

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
January 25, 2022

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, Colorado, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates

Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Deb DeBoutez (participating remotely)

Council Member Dale Hall

Council Member Brett Payton

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Johnny Olson

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Councilmember Butler apologized for his absence last week.

Councilmember Butler announced he would be holding regular office hours at various businesses around town. Councilmember Butler will be at Margie's Java Joint from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. this Friday.

Councilmember Olson indicated that there is a correction on the Council's appointments. Councilmember Olson is the representative to the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and Councilmember Payton is the alternate. Mayor Gates will be the City's only representative to the Upstate Colorado board.

Mayor Gates requested consensus from Council to support the University of Northern Colorado's efforts to start an Osteopathic Medical School at the University. Council consented to supporting this endeavor. Mayor Gates will work with City Manager Raymond Lee to prepare a letter of support to UNC President Andy Feinstein.

5. Scheduling of meetings, other events.

City Manager Lee indicated there was no information to present.

6. COVID-19 Update

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, provided an update highlighting the Covid-19 metrics tracked via the City's dashboard. He reviewed items that are tracked on the City's dashboard.

Emergency Manager Frazen and City Manager Lee answered questions from the Council about the Covid-19 metrics and the omicron variant. City Manager Lee answered questions from Councilmember Clark about the City's mask requirement for employees.

7. Overview of City Partnerships and Strategies to Address Homelessness

Deputy City Manager Becky Safarik presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet.

Deputy City Manager Safarik answered questions from the Council about the presentation and about the Weld Village project.

Shawn Wolcott from United Way reported on the annual point in time count, which is occurring now. Mr. Wolcott answered questions from Council about services available at the Housing Navigation Center.

United Way Executive Director Jeannine Truswell indicated that pre-Covid there were as many as 17 different organizations that came in to offer services at the Housing Navigation Center. This included North Range Behavioral Health, employment services, and Veteran's Affairs. Ms. Truswell answered questions from Council.

Deputy City Manager Safarik informed Council about two community outreach meetings that will be held on February 16 and 17.

Mayor Gates thanked representatives from the City of Evans and the DDA for attending the meeting.

8. Greeley on the Go - City Transportation Master Plan

Paul Trombino, Director of the Public Works Department, introduced Transportation Planner Allison Baxter. Ms. Baxter presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Director Trombino and Ms. Baxter answered questions from Council.

Mayor Gates asked for consensus regarding the direction of the Transportation Master plan and consensus was provided. Mr. Trombino indicated staff has received the direction they needed from Council.

Director Trombino discussed funding concerns for the Highway 34 and 35th Avenue interchange. Director Trombino answered questions from Council about this project.

9. Consideration of Special District Authorization

Deputy City Manager Safarik presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Deputy City Manager Safarik answered questions from Council about Special Districts and the proposed project.

Council reached general consensus to proceed as outlined in the presentation to take formal action at a future meeting. Councilmember Butler was not in favor of moving forward. Councilmember Olson indicated he will need more information.

Mayor Gates thanked the project representatives for attending the meeting.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

John D. Gates, Mayor

Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk