

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
January 26, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the virtual 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

Council Member Butler reported on the Town Hall he will be participating in on Saturday, January 30, with Colorado State Representative Mary Young about COVID-19. He noted that more information is being shared by the Greeley Tribune in both English and Spanish.

5. Age-friendly Communities Presentation

Roy Otto, City Manager, introduced Jim Riesberg, representing the Aging Well Collective Impact Group and United Way of Weld County, who reported that for two years, a significant group of representatives of agencies and organizations has been meeting to formulate a comprehensive approach to identify and address the issues being faced by the areas' aging population. He referenced material sent to Council and made a part of this agenda packet.

Mr. Riesberg shared that a survey was conducted, the results from which a program is being developed and goals and criteria being established in order to measure change in this area. Additionally, he stated that through a grant from The Next 50 Foundation, a staff person was hired to help develop community volunteers to support the work required to move this process forward.

In conclusion, Mr. Riesberg noted that it has been determined that the most effective way to move forward is to join with 494 other communities through the AARP Network of Age-friendly Communities. He asked that the City of Greeley sign on to this effort by providing a letter of support and shared that the City of Evans is being asked for a letter of support as well.

Council Members thanked Mr. Riesberg for his report on this effort and reached consensus to provide a letter of support as requested.

6. COVID-19 Update

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, reviewed the most current statistics on COVID in Greeley and Weld County by noting 193 deaths in Weld County due to COVID; an increase of 2 deaths due to COVID in the 80634 zip code in Greeley, 114 total; that Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has established a call center for information on vaccines which will be staffed 24 hours a day beginning February 1; and that good news has come out that 70 percent of Colorado's 70 and older residents will be vaccinated by the end of February.

He went on to report that the City will be collaborating with the University of Northern Colorado and the State of Colorado to open a new drive-through testing site through a different vendor. The site at the Youth Sports Complex will no longer be in operation because of the start of youth sports programming.

Emergency Manager Frazen then referenced the daily report cards coming from CDPHE for the Greeley, Evans, Windsor Five Star Program, noting that CDPHE is tracking the municipal data for us for Greeley, Evans and Windsor, as well as the metrics that he will be reporting on.

In response to a question from Council Member Butler, Emergency Manager Frazen stated that we would have to be in orange for 7 full days in order for our businesses to move up to the next level of yellow on the State dial.

Council Member Hall asked about the 497.2 cases and wondered where the .2 comes from. Emergency Manager Frazen clarified that all averages are based on a population of 100,000 and that they don't always add up, but are based on 14-day averages.

Councilmember Clark requested data on the number of people who die from influenza each year, and Emergency Manager Frazen stated that he would get that information and share it out to the Council.

7. City Council 2040 Vision, Priorities, and Strategic Work Plan Update

City Manager Otto reported that City staff played a big part in developing the Strategic Work Plan early in 2020. He noted that the highlight of 2020 for him was the weekend

Council spent in retreat working on its Vision and Priorities. He stated that it was a great collaboration between staff and Council Members and that some great work came out of it, including eight priority areas and staff champions for each one.

He proceeded to review and highlight each focus priority area – *Greeley Water: History, Heritage, Innovation; Leadership in Educational Excellence; A Dynamic and Resilient Economy; Your Home is Here; Greeley on the Move; We Are Greeley Proud; We Are One; Operational Excellence* - along with a status and progress for each one.

The Mayor and Council Members expressed thanks and kudos to City Manager Otto and the City staff for keeping everything moving forward even in the midst of a pandemic in 2020.

8. Executive Session for Annual Review of the City Manager

Council Member Clark moved, seconded by Council Member Hall to adjourn the Council Worksession and immediately move into an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel who report to the City Council as provided for under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2.04.020 (6)a.

The motion carried: 7-0

9. Scheduling of Meetings and Other Events

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

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Worksession was adjourned at 6:46 p.m., and Council moved into Executive Session which adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

John Gates, Mayor

Cheryl Aragon, Deputy City Clerk