

City of Greeley, Colorado
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION REPORT
May 14, 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 attended the Frontier House Breakfast. It was very well choreographed. He attended the Peckham Groundbreaking which is part of the US 85 improvement project.

Councilmember McDonald received feedback on the Greeley Clean up which was largely attended. Residents reported that helpers were in a great mood, and it was a pleasant experience despite the rainy weather.

Mayor Gates reminded Council that tomorrow is the quarterly breakfast meeting with the Board of County Commissioners at Doug's Diner beginning at 7:30 a.m.

5. Grants Report

Director of Finance Tyra Litzau and Grant and Special Revenue Manager Stacey Swanson presented the "informational only" item at 6:04 p.m.

Grants are received throughout the year for the City of Greeley from federal, state, and local agencies. Grant funds allow the City to complete projects that would not otherwise be possible without these additional funds.

This presentation focused on the grants that have been applied for and awarded in the first quarter of 2024 and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received in 2021 and 2022.

Councilmember Deboutez asked about the frequency of receiving reports on ARPA funding awards. City Manager Lee answered that this list could be added to the weekly updates that Council receives.

Councilmember Olson asked for clarification on the total awards for internal and external. He recalled that 77% of the funds were awarded internally. City Manager Lee explained that 2 million dollars in funding was set aside for external purposes, but they awarded more than that because there were additional projects that provided significant community impact. These external project awards were noted in the materials and presentation at the October 7, 2023 work session for Council.

6. Revision of the City of Greeley Investment Policy

Director of Finance Tyra Litzau and Treasurer Robert Miller presented the item at 6:25 p.m.

The Investment Policy is evaluated annually with the City's investment advisors, Public Trust Advisors (PTA). The City's investment policy objective in priority order are preservation of capital and protection of investment principal, maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated cash flows, attainment of a market value rate of return, and diversification to avoid incurring unreasonable market risks.

There are two significant changes to the policy, one being the addition of allocating for the purchase of municipal bonds and second adjusting the long-term portfolio benchmark from 0-3 years to 1-5 years to be consistent with the City's investment strategy.

Mayor Gates asked why changes are needed for the portfolio benchmark. Mr. Miller explained that it is in the best interest of the City of invest over a longer period to reduce risk.

Councilmember Payton asked about the changes from Commercial Paper limited to 50% of the City's investment portfolio in Authorized Securities and Transactions to 20%. Mr. Miller explained that the revised percentage was intended to represent current market opportunities and market diversification objectives. Ms. Litzau added that the 20% is in line with other municipality practices. If it were left at the 50% limit, and a new treasurer was appointed, they could invest up to 50% without seeking the advice of Council.

Council consensus was to bring the changes by resolution at the next council meeting.

7. Waste Diversion Study Update and Next Steps Discussion

Public Works Director Paul Trombino, Deputy Public Works Director Will Jones, presented the item at 6:38 p.m.

The goal of the presentation was to reach consensus on next steps for waste diversion (recycling). Staff noted that 15% of residents in Greeley do not have trash service and as the population grows this number would increase. Staff also explained that less than 8% of waste is currently recycled.

Through the study that was conducted, staff proposed five options for council discussion.

1. Consolidated Recycling Center
2. Pay As You Throw (PAYT)
3. Contracted Hauler and PAYT
4. Hauler Reporting
5. Required Trash and Recycling

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked about contaminated recycling and how that would work to solve the issue of recycling. (Consultant) Ms. Laurie Batchelder Adams reminded Council that there is no mechanism in place to force residents to recycle properly. Instead, a potential legislative bill forthcoming aims to educate residents in two ways; offering recycling opportunities and subsidizing those opportunities.

Councilmember DeBoutez explained her concern for the residents that do not have a trash service, the cost of maintaining the service and the effect it has on the residents who are paying for waste management. She suggested that maybe there is a way to divide up the city geographically, requiring trash service for all and use grants or other to help subsidize the cost of the service. She wanted a solution for the waste that is left in alleyways. Just this week with the students departing the university for the summer, she saw streets lined with mattresses and unwanted furniture left for residents to deal with. City Manager Lee explained that a challenge right now is those residents who do not have trash collection service. He cautioned that it was important to get a handle on it now before the population grows to 200,000 and the waste issue becomes unmanageable. Mr. Trombino added that often resident complaints about unwanted waste left on streets becomes a task for the Public Works Department and it costs the City to dispose of it. This is an increasing problem and takes a significant amount of time and effort.

Councilmembers discussed the points and issues of single haulers and HOA waste services.

Councilmember Butler commented about the option for Contracted and PAYT and suggested that there needs to be requirements and regulations to ensure that trash is being picked up timely. He asked if grant funding could be used to fund the recycling center option. Mr. Jones answered that this option opens the door for grant funding.

Mayor Gates asked if Option 4 & 5 were enforceable. Mr. Jones answered that they were coupled with a utility billing invoice coming from the municipality. He noted several neighboring jurisdictions that have this in place.

Mayor Gates asked if haulers would be interested in Option 1 due to an attempt at fulfilling this idea 2 years ago that was unsuccessful. Mr. Jones replied that their posture could change if other services were tied to the center in the interest of the haulers. Mayor Gates added that in speaking to another mayor of a similar sized city, he warned not to do it due to the uncontrollable costs of a center. He would be in favor of this option if the costs were accurate as displayed.

Councilmember McDonald asked if recycling just makes its way to the trash and is not truly recycled. The consultant Laurie Batchelder Adams answered that if the recycling is contaminated badly, then at some point it does make it to the landfill because it is cost prohibitive to save it. On the other hand, recycling is worth money and so there is a benefit to sorting and recycling. She noted that single stream recycling is convenient for residents, and it goes to a facility to get sorted.

Councilmember McDonald also asked for the cost of the City of Greeley to do the weekend cleanup project. Mr. Jones estimated that the event cost over \$120,000 and revenue generated was \$50,000. Councilmember McDonald also asked if it were possible to partner with the university to do a similar event for students during the year. Mr. Jones noted that the event was very successful and there is conversation on how they might incorporate options for students and other residents who may not have transportation to deliver items to the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked for additional information on Option 5 specifically how many HOAs already pay for both services.

Discussion ensued on how the City might incorporate required trash and recycling services into utility billing.

Consensus from Council for staff to gather additional information to bring back at a future date:

Option 4

Option 5

Consultant Laurie Batchelder Adams mentioned that she hoped the City in the future would consider some of the other options as potential solutions to the issue.

8. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

9. A motion to go into 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 McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed at 7-0 at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Gates noted that the Executive Session is to interview the finalist and internal candidate Stacey Aurzada for the position of City Attorney and added that Council will not return to the meeting after the adjournment of the Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

9. A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel reporting to City Council

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose:

- to discuss personnel who report to Council as provided for under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and Greeley Municipal Code Section 2-151(a)(6).
- This is an interview of Stacey Aurzada for the City Attorney vacancy.

Mayor Gates noted that Interim City Attorney Stacey Aurzada has been informed of the executive session and has not requested that this discussion be held in open session.

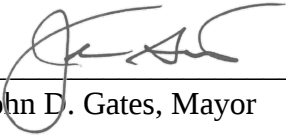
Present for participation in the executive session, which is convened in person in the Executive Session room of Council Chambers were all members of Council, Interim Human Resources Director Martha Lanaghen and Interim City Attorney Stacey Aurzada.

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 8:09 p.m.

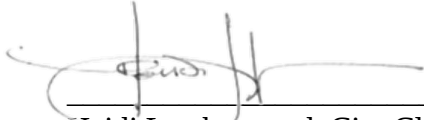
The recording will be retained as provided in the City's records retention policy and in conformity with the Colorado Open Meetings Law for a period of 90 days.

Approved:



John D. Gates, Mayor

Attest:



Heidi Leatherwood, City Clerk