

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2023
6 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor 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:

Mayor John Gates
Councilmember Tommy Butler
Councilmember Deb DeBoutez
Councilmember Ed Clark
Councilmember Johnny Olson

Excused:

Councilmember Dale Hall
Mayor Pro Tem Brett Payton

4. Approval of the Agenda

City Manager Lee had no changes to the agenda.

5. Recognitions and Proclamations

Mayor Gates read the Colorado GRIT Day Proclamation at 6:02 p.m.. Owner and CEO, Bob Bowden; Director of Hockey Operations, David Clarkson; Director of Operations, Mary Bowe; Head Coach, Steve Haddon; Players, Max Lacroix, and Levi Webber were present in Council Chambers to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Gates read the Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month proclamation at 6:08 p.m. CEO of North Range Behavioral Health, Kim Collins, Director of Suicide Education and Support Services, Micaela Sanchez and Imagine Zero of Weld County Coalition member, Edie Johnson were present in Chambers to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Gates read the Sunrise Community Health 50th Anniversary proclamation at 6:13 p.m. CEO Mitzi Moran, and Doctor Mark Wallace were present in Chambers to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Gates read the Assistance League of Greeley 50th Anniversary proclamation at 6:20 p.m. President Debbie Peterson and members were present to receive the proclamation.

Councilmember DeBoutez presented, “*What’s Great about Greeley?*” report at 6:26 p.m.

6. Citizen Input

1. Steve Teets spoke about transportation, street maintenance, bike lanes, the need for affordable housing and service animals.
2. Mary Roberts spoke about housing and homelessness. Juliana Kitten addressed the Mayor, Council and Ms. Roberts about the housing first program and progress made.
3. Edwin Grant spoke about government, rising national debt and taxes.
4. Virtual participant, Trevor, asked about the possibility of legalizing retail and recreational marijuana sales. Mayor Gates replied that the previous City Council declined and since that time there has not been interest to do so. Trevin asked for guidance to begin discussion.

7. Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Butler visited the new Jefferson High School Center and Technical Education Center and encouraged residents to visit.

8. Initiatives from Mayor and Councilmembers

None.

Consent Agenda

9. **A motion to approve the City Council Proceedings from the August 8, 2023, work session and August 15, 2023, regular meeting**
10. **A resolution authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Department of Transportation for a Connected Greeley – Emergency Vehicle Preemption**
11. **Introduction, first reading ordinance to annex Wake Annexation Number 1, a parcel totaling 61.613 acres**
12. **Introduction, first reading ordinance to annex Wake Annexation Number 2, a parcel totaling 45.409 acres**

13. **Introduction, first reading ordinance to annex Wake Annexation Number 3, a parcel totaling 13.075 acres**
14. **Introduction, first reading ordinance establishing zoning of three (3) properties totaling 120.097 acres as Holding-Agriculture (H-A)**

End of Consent Agenda

Councilmember Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9 - 14. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Payton and Councilmember Hall absent, at 6:45 p.m.

15. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

None.

16. Public hearing, second reading ordinance annexing unincorporated territory Colorado, generally located north of 10th Street and West of 83rd Avenue, Weld County (Schneider Annexation)

Interim Chief Planner, Caleb Jackson introduced the item with a presentation at 6:46 p.m.

The request is to annex approximately 170 acres, where the site is currently zoned as agricultural in Weld County with 57% contiguity. City Council adopted a resolution on July 18, 2023, stating that the proposed annexation meets State requirements. This annexation is within Long Range expected growth area and is part of an enclave. The applicant provided a Planned Unit Development (PUD) which is scheduled for future public hearings.

Councilmember Butler asked why annexations have increased. In response to the question, City Manager Lee replied that the development community has made these requests. Mr. Jackson added that future public hearing dates are forthcoming.

Councilmember Clark asked if the property is part of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) that Council approved a couple years ago. In response to the question Mr. Jackson answered the property is not part of that property located to the west of 95th Avenue.

Councilmember Olson inquired about the 83rd Avenue intersection and when it would be addressed. In response to the question, Mr. Jackson noted that it will be addressed with the PUD application.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked if this property finalized the ditch issues that were mentioned in the Planning Commission minutes. In response to the question, Mr. Jackson replied that the applicant met with the ditch owner and those concerns will have to be addressed before moving forward.

The public hearing opened at 6:53 p.m.

1. Steve Teets spoke in opposition to the request to annex this property.
2. Edwin Grant spoke about water resources.

With no additional speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

Councilmember Olson spoke about housing and building smarter.

Councilmember Clark spoke that the City should continue growing, considering the availability of land and future needs of the community.

Councilmember DeBoutez spoke about deliberate, smart, strategic housing, transportation options and positive influence structured growth.

Councilmember Butler spoke about long-range growing boundary and growing smart.

Councilmember Clark moved to adopt the ordinance and publish with reference to title only. Councilmember DeBoutez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Payton and Councilmember Hall absent, at 7:01 p.m.

17. Public hearing, second reading ordinance appropriating additional sums to defray the expenses and liabilities of the City of Greeley for the balance of the fiscal year of 2023 (4th Appropriation)

Interim Director of Cultural Parks and Recreation, Diana Frick introduced the item with a presentation at 7:01 p.m.

The request is for improvements to the Greeley Ice Haus that was built in 2005. The City signed a five-year agreement with the Colorado Grit hockey team with two options to renew. The hockey season is from September to April of each year with a minimum of 28 home games. Improvements to the facility will be necessary.

The Ice Haus building improvement estimated cost is just over \$500,000 that include a build out for the Grit, expansion of the concession space, storage and equipment and necessary audio-visual equipment upgrades.

The improvements benefit all customers to the Ice Haus, the Grit, positive revenue impact to the downtown businesses and more exposure to the city of Greeley.

DeBoutez asked when construction is planned with the hockey league schedule and asked if the Ice Haus currently has a locker room. In response to the question, Ms. Frick replied that construction is planned around the hockey season and the Ice Haus has a locker room.

The public hearing opened at 7:07 p.m.

With no additional speakers the public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

Councilmember Olson moved to adopt the ordinance and publish by title only.
Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0 with Mayor
Pro Tem Payton and Councilmember Hall absent, at 7:08 p.m.

18. Public hearing, second reading ordinance adding Chapter 14 to Title 8 of the Greeley Municipal Code, relating to shared micro mobility

Public Works Director, Paul Trombino introduced the item with a presentation at 7:09 p.m.

Micromobility is shared fleets of small, low-speed vehicles typically used for shorter trips that are primarily bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters. These vehicles are typically accessed through a mobile app and are paid by “unlock” fee and a “per minute” fee. The types of shared use Micromobility are bikes and scooters with station-based, dockless and street corrals.

Greeley on the Go was approved by Council in March 2023 to adopt policies and invest in infrastructure that allow for emerging technologies within the community that off-set a lot of travel. The city has a lot of movements that are under one mile with Aims Community College and UNC. The micro mobility business licensing ordinance will establish definitions for key terms, requires a business license for operations of shared-use Micromobility devices parked in public spaces.

Next steps are to explore appropriate management strategies and establish standards, engage with stakeholders to compile feedback, and present the findings at a future Council Work Session.

Mayor Gate spoke about the pros/cons of scooters about how it can be challenging to pedestrians and business owners.

Councilmember Olson spoke in support of the scooters and would like to see a pilot program in partnership with University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and would like to see proactive legal strategies. Councilmember Olson asked if there are any companies interested in becoming vendors. In response to the question, Mr. Trombino replied that there was interest.

Councilmember Butler spoke about his concerns with leaving scooters all over the sidewalks, in yards and in front of retail stores. Councilmember Butler asked if the ordinance was premature to receiving community feedback. In response to the question, Mr. Trombino said it is important to supply a definition in the code and then to create the application and licensing strategy. The entire application process will be brought before Council in a work session and then the licensing component will be presented next.

The public hearing opened at 7:22 p.m.

1. Edwin Grant spoke about bicyclists disobeying the law.

2. Steve Teets spoke about cars disobeying the law and suggested staff collaborate with Boulder, Fort Collins, and Seattle about their mobility programs. With no additional speakers, the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Olson clarified that recent legislation allows bicyclists to disregard stop signs, in instances where it is safe to do so.

Councilmember DeBoutez moved to adopt the ordinance and publish by title only. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Payton and Councilmember Hall absent, at 7:26 p.m.

19. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

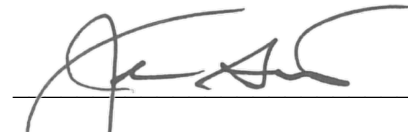
- 20.** A motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare any required resolutions, agreements, and ordinances to reflect action taken by the City Council at this meeting and any previous meetings, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all such resolutions, agreements, and ordinances

Councilmember Clark moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 with a voice vote at 7:27 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Payton and Councilmember Hall absent.

21. Adjournment

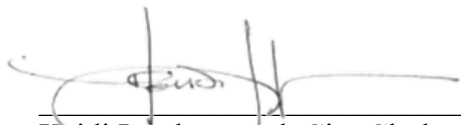
Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Approved:



John D. Gates, Mayor Attest:

Attest:



Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk