

CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 -- 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members	Present	Absent	Attending Guests & City Personnel:
Barry Eastman	X		Josie Dolenz: Budget Analyst II
Tyler Mowery	X		Laura Delp: Administrative Assistant III for Finance
Jesse Quinby	X		Caleb Weitz: Budget & Policy Director
John Schull	x		
Lori Williams	X		
Josee Giberson	x		
Javier Alvarado Vega	x		
Kim Rivard		x	
Merrie Foreman	x		

1. Attendance & Announcements—

a. Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM by Barry Eastman

b. Barry introduced the committee to the newest member, Tyler Mowery.
2. Approve Minutes from August 14th and September 11th, 2024—

a. Some dates regarding the next meeting in August need to be changed. The “minutes” from September will be entered as notes and will not need to be approved.

b. Motion made by Josee to approve August minutes, seconded by Lori. Motion passed.
3. Food Tax Annual Update 2024—

a. Caleb Weitz provided a brief recap of the 34-year history of the Food Tax. Its continued renewal has served as a primary source of capital improvement funds. The projected sunset date is 2026 and it is going to be on the fall ballot this year. Should this tax fail to be renewed in this year or next year’s ballot, an additional revenue source would need to be identified.

b. Merrie Foreman pointed out that the fall ballot listed pros and cons for the Food Tax renewal and noticed that only cons were listed. CBAC noted that they could have acted on behalf of the City to explain the pros and could potentially serve as advocates in the future.

c. Caleb reviewed the Capital plans that are projected for the next five years (as is also noted in the 2025 Budget Book) making special note of the Poudre River Trail Renewal being paid for out of the Food Tax instead of the specialized fund for new trails.

d. Barry has asked for clarity around the nature of the relationship between the City and UNC since there is money from the Food Tax Fund being supported by the General Fund. There is also some confusion about the high amount of administrative costs and Caleb advised it was because a large portion of the 2025 fund will be assigned to the payment of debt.

e. Lori Williams asked if Evans and Greeley have a cooperative agreement regarding this particular tax since many Evans residents shop in Greeley. Do they qualify for the rebate? Caleb advised only Greeley residents that have lived here for 10 months qualify.

4. 2025 City Manager's Recommended Budget and CBAC Discussion

- a. In the Agenda Packet, the memo that was presented to City Council on October 1st is attached along with the presentation given by Caleb the same day.
- b. There had been an amendment to the budget made by Council upon the first reading which was to be allocated \$260,000 to fund homelessness initiatives. This will be reflected in the final 2025 Budget.
- c. Caleb gave a high-level review of budget highlights for 2025, and a brief explanation of the strategies being used for 2025 to stabilize some of the more volatile revenue sources (such as taxes on gas and oil).
- d. Caleb provided a synopsis of the Addendums to the Budget Book which would increase the Development Fund budget by \$2,980,000, the Citywide Micromobility Program Development Fund will increase by \$1,000,000 and the 37th Street Bridget project will be moved from 2026 to 2025 resulting in a \$1,980,000 increase in the Development Fund.
- e. Lori proposed a recommendation from CBAC regarding the amount Council has requested be moved from the Revenue Stabilization Mechanism into Homelessness funding. Caleb explained that this would be reactionary based on the amount that United Way can obtain in order to keep winter shelters open. There's a window between \$260,000 and \$750,000. Council has added language that would suggest the actual amount be somewhere in the \$400,000 range. Barry advised that this would serve as a one-time stop gap to allow the City more time to include plans that would address winter shelter funding. Barry agreed that financially contributing a one-time fund this year so long as ongoing funding was not requested. Josee stated that she feels uncomfortable making an official statement restricting the use of Revenue Stabilization funds. CBAC is divided on the issue of what the best practices for how homelessness funding should be addressed in the future.
- f. Caleb concluded that there will be a policy created regarding the Revenue Stabilization Method and the first appropriations will be in March.
- g. Motion made by Barry to move into discussion on the budget, seconded by Merrie.
- h. Barry asked for the committee to read through the memo that was presented to the Council. He advised that he would like to reach out to the mayor and council members to gauge interest in meeting with CBAC to discuss public safety within the General Fund and funding for homelessness initiatives.
- i. Barry called for a vote on adopting the memo and sending it to Council:
 - i. With seven yea votes and one nay vote, motion passes.

5. New Business

- a. Barry asked CBAC to provide their level of interest in having Greeley DCM and CFO Allena Portis coming to speak to the committee regarding questions on development. Barry, Laura and Caleb will set up a quick meeting to discuss what items would be prudent to have her discuss with the committee.
- b. Staff had technical difficulties and lost the meeting. While waiting to reconnect, Lori advised that she had watched the orientation video and ordered a shirt. She would like follow-up on when to expect it. Staff advised they would follow up on the request.

6. Public Input

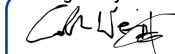
- a. No members of the public were present.

Motion to adjourn by Barry Eastman, seconded by Jess Quimby

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27

**Next Regular Meeting:
November 13th, 2024,
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Signed by:



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Caleb Weitz

Budget & Policy Director

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

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Barry Eastman

Chairperson