

City of Greeley, Colorado  
**COUNCIL BRIEFING**  
April 3, 2020

The Council Briefing began at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, via a remote Zoom Meeting between City Staff and the City Council. It was live-streamed on the City of Greeley's YouTube Channel.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gates called the Zoom Meeting to Order.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk, called the roll. Those virtually present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton, and Kristin Zasada. Councilmember Tommy Butler virtually arrived at 4:06 p.m.

**4. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC UPDATE**

Roy Otto, City Manager, stated that this report would include a report on the City's response to this pandemic, as well as a report on how this is impacting operations.

Dan Frazen, Greeley's Emergency Manager, provided an update to Council on the number of cases in Colorado, as well as in Weld County, and the number of patients in Greeley hospitals. All represented increases from the previous day.

Mr. Frazen went on to discuss the operations of the Emergency Operations Center including a cold weather shelter update, first responder quarantine options, Bureau of Justice grant opportunities, the City's business recovery fund, and the CARES Act status. He also spoke of local businesses and individuals who are donating personal protective equipment for use by first responders.

In response to a question from Councilmember Butler, Mr. Frazen advised that the cold weather shelter is running at about 80 percent capacity.

Mayor Gates expressed a desire to see those utilizing the homeless shelter stay at the homeless shelter rather than congregating somewhere in public which poses a danger to them and to others.

Mark Jones, Police Chief, reported on enforcement efforts of the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order. He stated that the approach is a common sense one and to try and talk and inform individuals about the Order and give warnings initially. Tickets would be the last option. He stated no tickets have been issued at this point.

Councilmember Payton inquired about the status of a police officer in quarantine, and Chief Jones indicated that three have been tested; they are all negative but it fluctuates based on symptoms and quarantine situations.

Dale Lyman, Fire Chief, reported that one firefighter tested positive and has been out. He added that there are 14 firefighters in quarantine, and he is moderately concerned about staffing.

Chief Jones added that his officers will be monitoring worship services and they will notify him of any that occur so that he can visit and talk with pastors and other church personnel.

Mr. Otto provided a brief summary on operational items of note which included the idea of a regional recovery effort and the outreach by the City of Loveland. He reported that while the City is willing to be a partner in that, the City's focus now is business recovery and those efforts. He also reported on the recent layoff of seasonal and temporary staff, the hiring freeze for the month of April, and the intentional work being done to look at Council's future agenda schedule.

Councilmember Clark asked about support for businesses in Greeley who are trying to help, and Mr. Otto affirmed that he is tracking those businesses for future recognition.

Councilmember Hall reported that the Greeley Chamber of Commerce has been working diligently to establish a business-friendly process that will help any businesses with needs and to try and act as a conduit for business assistance.

Councilmember Payton added that the Chamber Foundation is also very supportive of those business support efforts.

The Council Briefing adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



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Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk