

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
April 26, 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
Councilmember Brett Payton
Council Member Ed Clark (attending remotely)
Council Member Johnny Olson

EXCUSED

Council Member Dale Hall

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Councilmember Olson will be representing the city and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization on the rail committee.

Mayor Gates extends the Council's condolences to City Manager Raymond Lee following the death of his father.

5. COVID-19 Update

Paul Fetherston, Deputy City Manager, introduced Interim Emergency Manager Charlie McCartin. Interim Emergency Manager McCartin provided an update highlighting the Covid-19 metrics tracked via the City's dashboard. The vaccination site located at UNC will be open at least through the school year. The vaccination site located at Aims Community College will be closing on April 30, 2022. Interim Emergency Manager McCartin answered questions from Council.

6. Fire Department Update including the 911 Emergency Medical Services Transport System

Brian Kuznik, Fire Chief, introduced Kevin Waters, Director of 911 Services and Ryan McLean, Senior Director of Pre-Hospital Care, from UCHHealth. Chief Kuznik presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Mr. McLean presented information as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Chief Kuznik, Mr. McLean and Mr. Waters answered questions from the Council about the presentation.

In response to a question from Councilmember DeBoutez, Chief Kuznik said they do see repeat 911 callers. Chief Kuznik explained how Squad One and the community paramedic assist with those callers who are in need of additional services. Greeley Fire Department just hired a second community paramedic so that Squad One will be available seven days a week.

Councilmember Clark asked for information about why Greeley Fire Department is rated as a class two fire agency instead of a class one fire agency. Chief Kuznik explained how the Insurance Services Office makes this determination.

Chief Kuznik and Mr. McLean discussed the UCHHealth community paramedic program in response to a question from Councilmember DeBoutez.

Councilmember Olson expressed concern about Greeley patients being transferred to Fort Collins or Loveland. Mr. McLean explained how this is determined.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked for clarification regarding the helicopter services. Mr. McLean and Mr. Waters explained this service.

7. Xcel Energy Update

Paul Trombino, Director of Public Works, introduced Andrew Holder, Northern Colorado Area Manager for Xcel Energy. Mr. Holder gave a presentation. Director Trombino and Mr. Holder answered questions from the Council about the presentation. Mr. Holder discussed the need to update infrastructure in response to questions from Council about outages.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked Mr. Holder about Xcel's solar program. Mr. Holder explained how the program works and directed citizens to xcelenergy.com.

Councilmember Olson expressed concern about the difficulty in doing public works projects with Xcel.

8. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

Deputy City Manager Paul Fetherston stated there was nothing to report.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

John D. Gates, Mayor

Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk