

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 7, 2023

1. Call to Order

Mayor 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.

3. Roll Call

Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present:

Mayor John Gates

Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez

Councilmember Dale Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Brett Payton

Councilmember Ed Clark

Councilmember Johnny Olson

4. Approval of the Agenda

City Manager Lee noted that Item 12 would be a motion to continue the public hearing to the next City Council meeting on March 21, 2023, and order the Ordinance amending Title 24 of the Greeley Municipal Code by repealing Title 2, Chapter 9 (Metropolitan Districts) and enacting Title 24, Chapter 12 (Metropolitan Districts) to be published in full.

5. Recognitions and Proclamations

Mayor Gates read the proclamation for National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Debbie Fatomiloye and Anthony Dorsey-Kountz were present in Council Chambers to accept; and

Mayor Gates read the proclamation for Kiwanis Club Stars of Tomorrow 75th Anniversary. Margie Martinez and other Kiwanis Club members were present to accept.

Mayor Pro Tem Payton presented *What's Great about Greeley?*

6. Citizen Input

1. Ross Lightsey spoke about the sidewalk by Pumpkin Ridge and investigating the possibility of installing a foot bridge off of 10th Street to increase the safety of the community. Mayor Gates requested City Staff to reach out to Mr. Lightsey.
2. Bill Gillard spoke about Terry Ranch, voting on 4A and homeless issues.
3. Steve Teets spoke about the City's Food Tax Rebate Program.
4. David Meek spoke about meeting with staff to discuss Museum interactions.
5. Mary Clithero-Titmus spoke about the sidewalk concern by Pumpkin Ridge and would like a safe way to cross on 10th Street/Highway 34.
6. John Brown spoke about footbridge to cross 10th Street/highway 34 by Pumpkin Ridge and Sheep Draw.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Olson gave an update from his committee meetings with North Front Range and US 34. The committee has started the regional transportation planning process and for 2050.

Councilmember DeBoutez shared her experience at the Downtown Art Walk last Friday night. She noted that 31 downtown businesses participated in the art walk and encouraged residents to view the local art that will be displayed all month.

Councilmember Butler thanked city staff for hosting a meeting with State representatives to discuss affordable housing.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Hall requested a written report from city staff to include goals and timeline to find a solution for a safe crossing by Sheep Draw at 10th Street/highway 34. Council has consensus to move forward with the initiative.

Councilmember Olson indicated he has been asked to sit on the US Department of Transportation Resiliency Committee for the nation, as a representative for the City of Greeley. Council is in consensus for Councilmember Olson to represent the City on this committee.

Councilmember Butler asked staff to conduct research and give a presentation at a work session explaining the City's current food sales rebate program including the history of the program, the current rebate, how it works and statistics on individuals that utilize the program over the years. Council is in consensus on this request.

Consent Agenda

9. **Consideration of a motion to approve the City Council Proceedings of February 21, 2023**
10. **Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance appropriating additional sums to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Greeley for the balance of the fiscal year of 2023 and for funds held in reserve for encumbrances through December 31, 2022**

Councilmember Olson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9 and 10. Mayor Pro Tem Payton seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:38 p.m.

End of Consent Agenda

11. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

None.

12. **Consideration of a motion to set the public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance amending Title 24 of the Greeley Municipal Code by repealing Title 2, Chapter 9 (Metropolitan Districts) and enacting Title 24, Chapter 12 (Metropolitan Districts) and making amendments thereto**

The City Clerk's Office has asked for this item to be continued to City Council meeting on March 21, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Payton made a motion to set the public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance amending Title 24 of the Greeley Municipal Code by repealing Title 2, Chapter 9 (Metropolitan Districts) and enacting Title 24, Chapter 12 (Metropolitan Districts) and making amendments thereto to March 21, 2023 and to publish the Ordinance in full. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 6:40 p.m.

13. Public hearing and consideration of a Resolution to approve the 2045 Transportation Master Plan – Greeley on the Go

Paul Trombino, Public Works Director, introduced the item with a presentation at 6:40 p.m.

The City of Greeley initiated the Greeley on the Go Transportation Master Plan process in 2021 to update the 2035 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (adopted in 2011).

The key differences between the current and proposed transportation plan begin with the establishment of plan goals – safety, multimodal network, equity & health, economic vitality, environment & technology, and funding & strategic investments. Additionally,

the new plan is focused on urban design geared towards vibrant and inviting neighborhoods. This plan was recommended for Council approval by the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board and Planning Commission.

The City Council reviewed the plan at a work session on February 28, 2023.

The public hearing opened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Steve Teets spoke about including the City of Evans in transportation needs.
2. Bill Gillard spoke about future transportation needs of electric vehicles.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Councilmember Olson moved to adopt the Resolution. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 7:06 p.m.

14. Public hearing to consider a motion to approve the Allocation Plan for HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

In September 2021, the City of Greeley was allocated funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds, which are a part of the American Rescue Plan and identified as HOME-ARP, must be applied for by the City by March 31, 2023. HOME-ARP funds can only be used for certain activity groups.

The Greeley Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) met and recommended that City Council approve the Allocation Plan. Following approval by the City Council, the Allocation Plan will be entered into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) for review and approval.

Councilmember Olson asked if there was a match requirement from the city for the grant, what was being purchased, and what the long term plan was. In response, Mr. Snow replied that no match is required for the grant. Assistant City Manager Juliana Kitten also responded that the money would not pay for the shelter and there are two other grant options from the State the city could layer onto this grant depending on the direction Council would like to go.

Councilmember Butler asked if the grant money would help keep the cold weather shelter open. In response to the question, Ms. Kitten replied that the grant will not come into play for several months and the shelter will be closed for the season by then.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked if regional partners are applying for this grant and if we can coordinate with them to work together for a regional service plan. In response, Ms. Kitten replied that Fort Collins is interested in working together.

The public hearing opened at 7:20 p.m.

1. Steve Teets spoke about ideas to use the funding to help the community.

2. Bill Gillard raised the question of who is responsible for paying for the services after the grant funding has run out.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember DeBoutez moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 at 7:25 p.m. with Councilmember Clark voting “nay”.

15. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

16. **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**

Mayor Pro Payton moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 7:25 p.m.

17. **Consideration of a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of completing the annual performance review of the City Manager**

Mayor Pro Tem Payton moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 7:26 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

17. The Executive Session was called to order at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of completing the annual performance review of the City Manager.

Present at this executive session are the following persons: All members of City Council and City Manager Raymond Lee.

A motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss the following matter as provided under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2.151(6)(a): To discuss personnel reporting to the City Council.

Mayor Gates cautioned each participant to confine discussion to the stated purpose and

reminded that no formal action may occur in Executive Session. If at any point any participant believed that the discussion was going outside the proper scope of the Executive Session, participants were advised to interrupt the discussion and raise an objection.

The meeting concluded at 8:58 p.m.

The recordings will be retained as provided in the City's records retention policy and in conformity with the Colorado Open Meetings Law for a period of 90 days.

Approved:

John D. Gates, Mayor

Attest:

Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk