

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
March 26, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor John Gates, in the Council's Chambers at the City Center South Campus, 1001 11th Avenue.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

3. ROLL CALL

Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor Gates and Councilmembers Robb Casseday, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton, Jon Smail, and Stacy Suniga.

4. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Ben Snow, Economic Health & Housing Director, provided a brief introduction, discussed why workforce development matters, and highlighted the current and historical unemployment rate both nationally and in Colorado. He continued by discussing the skills gap, decreasing teen employment, increased college tuition prices, and increasing student loan debt. Mr. Snow concluded by introducing Roy Otto, Greeley City Manager.

Mr. Otto provided a history of where the city has come from since he was appointed City Manager. He continued by discussing the City Council Priorities from 2005 which were a catalyst in getting the city where it is today. He concluded by highlighting the G-Town Promise and its four main components before introducing Sarah Rice, Director of the Bright Futures Program.

Ms. Rice started by thanking a number of individuals responsible for the success of the Bright Futures Program. She continued by highlighting the impact Bright Futures has had on the community so far, the diversity of degrees earned by participants, and their partnership with the University of Northern Colorado. Ms. Rice concluded by discussing the future of the program.

Dr. Deirdre Pilch, Superintendent of School District 6, described Innovation 2020 which is the District's comprehensive plan, including priorities and measurements. She continued by highlighting concurrent enrollment numbers, industry certifications, and business partners. Dr. Pilch also described the District's internship program and the School District 6/Vestas Apprenticeship Program before concluding by highlighting the program's next steps.

Mike Trotter, Achieving Community Excellence (ACE) Advisory Board Chair, discussed a "look ahead" for the City and for ACE before concluding by urging everyone to keep the momentum going as it relates to workforce development in Greeley.

In response to questions from Councilmember Suniga, Dr. Pilch noted that students participating in the Vestas apprenticeship program are doing so during school hours and getting school credit for doing so. She added that there are other apprenticeship/internship opportunities coming in the future.

Councilmember Casseday and Mayor Gates both thanked everyone involved in Greeley's success in the arena of workforce development.

5. KERSEY, EVANS, AND GREELEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ("IGA") UPDATE

Brad Mueller, Community Development Director, provided background about the IGA, discussed the purview of the IGA, and described a map that illustrates the Kersey/Evans/Greeley Cooperative Planning Area. He continued by highlighting the annexation protocol, describing the allowed and prohibited land uses, and discussing the noticing requirements and additional terms and conditions of the IGA.

In response to questions from Councilmember Hall, Mr. Mueller elaborated on the definition of "first priority" and noted that the community being contacted by a landowner wishing to be annexed will contact the neighboring community to let them know about the annexation request. He also explained that the communities involved with this IGA have not met with Weld County yet, but they will once it has been approved.

Councilmember Payton and Mayor Gates thanked everyone involved in making this agreement/community partnership successful.

6. WPCF MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Sean Chambers, Water and Sewer Director, provided an overview and history of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Master Plan. He also highlighted the drivers of the 2018 Treatment and Nutrient Master Plan. Mr. Chambers concluded by introducing Adam Prior, Chief Water and Sewer Engineer, and Jeff Berlin, representative from Carollo Engineers.

Mr. Prior and Mr. Berlin described the City of Greeley Wastewater Service Area, the regulatory drivers related to nutrients (fertilizers), the long-term average flows. They noted that average flows have been flat recently because of water conservation efforts and rehab to the City's sewer infrastructure. They continued by describing the long-term average load trends with population growth and highlighted why loads of organic material have grown disproportionately since 2012 noting that the City's current facility is reaching its organic material load limit.

Mr. Prior and Mr. Berlin also discussed regulatory flow and load triggers, described the Treatment and Nutrient Master Plan and its four phases, highlighted the projected estimates of sewer rate increases over the next 20 years, described the proposed implementation schedule, and highlighted the WPCF next steps.

In response to a question from Councilmember Suniga, Mr. Berlin noted that a spike in organic material in 2012 was caused by an industrial issue that the City was able to appropriately prepare for.

In response to questions from Councilmember Payton, Mr. Berlin explained that the City will apply for incentives and then must prove later that they are qualified before receiving them. Mr. Prior added that the City has already surpassed the load trigger.

In response to a question from Councilmember Casseday, Mr. Prior explained that the City is planning for expansion of the Water & Sewer facility noting that we will not be land-locked for a while into the future. He added that they are currently evaluating potential parcels of land that the City could acquire for future expansion.

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

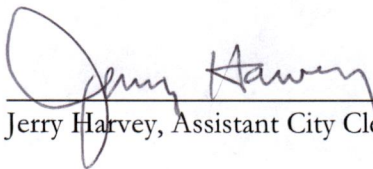
Robert Miller, Budget Manager, provided a summary of the General Fund noting that revenues are up and expenditures are down. He continued with a description of the Sales Tax distribution among the major sales tax categories noting that sales tax revenues are up overall. Mr. Miller went on to describe the Building Permit Revenue, the Water Funds, the Sewer Funds, and the Stormwater Funds. He concluded by highlighting the Lodging Tax revenues, which are up from last year, and providing a summary of February's overall financial picture.

8. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS

No additional meetings or other events were scheduled.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk