

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL BRIEFING
 May 8, 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.

5. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gates called the Zoom Meeting to Order.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

7. 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 Dale Hall arrived late.

8. 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 no numbers were available from the State or the County, but provided Thursdays numbers related to cases, deaths, hospitalized and numbers at NCMC and UC Health Colorado.

He went on to report on the work done this week at the personal isolation facility at Bonell and the work with the County. He shared that Dr. Wallace's had announced his retirement at the end of May.

He then went on to review charts, stats, and current trends with the Council.

Councilmember Hall joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Greeley Area Recovery Fund

Ben Snow, Economic Health and Housing Director, reported that there are currently ten applications pending review and that 60 have been denied thus far. He added that the Grass-roots support is approaching \$30,000, for a total of \$604,282 in the fund.

Councilmember Zasada referenced an article that is tracking Denver restaurants closing and wondered if that is being tracked here.

Mr. Snow advised that because of COVID, only anecdotal information is available, nothing official, but that there is a sense that there will be a loss rate somewhere around 30 percent.

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, referenced a discussion paper that shows various thresholds for reopening City facilities. She highlighted points at which the City would know that it has reached a safer level with confidence to begin opening up City offices and operations, as well as parks and recreational programming and opportunities.

She shared Greeley's population as a percentage of the State, which is about 2 percent, noting that it does not include Evans, and that staff is upping that to 4 percent simply because Greeley has a higher concentration of cases due to JBS and assisted living facilities and that there is more of a disproportionate vulnerability here.

Roy Otto, City Manager, stated that the City has been asked to be a part of a remembrance of those lost to COVID-19 on Friday, May 15th, at 7:00 p.m. and asked for consensus from Council to participate. Remembering those lost to COVID-19. Friday, May 15. It would include lights and sirens from public safety, as well as a moment of silence.

Councilmembers offered general consensus to participate, but it was suggested that the Police Department participate from the Police Department Headquarters rather than being out in the neighborhoods for safety sake.

Councilmember Clark expressed appreciation for Ms. Safarik's work, but emphasized his belief that things need to get open, such as playgrounds.

The Council Briefing adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Aragon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" being more legible than the last name "Aragon".

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk