City of Greeley, Colorado
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 14, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This was a remote meeting conducted via Zoom Meetings and live streamed to the public via YouTube.

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 present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Weld County for the Establishment, Funding, and Management of a COVID-19 Personal Isolation Facility

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, reported that this item has come forward as the City has worked with the County and other partners to establish a safe environment for those who are recovering from COVID-19 to convalesce after being released from the hospital in an isolated place to not spread the virus further.

She stated that locally, the teams working on this became aware of a possible location on the Bonell campus, and when Bonell was approached, they were willing to work out a lease of this space.

She spoke of the process for people being referred to this facility, as well as resources needed for security and overall management at the facility. She briefly reviewed the process, and she stated that the County will lease this facility and will be taking care of needed repairs to get it ready for occupancy while the City will be responsible for the management, transportation, and related cleaning services through about June.

In terms of funding, Ms. Safarik reported that fortunately between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Transportation dollars, costs are covered for overall management, while JBS has donated $90,000 to the City that could be applied to this effort.

This resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into the needed Intergovernmental Agreement with the County to get the facility up and available.

In response to a question from Councilmember Clark, Ms. Safarik stated that this has been a work in progress and the lease amount is $18,000 including utilities. After an on-site visit, some needed repairs were identified and costs were estimated up until yesterday, and those costs would be incorporated into the lease that the County would be responsible for.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons noted that while he is one of the team leaders at Bonell, he checked in with the City Attorney, and no conflict of interest was identified. He expressed his support for this endeavor.

Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Clark to adopt the resolution. The motion carried: 7-0 **(Resolution No. 16, 2020)**

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND TO GREELEY AREA RECOVERY FUND

Ben Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, reported that he and his team have been working closely with local partners on efforts to keep businesses solvent during these unprecedented times. He spoke of the CARES Act that serves to provide immediate and short-term relief to businesses, and the Chamber has been working to develop a program that will compliment that. That work has resulted in the Greeley Area Recovery Fund that will help businesses during this crisis and will offer a maximum of $5,000 to qualified businesses hardest hit by this crisis. This Fund is a public/private partnership whereby City dollars will be leveraged to garner private donations from businesses and individuals. City dollars will be reserved for grants to Greeley businesses.

In terms of funding, Mr. Snow reported that staff is proposing to reallocate $250,000 from the existing Redevelopment Incentive Fund for this purpose and enter into an agreement for services with the Greeley Chamber of Commerce to manage this fund.

Councilmember Butler questioned whether or not this is enough money to contribute to this, and noted that all of the businesses that he's talked to have said they will be applying, so in his estimation more money is needed.

Councilmember Zasada asked about the timeline it would take to replenish funds if needed, and Doug Marek, City Attorney, advised that it would expedite matters if Council proceeded with the recommended amount, but special meetings can be scheduled fairly quickly if needed to allocate additional funds.

Roy Otto, City Manager, advised that there is roughly $750,000 left in this fund that could be allocated with a simple motion by Council in the future if needed.

Councilmember Clark indicated a preference for be conservative here and make sure conditions are good before allocated an additional amount and expressed hope that this amount helps as many businesses as possible.

Councilmember Hall indicated that this is a good opportunity to do some good with an ability to commit additional funds if needed. He noted that he would like to see a solid public/private partnership as it is intended to be with Chamber members.

In response to a question from Councilmember Zasada about timing of launching the program, Mr. Snow advised that a website will tentatively launch April 15th with a fundraising component for private individuals and businesses through the Chamber. It is also hoped that the grant allocation committee will meet and review applications as early as the week of April 20th. Timing will be critical, he noted.

Councilmember Butler asked about marketing and what registry of businesses will be used.

Mr. Snow stated that the biggest impact will come in the next 24-hours and provide a big catalyst for the fundraising effort and a lot of media attention will be generated. There is a robust business list that the Chamber and the City have access to.

Mr. Snow added that the City will have a seat on the selection committee, and will include 6-8 additional members appointed by the Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board.

Mayor Gates noted for the record that Councilmember Payton recused himself from discussion of this item given his membership on the Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board.

Councilmember Butler moved to increase the City's contribution amount to $500,000. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Mayor Gates noted that Councilmember Butlers' intention is good, and at this time, the $250,000 seems appropriate until it is shown that additional dollars are needed.

Councilmember Hall moved, seconded by Councilmember Butler to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion carried: 6-0 (Councilmember Payton recused) **(Resolution No. 17, 2020)**

6. 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 AT ANY PREVIOUS MEETINGS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN ALL SUCH RESOLUTIONS, AGREEMENTS AND ORDINANCES

Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Clark to approve the above authorizations. The motion carried: 7-0

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gates adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

John Gates, Mayor

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk