

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
August 13, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor John Gates in the Council's Chambers at the City Center South Campus, 1001 11th Avenue.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk, called the roll. Those present were Mayor John Gates and Councilmembers Robb Casseday, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, and Stacy Suniga.

Councilmembers Smail and Payton arrived late. Councilmember Payton arrived at 5:29 p.m., and Councilmember Smail arrived at 5:35 p.m.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

The Mayor and Councilmembers interviewed applicants Erik Briscoe and Brian Franzen for positions on the Planning Commission.

5. 2020 – 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Robert Miller, Budget Manager, began by highlighting the 2020 budget schedule along with a summary of the 2020 resources for funds, a review of the revenue assumptions, 2020 resources by fund, election timelines for approval/continuation of taxes, 2020-2024 expenditure assumptions and projected changes from 2019, expenditures by fund, and the 2020 ending fund balance by fund.

Andy McRoberts, Culture, Parks, and Recreation (CPRD) Director, was introduced to discuss CPRD funds and the projects being funded by them. Specifically, he highlighted the public art fund, Island Grove development fund, park development fund, trails development fund, Quality of Life/Imagine Greeley fund, and the Food Tax fund.

Joel Hemesath, Public Works director, continued by highlighting projects that are being funded by the Food Tax fund, the transportation development fund, the FASTER fund, and the Keep Greeley Moving fund.

Mr. Miller continued by highlighting the fire equipment and acquisition replacement fund along with a summary of capital improvements.

Mr. Hemesath continued by highlighting the 2020-2024 Capital Improvements Funds including the stormwater construction fund and the stormwater replacement fund. He also discussed the stormwater vehicle replacement schedule and future stormwater projects.

Sean Chambers, Water and Sewer director, provided an overview of the water and sewer capital funds along with a description of the new construction, replacement and rehabilitation projects, and water supply storage and acquisitions coming to the Water and Sewer Department in 2020.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hall, Mr. McRoberts explained that the process for updates to Island Grove Park has been to listen to input from all relevant groups and then prioritize the potential updates.

In response to a question from Councilmember Suniga, Mr. McRoberts explained that irrigation water line breaks in the City's parks usually occur because of age. He added that there is a process in place to update these lines when they can.

Mayor Gates asked whether the plastic seating in the Island Grove stadium was being repaired or replaced, and Mr. McRoberts explained that it was being replaced.

In response to questions from Mayor Gates regarding the future interchanges as the intersections of Highway 34 and 35th and 47th Avenues, Mr. Hemesath explained that they are currently in the design phase. He added that they are being designed simultaneously and that the design process should take two years. Mr. Hemesath also added that, once the designs are complete, the City will start with the 35th Avenue interchange, and construction should take two years.

Councilmember Suniga expressed her concern that the 5th Street sidewalks are still a safety hazard, and Mr. Hemesath explained that they are a priority but the improvements will take a couple of years.

In response to a question from Councilmember Casseday, Mr. Chambers explained that the City is working to better manage water taste and odor issues stemming from annual algae blooms. He added that ozone treatment is what the City is looking to implement in the future.

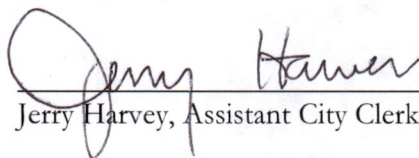
In response to a question from Councilmember Smail, Renee Wheeler, Finance Director, explained that the new utility billing software being implemented is a cloud based solution meaning that upgrades will be regularly and automatically rolled out which increases the life and security of the product.

6. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS

No additional meetings or other events were scheduled.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



 Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk