

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
September 14, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, Colorado.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Roll Call

Anissa Hollingshead, City Clerk, called the roll.

PRESENT

Mayor John Gates

Council Member Tommy Butler

Council Member Dale Hall

Council Member Michael Fitzsimmons

Council Member Brett Payton

Council Member Ed Clark

Council Member Kristin Zasada

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Hall reported on the tour he and Council Member Butler attended last Friday with the Water & Sewer Board to view fire damage and its impacts on water distribution in the region.

5. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

Interim City Manager Raymond Lee indicated there were no additional meetings or other events.

6. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Dan Frazen presented an update on COVID-19 to the Council. He reported on the metrics being tracked by the City. Emergency Manager Frazen noted of the three primary triggers the City is monitoring that for first three days of September the community trigger was met; today the City employee trigger was met; and at this time, the City has yet to meet all three triggers at one time.

Emergency Manager Frazen next reviewed some broader current community context.

- Due to capacity and equipment issues at facilities, the local hospitals are working closely together to transfer patients between them to assure the best ability to provide care.
- 56.4% of county residents are fully vaccinated, and another 6% have received one shot.
- A mobile vaccination site will be at Northridge High School on September 16, and at City Hall next week. These opportunities are for everyone in the community.
- The community testing site at UNC has been very busy, and CDPHE has requested the city's assistance in identifying another site. The current site is the only one in Weld County right now.
- There were 2 deaths due to COVID in the city in August, and 2 so far in September.
- There have been 20 recorded cases of the newer Lambda variant in Colorado to this point.

In response to a question, Emergency Manager Frazen indicated we cannot get Greeley-specific data on vaccination rates.

In response to a question about potential responses if all three triggers are met, City Manager Lee indicated he would not immediately look at a full shut down, but instead would look at instituting a mask mandate and possibly considering instituting work cohorts to minimize staffing at one time but still fully cover staffing.

7. 2022 Proposed Budget Presentation

City Manager Raymond Lee led the presentation. He was joined by Budget Director Robert Miller in the chambers, and Finance Director John Karner participating remotely. They presented as set forth in the PowerPoint in the agenda packet.

Questions from the Council included regarding the growth of top level positions. Interim City Manager Raymond Lee responded with information about the growth of the city and the necessity of better equipping the organization to respond appropriately to the needs of the community.

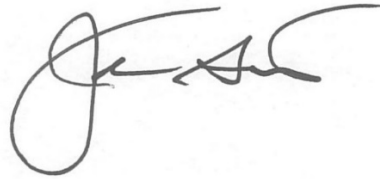
Mayor Gates offered his thanks to all staff who worked to prepare this budget.

There was a question from the Council about whether there would be an opportunity for the Council to have a discussion amongst themselves about the parameters of the budget. Director Karner noted the majority of new positions have come about as a result of departmental assessments. Manager Lee also provided more input on how a city manager will typically go about setting up their executive team in order to accomplish Council's priorities for the community and organization.

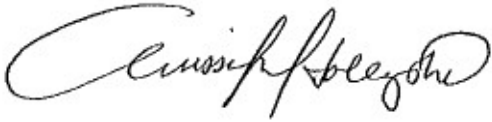
Mayor Gates offered his appreciation to Jerry Harvey in his final meeting, and wished him success in his next endeavors.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



John D. Gates, Mayor



Anissa N. Hollingshead, City Clerk