

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
May 10, 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

Council Member Dale Hall

Councilmember Brett Payton

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Johnny Olson

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Councilmember Olson reported that the NFRMPO Rail Commission representing Weld County needs to be added to the appointment list. Councilmember Olson and Councilmember Payton are the representatives.

Councilmember Butler thanked the Greeley Fire Department for their work to extinguish the fire that occurred this afternoon.

Councilmember Butler reminds Greeley citizens to sign up for Code Red alerts at 970-304-6540 to receive emergency alerts.

5. Regional Water Advocacy and Resiliency StratOp Group

Sean Chambers, Director of the Water and Sewer Department, presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Director Chambers reported that he is the Chair of the Regional Water Advocacy and Resiliency StratOp

Group. Director Chambers answered questions from the Council about the presentation.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked for information about how the StratOp group fits in with other groups such as the Colorado Water Congress. Director Chambers explained that the Colorado Water Congress focuses on state-wide and federal advocacy. Greeley is a member of the Colorado Water Congress. The StratOp Group is a collection of municipal water providers as well as other water providers. The StratOp Group is not intended to be a water provider and will not own water rights.

Councilmember Olson asked whether this group could stop the dry-up of water rights in the Greeley area. Director Chambers discussed how that type of prohibition could be accomplished but stated that is not the purpose of the StratOp Group.

Councilmember Olson asked how the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) fits into this group. Director Chambers gave an overview of NISP.

6. Review of the 16th Street “Canal Shops” Redevelopment Project

Becky Safarik, Deputy City Manager and Community Development Director, presented as set forth in the PowerPoint deck in the agenda packet. Deputy City Manager Safarik answered questions from the Council about the presentation. In response to a question from Councilmember DeBeoutez, Deputy City Manager Safarik clarified that the redevelopment area is on 16th Street from 7th Avenue to 10th Avenue.

Councilmember Hall asked whether the water in the canal could be recirculated. Deputy City Manager Safarik reported that this isn't possible since the water must be delivered to end users. Deputy City Manager Safarik indicated that there is a possibility of lining the canal with decorative tiles. Director Chambers discussed some options for running the water in the canal year-round.

Councilmember Butler asked what the timeline is for this project. Deputy City Manager Safarik stated that Public Works Director Paul Trombino would give a timeline for the street and infrastructure improvements when he comes before Council. The timeline for the redevelopment project depends on when opportunities for redevelopment present themselves. Deputy City Manager Safarik answered questions from Council about ownership of some of the buildings in the area.

City Manager Raymond Lee asked Deputy City Manager Safarik to address the timeframe to do a sub-area plan for this area. Deputy City Manager stated that this is in the Council's strategic plan.

7. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

City Manager Lee stated there was nothing to report.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

John D. Gates, Mayor

Stacey Aurzada, Interim City Clerk