

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 15, 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

Charity Campfield, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates

Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Deb DeBoutez

Council Member Dale Hall

Council Member Johnny Olson

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Brett Payton

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with a page revision for agenda item 11.

5. Recognitions and Proclamations

Council Member DeBoutez presented the *What's Great About Greeley* report.

6. Citizen Input

Steve Teets, Greeley, thanked council for supporting the shelter at Bonnell and supporting the homeless issue. He addressed Council Member Butler and Mayor Gates about the homeless shelters. He made a list of issues with the Greeley-Evans transit pertaining to safety and health issues. He reported that the state passed legislation for grants and loans for homelessness.

Jamie Weber, Greeley, wanted to confirm if the City of Greeley is offering a \$1500 incentive to each employee who gets their vaccination. She reported that she had concerns about providing an incentive and indicated that it takes years to see whether or not a vaccination is safe.

Sonja Miller, Greeley, spoke on her concerns about the city giving incentives for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Pastor Steven Grant, Evans, spoke on the vaccine initiative and his direct concerns about COVID and people passing away from the vaccine. He asked if employees with natural immunity are also getting a bonus along with those employees taking religious exemptions.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Council Member DeBoutez reported that there will be a virtual meeting on February 16 about homelessness and an in-person meeting on February 17 on the same issue. If you want to attend the virtual meeting, there is an RSVP link on the City's website. She also reported that she attended the Human Relations Commission and they are partnering with the Department of Justice to host trainings on building relationships with our Muslim neighbors. The first training is scheduled for March 10th. A second training is scheduled for March 24th about engaging and building relationships with the Sikh community.

Council Member Olsen reported that he had a great meeting with CDOT on funding strategies for the US 34 and 47th and 45th interchanges. He reported that he had his first Ward meeting and he was really impressed with the representation.

Mayor Gates welcomed Tyler St. Clair back to Greeley to facilitate the Council retreat this weekend.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Council Member Butler reported that he is concerned that the Downtown Recreation Center and the Family Fun Plex have differing hours and would like them to be the same.

9. COVID-19 Update

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, provided an update highlighting the Covid-19 metrics tracked via the City's dashboard. He noted metrics are starting to trend downward and reviewed items that are tracked on the City's dashboard. He requested to put the weekly updates on hold since the numbers have been so low and re-evaluate the updates if there is another spike in cases.

Consent Agenda

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to approve the recommended actions on items 10-12.

The motion carried 7-0 (by roll call vote).

10. Acceptance of the Report of the City Council Work Session of February 8, 2022

11. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of February 1, 2022.

12. A Resolution concerning the proposed city of Greeley, Colorado, first-lien Stormwater System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2022; authorizing the receipt of

competitive bids for the Series 2022 Bonds, including the use of an electronic bidding system therefor; and prescribing certain details concerning such public sale of the Series 2022 Bonds.

End of Consent Agenda

13. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

14. Public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale by the City of Greeley, Colorado, acting by and through its Stormwater Enterprise, of first-lien Stormwater System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,500,000, for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the cost of additions and improvements to the stormwater system operated by the Stormwater Enterprise, pledging certain funds and revenues of the Enterprise to the payment of such bonds, prescribing the form of such bonds and providing other details in connection therewith.

John Karner, Finance Director, came forward to introduce this item and provide an overview of the use of debt to fund projects. Paul Trombino, Public Works Director introduced Andrew Fisher and Karen Reynolds, who presented as set forth in the slide deck in the agenda packet, highlighting the projects the funds will be used on.

In response to previous questions from Council, Finance Director Karner provided details about the way the city measures its ability to issue debt or our debt coverage. Council also inquired about the length of the bonds. Director Karner noted that this is a 20 year bond and we do have a current 2015 issued bond that has about 15 years left on it.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Steve Teets, Greeley, asked about the bond effects on water bills and property tax.

John Karner, Finance Director, reported that there will be an increase in stormwater rates, but this is not a tax bill.

Edwin Grant, Greeley, reported that he has lived in three different residences in Greeley and was able to water his grass in the summer for \$200 a month and his lowest bill this year was \$193. He reported that Thornton is getting water from farms in Eaton and the City of Greeley needs to start thinking about water for the next 30, 40 or 50 years.

Council Member Butler moved, seconded by Council Member DeBoutez, to adopt the ordinance and publish with reference to title only.

The motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

15. Appointment of applicants to the Golf Course Advisory Board, Housing Authority, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Stormwater Board.

Deputy City Clerk Charity Campfield reported the following appointments were made by the Council by written ballot:

- Golf Course Advisory Board – Pat Gilliam and Phillip Taylor
- Housing Authority – Kristina Mineo
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Recruit for additional candidates
- Stormwater Board – Recruit for additional candidates

16. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

No other meetings or events were scheduled.

17. Consideration of a motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, and ordinances to reflect action taken by the City Council at this meeting and any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements and ordinances

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Butler, to approve the above authorizations.

The motion carried 7-0.

18. An Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the annual performance review of the City Attorney.

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Hall, to approve the executive session.

The motion carried 7-0.

Council entered executive session at 7:05 pm

Council concluded executive session at 7:35 pm

19. An Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the annual performance review of the Municipal Judge

Council Member Payton moved, seconded by Council Member Clark, to approve the executive session.

The motion carried 7-0.

Council entered executive session at 7:37 pm

Council exited executive session at 8:14 pm

20. Adjournment

John D. Gates, Mayor

Charity Campfield, Deputy City Clerk