

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
May 5, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the remote meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Meetings.

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, Brett Payton and Kristin Zasada.

4. Recognitions and Proclamations

Mayor Gates read three Proclamations for Drinking Water Week, Mental Health Month and Building Safety Months. Signed and sealed Proclamations will be mailed to all representatives.

Councilmember Payton, on behalf of Councilmember Fitzsimmons, presented the What's Great About Greeley Report.

5. Citizen Input

Ms. Aragon read into the official record, an email directed to the Mayor and Councilmembers expressing concerns about JBS and the outbreak of COVID-19 at the Greeley facility.

6. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved upon noting handouts for Item No. 17.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Clark reported on ongoing work with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and other citizens regarding Comcast and connectivity, with better connectivity in East Greeley critical to the conversation. He asked that residents let him know about particular areas of the community that are experiencing issues.

Councilmember Fitzsimmons reported that he recently met with Assistant City Manager Becky Safarik and representatives from the Community Foundation where additional allocation of funding may be coming through Housing and Urban Development grants. Ms. Safarik advised that those requests will be coming back to Council in June.

Councilmember Butler reported on a recent town hall event he participated in with State Representative Mary Young along with local non-profit leaders. He stated that great work is being done to feed families, as well as to help immigrant and refugee communities in terms of communication.

Mayor Gates reminded Greeley residents to get their Census forms complete if they have not done that already emphasizing its importance.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Clark petitioned staff to create a video piece that could run on GTV8 thanking Veterans for their service in light of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Council consensus was reached to ask staff to do that.

Councilmember Butler asked for a report from staff about what it would look like to have a face mask ordinance in place for Greeley and to look at what other communities are doing in this regard. Council consensus was not reached to direct staff to provide a report.

Councilmember Butler then asked at least for some additional information from local hospital representatives on the public health benefits of having an ordinance in place and what type of timeline would be appropriate. Again, Council consensus was not reached to move forward in this regard.

Roy Otto, City Manager, indicated that this could be discussed more in the COVID-19 Briefing later on the agenda.

*** * * * Consent Agenda * * * ***

9. Acceptance of the Report of the April 17, 2020, Council Briefing: COVID-19 Update

The Council action recommended was to accept the Report.

10. Approval of the City Council Proceedings of April 21, 2020

The Council action recommended was to approve the Proceedings.

11. Acceptance of the Report of the April 24, 2020, Council Briefing: COVID-19 Update

The Council action recommended was to accept the Report.

12. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$150,000 in Airport Improvement Funds from the Greeley-Weld County Airport to Holyoke Municipal Airport

The Council action recommended was to adopt the resolution. **(Resolution No. 20, 2020)**

13. Consideration of a resolution appointing J. Robert Miller to the position of Interim Director of Finance and Interim Ex-officio City Treasurer

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

14. Consideration of a change order in the amount of \$21,203.004 to the contract with Stantec for the design of the Poudre sewer trunk line, bringing the revised contract amount from \$196,000.00 to \$259,606.00

The Council action recommended was to approve the Change Order. **(Change Order No. 5, 2020)**

***** End of Consent Agenda *****

Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Zasada to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and their recommended actions with the exception of Item No. 13. The motion carried: 7-0

15. Pulled consent agenda items

13. Consideration of a resolution appointing J. Robert Miller to the position of Interim Director of Finance and Interim Ex-officio City Treasurer

Mayor Gates stated that he pulled this item to congratulate Robert Miller on this appointment noting that he is a very steady and reliable employee who will excel in this role.

Mayor Gates then moved, seconded by Councilmember Payton to adopt the resolution. The motion carried: 7-0 **(Resolution No. 21, 2020)**

16. Public hearing and final reading of an ordinance adopting amendments to the Greeley Municipal Code, consisting of Chapter 18.54 – Signs, in order to comply with recent Court decisions regarding content neutrality

Brad Mueller, Community Development Director, introduced Planner Brittany Hathaway who shared that part of keeping the Sign Code current involves ensuring enforceability and legality of its regulatory language. This proposed update does not affect commercial signage nor how the City calculates allowances for permitted signs. Rather, this update focuses on compliance with recent Court decisions regarding content neutrality for non-commercial signage.

She stated that the Planning Commission heard this item on January 14, 2020, and Council reviewed this item in two Worksessions on March 3rd and April 14th, and went on to review the proposal that included the feedback and suggestions offered by Council at those meetings. She noted that this proposal reflects Council's consensus to not impose any time limits for temporary non-commercial signs. However, this draft does reflect changes offered regarding non-commercial sign allowances based on lot size. Specifically, the draft proposed for adoption includes provisions that add more sign size allowances for all yard and lot sizes, and it provides more lot size categories, as specifically found in Section 18.54.110(a)(7) of the Code.

Ms. Hathaway advised that the Planning Commission has unanimously recommended approval to Council and was introduced at the April 21, 2020, Council meeting.

Mayor Gates opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m., and no comments were received by the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Zasada moved, seconded by Councilmember Butler to adopt the ordinance and publish it by reference to title only.

Councilmember Clark noted that this has been a tough item to get this far, but the work is good and incorporates everything Council expressed.

A vote on the motion carried: 7-0 (**Ordinance No. 11, 2020**)

17. COVID-19 Update

Dan Frazen, Emergency Manager, provided the days statistics and information related to COVID-19 including statewide numbers, County-wide numbers, and local hospital counts and those off of ventilators.

He next reviewed the Coroner's Office report and spoke of the alternative care facility at the Ranch that is now set to open mid-June.

Mr. Franzen advised that Weld County is 5th in the state per 1,000 for COVID-19 positive cases, and added that the rate is trending down in the State.

The Weld County daily case increase and percentage increase by month was shared.

Councilmember Butler inquired about state testing sites, and Mr. Frazen advised that Weld County is developing a proposal, and the state will provide testing supplies.

Ben Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, reviewed the latest data in the Greeley Recovery Fund, noting that a total of 126 applications have been received with \$135,000 awarded to date to 44 businesses. He added that at this point, zero applications have been denied and that 114 of the 126 have come in from Greeley businesses.

Mr. Snow emphasized that the value of this public/private partnership can and should be leveraged to continue work together for longer-term resilience.

Councilmember Payton stated that the number of applications has slowed down, but marketing continues.

He went on to state that there have been incomplete applications and that it does take time to look through the documents provided. They are being allowed to resubmit or add needed documentation to complete applications. He stated that no one wants to deny applications, so there is some back and forth going on with the business applicants.

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, highlighted that some information in response to questions offered by Councilmember Butler was provided in Council's packet and reviewed it with the Council.

18. Scheduling of meetings, other events

There were no additional meetings or events scheduled.

19. 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

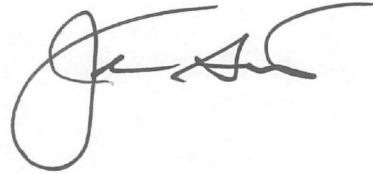
Councilmember Payton moved, seconded by Councilmember Hall to approve the above authorizations, and the motion carried: 7-0

20. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk



John Gates, Mayor