

City of Greeley, Colorado
City Council Work Session
October 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor 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 Heid Leatherwood called the roll.

The following were present:

Councilmember Tommy Butler

Councilmember Deb DeBoutez (via Zoom)

Mayor Pro Tem Dale Hall

Councilmember Brett Payton

Councilmember Melissa McDonald

Mayor John Gates

Councilmember Johnny Olson was absent. (Excused)

4. **Reports from Mayor and Councilmembers**

Councilmember McDonald congratulated Dominique Padilla on her appointment as Director for the Rodarte Community Center. She participated in the Citizens Fire Academy, attended the District 6 Appreciation Breakfast, and the Ashley McBryde concert at Union Colony Civic Center.

Councilmember Butler attended the Sunrise, Dream, Play, Build Event and noted that it was an enjoyable event. Mayor Gates concurred.

5. **Greeley Police Department- Organizational Assessment Overview**

Police Chief Adam Turk introduced the item at 6:03 p.m. and noted that this item was for council information.

Ryan Lee with AP Triton was available for questions via Zoom. Deputy Chief Mike Zeller was present in Council Chambers and available to answer questions.

Chief Turk reviewed key functions and responsibilities and the 2024 Goals and Organizational structure of the Greeley Police Department (GPD). He explained AP Triton study approach and how it was a “snapshot” in time. Chief Turk provided data on the number of calls/incidents for service by sector, and a shared a chart showing increased call ratios from 2019-2023.

AP Triton provided 60 recommendations, 36 were considered high priority, 25 medium priority, and 9 were listed as average priority. Most of the recommendations were cost neutral, but had a cost associated with them. Several of the recommendations have already been completed or are near completion, with several in progress. All recommendations have been assigned to staff for research with due dates.

Councilmember Butler asked which high priority items were most expensive. Chief Turk explained that adding employees was the largest cost, and of course, the addition of two more traffic units would be expensive as well.

Councilmember DeBoutez said she was curious about Sector B as it was mainly in Ward II. She asked if the University of Northern Colorado would help to patrol the area. Chief Turk explained that the Greeley Police Department has a good relationship with the university police, and they are allowed to patrol within 1 mile of campus. He noted they are quick to respond and assist.

6. Mobility Development Plan Update

Mobility Manager Michelle Johnson presented this item at 6:22 p.m. Public Works Director Paul Trombino, and Transportation Planner Hannah Feldmann were available for questions.

This item was intended to provide information for the Council and no feedback was required.

Ms. Johnson explained the Greeley on the Go vision and background, provided an update on the Mobility Development Plan (MDP), and shared how they were engaging with the community to gather feedback. Several types of mobility hubs were provided for council to consider, that encompassed local neighborhoods, broader community, and eventually regional options. Short-term scenarios for existing and expanding transit routes were given, as well as long-term goals for were in the final stages of Phase 2. Public Engagement would be drafting the MDP and conducting Phase 3- Engagement, with the hopes to finalize the MDP for council adoption soon.

Councilmember Butler asked if outside shelters at the mobility hubs would provide covering and if there were plans to have a connection to the Poudre Trail. Ms. Johnson said those would be taken into consideration. Mr. Trombino stated the Poudre Trail Restoration Project would already be addressing connectivity, and there will be some focus on how best to connect the east side of Greeley.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall wanted more information on scooters and bikes, as he had concerns that they would just be scattered all over the sidewalks. Ms. Feldmann explained they would make sure to select a vendor that would be a good partner to the community and would provide what the market dictated.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall also noted that the Poudre Trail does not allow motorized vehicles. He wanted clarification if scooters would be allowed on the trail and that pedestrian

safety would be considered. Ms. Johnson said the scooters will be geo-fenced and would not be allowed on the trail for the piloting phase. Users would be allowed on the street in bike lanes.

Councilmember McDonald asked if scooters were left in an area where they quit working, could they be pushed instead of being left unattended. Mr. Feldmann replied that the user would be charged until the scooter was returned to a designated place.

Councilmember McDonald asked about the city's liability exposure, especially with potholes or sidewalks. City Attorney Stacey Aurzada explained the liability would be between the vendor and the user, not the City.

Councilmember DeBoutez asked how maintenance might work for the outside shelters during the winter for snow removal and trash pickup. Ms. Johnson replied that there was a contracted vendor to help, and the City also has employees to assist.

Lastly, Councilmember DeBoutez inquired if the micromobility plan had been included in the 2025 Budget. Mr. Trombino said it was part of the addendums.

7. City Council Policies and Protocol: Proposed Updates and Rules of Decorum Discussion

City Clerk Heidi Leatherwood introduced the item at 6:58 p.m.

Ms. Leatherwood noted proposed changes to the City Council Policy and Protocols and offered information for implementing Rules of Decorum for meetings. The policy document was adopted in 1992, and amendments made by resolution. The policies were last updated in 2021, and only minor changes were proposed due to technological advancements and updates to match current practices. She provided several examples of rules of decorum from other municipalities that included addressing public displays, phone etiquette, and how citizens should approach the dais.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall asked if they would be able to curb someone speaking online if rules were not followed. Mayor Gates was also curious about this and offered that other municipalities have had issues. City Attorney Stacey Aurzada explained they had to treat all people the same, virtually or in person, but could certainly add rules.

Mayor Gates noted that they were not having issues currently, but upon reviewing the suggestions, he liked some of the ideas and would like more research and discussion.

Councilmember Payton did not think they had any problems but thought it made sense to look at them.

Councilmember McDonald noted how the school board president reads the rules at the beginning of school board meetings and thought the rules could be included on the agenda or the mayor's script.

Councilmember Butler stated there were reasonable things to add in.

Mayor Gates said he could write a suggested dialogue and incorporate a few things.

City Manager Raymond Lee said even though meetings have gone well, it is possible they may have issues in the future, and this helps them get ahead of that.

Councilmember Payton agreed it was better to address this now and help meetings run more efficiently.

Mayor Gates asked if there was a consensus for him to meet with Ms. Leatherwood and return with the suggested rules.

Consensus was for City Clerk Leatherwood to meet with Mayor Gates and bring suggestions back to Council at a future meeting.

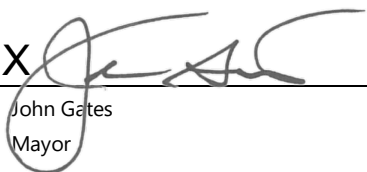
8. Scheduling of Meetings, Other Events

None.

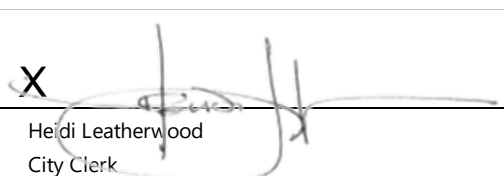
9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gates adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Approved

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John Gates
Mayor

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Heidi Leatherwood
City Clerk

Attest