

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
April 9, 2024

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Gates called the meeting to order at 6 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.

The following members of Council were present:

Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez

Mayor Pro Tem Dale Hall

Councilmember Payton

Councilmember Johnny Olson

Councilmember Melissa McDonald

Mayor John Gates

4. Reports from Mayor and Council Members

Councilmember Olson provided an update from the North Front Range meeting. The US 34 Coalition will be creating a Transportation Management Organization (TMO) between Kersey and Loveland, CO. The company Steer on Board will be leading the changes.

Councilmember Butler asked for consensus that the ordinance which includes ballot language regarding the police sergeants and collective bargaining be brought to the next regular meeting for consideration. The council granted consensus.

Mayor Gates noted that the Greeley Police Department will be showcasing the results of the department's assessment. The link is on greeleygov.com and will begin Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 5 p.m.

5. Greeley Mobility Services Update

Public Works Director Paul Trombino, Deputy Public Works Director Will Jones, Mobility Coordinator Hanna Johnson, and Transit Manager Michelle Johnson presented the item at 6:05 p.m.

On October 3, 2023, the City Council requested Initiative 12-2023 asking that staff provide an update on the status and direction of Mobility Services. The presentation included updates, information, and data on key projects. This item also included insights on Greeley's first Micromobility Pilot and Mobility Development Plan.

Mayor Gates asked for additional information if disruptive rider behavior is limited to students, and if drivers feel safe. Mr. Jones responded that disruptive rider behavior spans across all age ranges. The panel unanimously replied that the drivers are very grateful for the added security. Mr. Jones noted that most municipalities in the surrounding areas provide security on bus transit systems now.

Councilmember McDonald inquired if an age requirement is needed to use a scooter if baskets are included on scooters and what was stakeholder interest. In response, Ms. Johnson stated that the age requirement is 18 for liability purposes and terms of use. E-bikes will have baskets. Stakeholders were contacted and bike and scooter shops expressed concern about the competition. Micro transit is "on demand" based and works through the mobile application.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall expressed concerns for unattended units. Ms. Johnson explained that there are additional dedicated parking and places for scooters which encourages users to park correctly. Other options to incentivize proper return of the scooters are being considered. Ms. Johnson explained that the scooters can be picked up for redistribution.

Councilmember Butler asked how complaints will be handled when scooters are not returned correctly. Ms. Johnson shared that when a scooter is not parked or returned correctly, a fine will be issued to the user, which can be appealed.

Councilmember Olson asked for additional details on the mobile application. Mr. Jones explained that the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) will be the primary user. An application has been developed, and options for tying into the existing technology are being explored. Councilmember Olson added a suggestion that Uber or Lift could be used in conjunction with this program.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked about the liability to the City for users. City Attorney Stacey Aurzada replied that the liability terms would be explored in the contract process. Councilmember DeBoutez requested clarification on whether parking or riding could be ticketed. Ms. Johnson explained that the rules and regulations of the street must be followed.

Mayor Gates expressed opposition to the scooters, however recognized the value of transit options for the community.

6. Greeley Public Safety Picture 2023

Police Chief Adam Turk presented the item at 6:54 p.m.

The Greeley Police Department had five goals in 2023 and 2024.

1. Improve traffic safety
2. Pursue violent offenders,
3. Work with external partners to address public safety issues,
4. Provide excellent police service, and
5. Recruit and retain qualified public safety servants.

Community policing and addressing quality of life complaints continue to be priorities for the police department. In 2023, the largest decreases in Part I Crimes have been motor vehicle theft and aggravated assault.

The presentation provided the city council and the community with a public safety overview focusing on the 2023 year in review and forecasting some things for 2024.

Councilmember Olson expressed appreciation and support for the Greeley Police Department and asked for clarification on traffic enforcement actions. In response, Chief Turk explained that staffing, increased supervision, and an emphasis on traffic safety was a priority. As the City grows, the population will increase, and so will accidents.

Councilmember Olson inquired about over hiring. Chief Turk said the focus is on quality hiring. While over-hiring has been approved, there was still an officer shortage, and over-hiring, unfortunately, is a problem that we currently do not have.

Councilmember McDonald asked if for the leading cause for police officers leaving. Chief Turk explained that police work is not work-from-home work. Our officers are educated and talented and they are seeking opportunities that provide better work-life balance. The case load is heavy in the City of Greeley, we do not have take-home vehicles, and opportunities are limited.

Mayor Gates discussed vehicle theft prevention and commended the Greeley Police Department on a 32% reduction. Chief Turk noted that leaving vehicles unlocked with the keys in them was a contributing factor to the number of vehicle thefts, and locking vehicles would significantly reduce vehicle theft.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked for statistics on violent crimes, specifically, stranger to stranger vs known assailants. Chief Turk expressed that most of the time person-to-person crimes are reported with a named suspect, conversely, property crimes very often do not have a named suspect when reported.

7. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

8. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel reporting to City Council

Recommended Motion:

A motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss the following matter as provided. under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2.151(a)(6): To discuss personnel reporting to the City Council.

Councilmember Payton moved to approve the motion. Councilmember Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 at 7:35 p.m.

The mayor added that Council will not return to the meeting after the adjournment of the Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

8. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel reporting to Council.

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel reporting to City Council

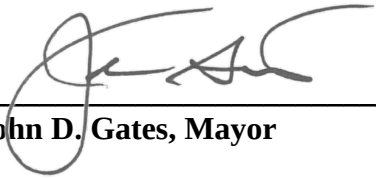
Present for participation in the executive session, which is convened in person in the Executive Session room of Council Chambers are all members of Council with no additional personnel.

Mayor Gates cautioned each participant to confine discussion to the stated purpose and provided a reminder that no formal action may occur in the Executive Session. If at any point any participant believed that the discussion was going outside the proper scope of the Executive Session, participants were advised to interrupt the discussion and raise an objection.

The meeting concluded at 8:42 p.m.

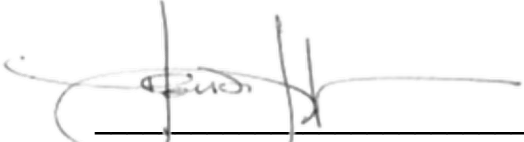
The recordings will be retained as provided in the City's records retention policy and in conformity with the Colorado Open Meetings Law for a period of 90 days.

Approved:



John D. Gates, Mayor

Attest:



Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk