began at 6:30 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The second Executive Session began at 7:38 p.m. and adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

John Gates, Mayor

Cheryl Aragon, Deputy City Clerk