

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
June 13, 2023
6 p.m.

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, with hybrid participation available via the City's Zoom platform.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

City Clerk Heidi Leatherwood called the roll.

Present:

Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez

Councilmember Dale Hall

Mayor Pro Tem Brett Payton

Councilmember Ed Clark

Councilmember Johnny Olson

Mayor John Gates

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Councilmember Hall expressed concern about several areas in Greeley that are approaching flood levels.

5. Update on the Current Status of Homelessness and Health in the City of Greeley

Assistant City Manager Julian Kitten introduced the item at 6:02 p.m.

Kelli Pryor, Director of Northern Colorado Continuum of Care presented the Continuum of Care (COC) as a federally determined region responsible for organizing and coordinating community response to homelessness. Additional information is available on the website: www.nocococ.org.

Ms. Pryor discussed the importance of homelessness data and the ways in which it is collected. She reviewed the Point-in-Time (PIT) count and the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS).

Examples of permanent housing resources that are specifically designated to people experiencing homelessness:

- Vouchers
- Rental assistance programs with case management
- Permanent supportive housing units
- Star Rise Apartments will be a permanent supportive housing complex bringing in 58 new units.

Ms. Kitten presented the update on the Homeless Initiative. The team structure is ready, and metrics of success will include data on the decreased use of crisis services, promotion of stable housing statistics, and increased health activity methods.

6. Council Initiative 06-2023: Comparative Analysis of Standards for Artificial Turf

Planner II Doug May introduced the item at 6:49 p.m.

On March 21, 2023, Council requested staff investigate comparative zoning regulations and standards for artificial turf installations in residential front yards, research landscape code, and provide an update on the alternatives for water conservation.

Mr. May provided a brief background of the current City of Greeley regulations regarding artificial turf;

- Up to 50% of any landscape area may consist of inorganic (non-living) decorative material such as river rock, colored pea gravel, boulders, pavers, or similar natural material, provided it is designed and arranged in a way that can infiltrate runoff through associated planting areas.
- Artificial turf is only acceptable as ground cover for areas not visible from public rights of way and streets and may be subject to other engineering specifications such as grading or drainage plans.
- Native grass or native grass seed shall be planted in detention and retention ponds and areas not highly trafficked by pedestrian activity.

Research findings showed that many peer cities of Greeley have not actively addressed turf in their code, and most do not allow turf in front yards.

Turf Considerations and Quality

- Benefits: Uniform Appearance, Lower Water Consumption, Reduced Maintenance
- Concerns: Inappropriate and Improper Installation, Phased Installation and Replacement, Life Cycle Concerns: Unmitigated Wear, Site Drainage Issues, Poor Aesthetics

Economics: Installation, Lifespan, Water Cost

- Water Demands: based on 100 sq. ft, costs of water needed for maintenance such as flush pet waste, pet odor issues, cooling needed

- Environmental Considerations: Harmful chemical releases, impacts on stormwater, waste stream, and energy and greenhouse emissions.

Staff's recommendation was to keep the current regulations at this time. Council concurred.

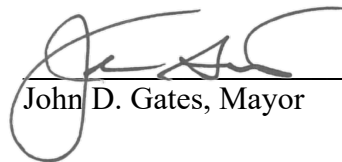
7. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

8. Adjournment

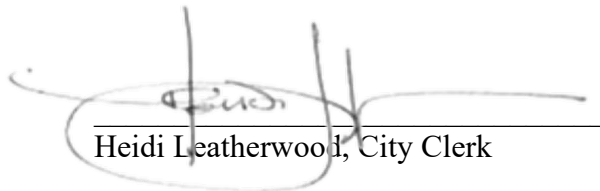
Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Approved:



John D. Gates, Mayor

Attest:



Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk