

CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	Attending Guests & City Personnel:
<i>Barry Eastman</i>	x		<i>Josie Dolenz: Budget Analyst II</i>
<i>Jamie Wood</i>	x		<i>Laura Delp: Administrative Assistant III for Finance</i>
<i>Jesse Quinby</i>	x		<i>Caleb Weitz: Budget & Policy Director</i>
<i>John Schull</i>	x		<i>Kevin Sandoval: Business System Analyst</i>
<i>Lori Williams</i>	x		<i>Kalen Myers: Interim Deputy Budget & Policy Director</i>
<i>Josee Dunlop</i>		x	
<i>Javier Alvarado Vega</i>		x	
<i>Kim Rivard</i>		x	
<i>Merrie Foreman</i>	x		

1. Attendance & Announcements

- Meeting called to order at 5:03PM
- 2024- Information Technology Updates/Projects—postponed until next meeting

2. Approve Minutes

- Motion: Approve minutes from February 21, 2024, CBAC Meeting
- Motion By: Jesse Quinby
- Motion Carried: Jamie Wood

New staff were introduced to the board.

3. 2024 Ballot Planning

- Presentation given by *Kalen Myers, Interim Deputy Budget & Policy Director for the City of Greeley*

Kalen Myers began by giving a brief overview of the project timeline, what this work aims to complete and what stage we are currently in. In addition to projects the City wishes to begin, there are items that also demand further public input:

Food Tax renewal occurs every 5 years and is up in 2026. We go 2 years ahead of time, pushing us to go through referendum to bring this renewal to the November ballot. . Per the surveys, support for renewal is lower than previous years. Barry Eastman inquired on numbers for food tax as well as what the level of interest would be for public usage. Per the recent poll, the results regarding keeping a 5-year sunset provision on the food tax were the same as previous polls, implying that the sunset provision was not greatly important to the community.

Projects over the last 5 years totaled \$41M, with priorities being roads, recreational amenities, and parks. The next 5 years project \$70M budgeted toward beautifying parks and repairing facilities.

Proposed road Interchanges for 47th Ave, 35th Ave and a Mobility Hub is projected to cost \$132M. A proposal to accrue this debt must be something approved by voters.

Per Public Safety statistics, Fire service calls have increased by 32% and calls for police response are 2nd highest among benchmark cities which is causing staffing challenges. Currently turnover is at 13%.

The Open Space current project would also need additional funding in order to expand the ability to preserve more green space.

John Schull asked if additional revenues for population growth were being considered. The response is that with growth comes higher expenditures and, in most cases, growth tends to break even.

There was concern that too many items on the ballot at once would overwhelm the public and the results of the poll may not be as favorable. With inflation and rising utility costs, there's a chance none of these will be renewed.

4. Public Input

- a. No members of the public were present.

Motion to adjourn by Barry Eastman, seconded by Merrie Foreman

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting:
April 10th, 2024,
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**City Center South - 1001 11th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631
2nd Floor Colorado Conference Room 227
Zoom(<https://greeleygov.zoom.us/j/82522074466>)**



Caleb Weitz
Budget & Policy Director



Barry Eastman
Chairperson