

City of Greeley, Colorado
COUNCIL WORKSESSION REPORT
December 10, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor 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 Tommy Butler, Ed Clark, Michael Fitzsimmons, Dale Hall, Brett Payton, and Kristin Zasada.

4. NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Roy Otto, City Manager, started by highlighting the schedule for upcoming Council Orientation Sessions (101's), a futurist, and a Council retreats. He continued by providing an overview of the City Manager's Office, the City's organizational chart, how the department is funded, and the department's functions and services. He concluded with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and need-to-know information about the City Manager's Office as well as relevant information for 2020 and beyond.

Cheryl Aragon, Interim City Clerk, highlighted the City Clerk's Office organizational chart, how the department is funded, and the department's functions and services. She concluded with FAQ's and need-to-know information about the City Clerk's Office as well as relevant information for 2020 and beyond.

Doug Marek, City Attorney, highlighted the City Attorney's Office organizational chart, how the department is funded, and the department functions and services. He concluded with FAQ's and need-to-know information about the City Attorney's Office as well as relevant information for 2020 and beyond.

Judge Mark Gonzales, Municipal Court Judge, highlighted the Municipal Court's organizational chart, how the department is funded, and the department functions and services. He concluded with FAQ's and need-to-know information about the Municipal Court as well as relevant information for 2020 and beyond.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A COUNCIL AMBASSADORSHIP EVENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Becky Safarik, Assistant City Manager, provided background on Council sponsorship/ambassadorship and Council attendance at events. She continued by noting the importance and management of community engagement by Council, and she highlighted the proposed policy for Council Ambassadorship Engagement Activities going forward.

Mayor Gates expressed his belief that Councilmembers need to do a better job as showing up to events that they RSVP to so that they are making an effort to be better stewards of tax payer money. He also noted that he thinks it would not be a bad idea for Councilmembers to reimburse the City for tickets to events they RSVP for but do not attend.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hall, Ms. Safarik explained that money could be moved from one Councilmember's allowance account to another's to allow more active Councilmembers to attend as many events as they would like.

In response to a question from Councilmember Butler, Ms. Safarik explained that the City averages approximately \$8,000 a year for the tickets to events for the Mayor and Councilmembers with roughly 20% of that going toward tickets that Councilmembers RSVP for but do not attend.

Councilmember Clark expressed that he likes the idea of Councilmembers reimbursing the City for tickets to events that they end up not attending or having Councilmembers find replacements to use their ticket.

In response to a question from Councilmember Fitzsimmons regarding tickets to the Greeley Stampede, Mr. Otto explained that the City is a sponsor of the event and part of the sponsorship allows for an allotment of tickets. Therefore, there is no real cost to the City for the tickets so those tickets would be exempt from the proposed policy. Mr. Marek added that the tickets must be used "for the public good".

Councilmember Payton suggested that, instead of going with the proposed policy, staff track the budget/money spent for the Mayor and Councilmembers as a whole for a period of time and report it to Council so they have more data before making a decision.

Ms. Safarik stated that staff could do that and keep the Mayor and Council up-to-date through the weekly snapshot or informally.

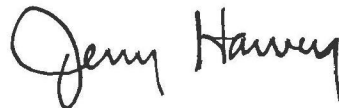
Council reached consensus to have staff collect more data by tracking the budget/money spent for the Mayor and Council for a period of time before they move forward with any new policy.

6. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS, OTHER EVENTS

Mr. Otto reminded Council and staff about City Clerk Betsy Holder's retirement party and encouraged them to attend to celebrate her and to thank her for her 29 years of service to the City of Greeley.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Jerry Harvey, Assistant City Clerk