

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL BRIEFING
May 1, 2020

The Council Briefing began at 4:00 p.m. 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 Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, and Kristin Zasada. Councilmember Brett Payton was excused.

4. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC UPDATE

Pandemic Response Activities

It was noted that a handout was provided and made part of the record.

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, reported that some emails have been received addressed to the Mayor and Council about data being reported, and was able to speak with writers of the emails and glean some insight about the data. He stressed that he invites criticism and ideas since this is a first for everyone in terms of reporting.

Mr. Frazen went on to recognize members of the Incident Support Team who are critical to this process and who have all been very supportive.

He went on to provide an update on current cases and fatalities in Colorado and noted that Weld County numbers had not yet come in for the day. He also spoke of those hospitalized and on ventilators in Greeley hospitals, North Colorado Medical Center and University of Colorado Health.

He spoke of the Safer at Home guidelines from the Governor that are being followed locally, and provided an update on the cold weather shelters' last night on April 30th, as well as alternative care facility being planned for mid-May at The Ranch in Loveland. He clarified that it will be run by the State not the Army.

With regard to the personal isolation facility at Bonell, Mr. Frazen shared that staff visited the facility and that a new funding plan is being discussed to expedite the work being done there.

Internally, Mr. Frazen stated that he has been working with City staff on a reopening plan for City facilities and what that might look like.

He went on to review the graphs and charts provided to Council as part of the handout that included cases, deaths by age and gender, and then reviewed various trends.

Councilmember Hall expressed appreciation for the work and effort to paint this picture and noted that it is very worth the time and effort. He stated that these numbers seem very solid.

Councilmember Zasada inquired about the importance of considering what is going on in the hospitals in terms of the City's response, and Mr. Frazen stated that this is some of the best data because he's hearing from emergency managers in those facilities. He stated that he does verify numbers everyday with them and said that they have shared that they are still preparing for a surge and remaining cautious.

In response to a question from Councilmember Fitzsimmons, Mr. Frazen stated that the number of deaths at home by zip code is not available.

Mayor Gates expressed appreciation for Mr. Frazen's shout out to his support team. He agreed that all are doing a great job.

Greeley Area Recovery Fund

Ben Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, reported that 123 applications have been received in total, and that 111 are from Greeley. He added that \$3,000 is the average grant amount. In terms of payouts, 44 of them were issued on April 30th to restaurants, coffee shops, bars, retail and professional services.

Mr. Snow stated that this program is hitting business as hoped and that the task force continues to meet and assess applications and award grants.

In response to a question from Councilmember Butler about the number of applications that have been denied, Mr. Snow advised that he would consult with the Chamber in order to be able to report that number.

Councilmember Clark stated that this appears to be a big win for the business community and that it is a great bridge to get these business up and going.

The Council Briefing adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk